



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*1. To ask the Taoiseach if all sections of all Acts passed in the past ten years have been commenced; the number of sections that are outstanding; the number of Acts that have review periods; if the reviews have taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [63389/22]

\*2. To ask the Taoiseach if, for the purposes of calculating general expenditure on research and development, the private sector research must be conducted in Ireland to be included and or if it is only necessary for the company carrying out the research to be based in Ireland. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [63606/22]

\*3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will list all State boards, commissions or other such bodies to which a person (details supplied) has been appointed by his Department from 1 January 2011 to date. — Carol Nolan. [1428/23]

\*4. To ask the Taoiseach the specific delegated functions that have been transferred to Ministers of State appointed in December 2022, in tabular form; and the date of transfer. — Sean Sherlock. [1478/23]

\*5. To ask the Taoiseach the name of the company or organisation or persons that were contracted to provide media training to him from 1 January 2021 to date; and the costs incurred. — Carol Nolan. [1515/23]

\*6. To ask the Taoiseach when he will publish his diary for quarter 4 of 2022 on the website of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [1631/23]

\*7. To ask the Taoiseach the priorities of his Department during his term in office. — Mary Lou McDonald. [1659/23]

\*8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a list of all persons and groups that were invited to the 11 January Housing Summit; if he will list all of those who attended; and if he will publish the minutes or any record of the meeting in particular the outcome of the workshops and open discussion session. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1871/23]

\*9. To ask the Taoiseach the number of Cabinet Committees that are in place; if he will provide a list of the persons who attend each committee. — Ivana Bacik. [2122/23]

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

\*10. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has any indication whether a matter (details supplied) will be reneged on. — Denise Mitchell. [63166/22]

\*11. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the outcome of the public consultation process on retired workers access to industrial relations mechanisms for pension related issues; the response of the Government to these proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [63202/22]

\*12. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department will compile a report on its action in relation to a matter (details supplied); if the case has been transferred to the Corporate Enforcement Agency; the actions that his Department has taken in respect of the case to date; and if his Department has engaged with Enterprise Ireland in respect of the matters alleged. — Catherine Murphy. [63208/22]

\*13. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department supports current aspects of the EU-Moroccan Trade Agreement as they relate to the natural resources of Western Sahara; and if he will call for the resources of Western Sahara to be excluded from EU-Moroccan deals moving forward. — Chris Andrews. [63227/22]

\*14. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current status of a work permit application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [63349/22]

\*15. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if all sections of all Acts passed in the past ten years have been commenced; the number of sections that are outstanding; the number of Acts that have review periods; if the reviews have taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [63379/22]

\*16. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on his plans to implement the recommendations of the Duffy-Cahill report, especially in view of the growing number of corporate insolvencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [63392/22]

\*17. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is concerned at reports of difficulties with construction sub-contractors being paid by main contractors; if he will provide details on the number of cases before the construction contracts adjudication panel in each of the years 2020 to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [63393/22]

\*18. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has commenced the comprehensive independent evaluation recommended by the National Competitiveness Council into the cumulative impact of a range of measures which it states represent a cost to employers through administration burdens and resourcing and which could be particularly burdensome for SMEs; and if the evaluation has not commenced, when work will commence. — Pat Buckley. [63403/22]

\*19. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if an airport (details supplied) will be eligible to secure funding under the European regional development fund to support infrastructural works; when the first call for applications will open; if local authorities will be able to submit applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [63414/22]

\*20. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the means by which Ireland will implement the Public Country by Country Reporting Directive by the legal deadline of June 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [63427/22]

\*21. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the position regarding any initiatives being implemented or under consideration by his Department to reduce barriers to employment for persons with intellectual disabilities; if any consideration has been given to a paid internship and apprenticeship model that could be tailored to an individual's circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [63451/22]

\*22. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide details regarding any research that has been carried out by his Department into the barriers to employment for persons with intellectual disabilities; if any future research is planned in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [63455/22]

\*23. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if it is possible for an employer who has been approved for a number of work permits for persons from non-EU states to transfer these permits to other workers from another country, in cases where the processing of visas for travel to Ireland is taking an extended period of time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63460/22]

\*24. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if it is permitted for companies to charge employees an administration fee to process payroll. — Robert Troy. [63551/22]

\*25. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if an employment permit application by a person (details supplied) will be expedited. — Chris Andrews. [63587/22]

\*26. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will take action to strengthen the rights of retired workers in relation to their occupational pension schemes and issues arising from any proposed changes to these schemes after a worker has retired in particular, to ensure the ability of these workers to take cases to the Workplace Relations Commission. — Marian Harkin. [63591/22]

\*27. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide additional details of the structured monitoring process for the targets outlined in the white paper on enterprise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [63604/22]

\*28. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the funding provided to InterTrade Ireland in each year for which data is available in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [63605/22]

\*29. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63622/22]

\*30. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department is currently preparing any legislation to deal with synthetic technology or 'deepfake content' on social media; if he agrees that the use of such technology has the potential to be harmful to democracy; if he agrees that Ireland is in a unique position to compel some form of action from relevant companies given Ireland's position as a European headquarters for many social media outlets; and if he will consider introducing legislation which would ensure that all such content was clearly labelled as synthetic reality. — Robert Troy. [63964/22]

\*31. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department will provide the necessary details of the process of the atypical work permit scheme for non-EEA fishers and the recommendation of a public consultation process and stakeholder engagement on pages 3 and

59 of the review document to a person (details supplied) in order that a submission can be made on behalf of the migrant fishers on whose behalf this organisation has advocated and represented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [1176/23]

\*32. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a non-EEA fisher who holds an unexpired atypical work permit scheme contract, who has been continuously employed on a vessel for two years or more and loses their employment arising from a decommissioning is entitled to redundancy pay separate and distinct from the compensation for crew provided for by the terms of the Bord Iascaigh Mhara fishing vessel decommissioning scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [1178/23]

\*33. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans, if any, for Ireland to become more involved in the Digital Nations International Forum of Leading Digital Governments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [1226/23]

\*34. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question 33 of 8 September 2022, the progress that has been made on the review of the eligibility for the insolvency payment scheme to date; the anticipated timeframe in finding a solution to this long-running saga; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1273/23]

\*35. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the specific delegated functions that have been transferred to Ministers of State appointed in December 2022, in tabular form; and the date of transfer. — Sean Sherlock. [1467/23]

\*36. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the name of the company or organisation or persons that were contracted to provide media training to him from 1 January 2021 to date; the costs incurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1504/23]

\*37. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the Industrial Relations (Provisions in Respect of Pension Entitlements of Retired Workers) Bill 2021 which was last debated in Dáil Éireann in June 2021; and if he plans to progress this Bill in the lifetime of the Government. — Martin Browne. [1537/23]

\*38. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when Ireland will ratify International Labour Organisation Convention No. 190. — Mary Lou McDonald. [1576/23]

\*39. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the case of an employer (details supplied) who has not paid employees since the October 2022 payroll; if he will intervene to ensure that these workers receive their payment urgently; if he will enact a policy to protect the rights of workers in cases in which wages are delayed by an employer in such circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [1626/23]

\*40. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the breakdown of Enterprise Ireland-supported jobs over the past five years per county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1692/23]

\*41. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the action that he will take to ensure that the Employment Regulation Order negotiated between an organisation (details supplied) and the employee unions can be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1714/23]

\*42. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding that was allocated to local authority supports schemes by his Department, including the restart grant, the restart grant plus, and the small business assistance scheme for Covid-19 in the years 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [1730/23]

\*43. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding that was allocated to the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland supports by his Department, including the Covid-19 working capital scheme, the future growth loan scheme, and the Covid-19 credit guarantee scheme in the years 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [1731/23]

\*44. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding that was allocated to the Enterprise Ireland supports, including the ready for customs grant, the online customs insights course, and the Brexit advisory clinics in the years 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [1732/23]

\*45. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of firms that were in the manufacturing sector in Ireland in each of the years 2017 to 2022, in tabular form; the percentage of Irish-owned companies representing this cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [1733/23]

\*46. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of jobs that were created in the manufacturing sector in each of the years 2018 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [1734/23]

\*47. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there are plans to establish a property-technology investment fund to support organisations that aim to find technology-based solutions to the housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1779/23]

\*48. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of IDA visits with potential employers to each county in the years 2021 and 2022. — Brian Stanley. [1792/23]

\*49. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if Enterprise Ireland plans to have a trade mission to Germany before the end of Q1 of 2023. — Alan Kelly. [1807/23]

\*50. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if an employee and worker who is paid on a commission basis is entitled to holiday pay based on the commission earned under Irish employment legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [1929/23]

\*51. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a copy of the briefing documents prepared for the incoming Minister and presented to him by his officials on his appointment in December 2022. — Ged Nash. [1999/23]

\*52. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the value of imports of all goods and services to Ireland from Israel in the past year; the value of all goods and services from illegal Israeli settlements in occupied Palestinian territory included in the above figure; the value of goods and services exported from Ireland to Israel in the same year; if the IDA employs, or has under contract, an agent in Israel to increase investment in Ireland by Israeli enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [2025/23]

\*53. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the Employment Regulation Order for the security industry. — Paul McAuliffe. [2189/23]

\*54. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will add fishers to the critical skills occupations list to enable them to be eligible for employment under the critical skills permit system reflecting skills and worker shortages in this vital area. — Holly Cairns. [2268/23]

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

\*55. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the new scheme for the installation of photovoltaic for households that have a high reliance on electricity for medical reasons; the reason for the delay of this programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [63176/22]

\*56. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the sector to which the emissions from the back-up generation of data centres will be allocated for the purposes of carbon budgeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [63177/22]

\*57. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total generation capacity for use by data centres in the event that they cannot access the grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [63178/22]

\*58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline the evaluation process leading to the decision on the solidarity fund announced by the Government regarding the implementation of Council Regulation (EU) 2022/1854 of 6 October 2022 on an emergency intervention to address high energy prices (details supplied); if he will specifically set out all of the data related to the determination of the solidarity contribution rate of this regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [63196/22]

\*59. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will set out the solidarity tax contribution rates set by all other member states within the European Union to date on the implementation of Council Regulation (EU) 2022/1854 of 6 October 2022 to address high energy prices (details supplied); if losses are deductible against those rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [63197/22]

\*60. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the Government's review of energy security; if he will outline any plans and processes which are in place for the matter to be considered by the Government, Members of the Houses of the Oireachtas, industry or members of the public following the consultation process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [63198/22]

\*61. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of submissions received on the Government's review on energy security; when his Department intends to publish the submissions made to the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [63199/22]

\*62. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes retrofitted under each scheme in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [63237/22]



\*63. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of households that applied for solar PV grants in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [63238/22]

\*64. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a universal rate will be decided on for microgeneration customers who have signed up to sell power from solar panels back to the national grid; if a date for these payments has been set given that it was originally due to be in December 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [63254/22]

\*65. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total number of homes that have been deep retrofitted since 1 January 2022. — Brian Stanley. [63288/22]

\*66. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated number of homes that still require wall and roof insulation. — Brian Stanley. [63289/22]

\*67. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 173 of 29 November 2022, when a response will issue in relation to the protections that are in place for district heating customers who pre-pay for gas in order to prevent any disconnection of service if they cannot pay their bills this winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63291/22]

\*68. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way that residents of an area (details supplied) can receive their energy credit through South Dublin County Council; if they will receive the first payment from April; when these payments will be received; if a priority can be made to finalise this process before the end of the year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [63328/22]

\*69. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if Ireland has a policy on tulip flower wind turbines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [63335/22]

\*70. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he plans to offer supports to SMEs to help deal with the energy crisis and rising costs of commercial tariffs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63348/22]

\*71. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if bye-law No. 840 of 2008 is compliant with the EU Habitats Directive and legally admissible for Lough Corrib SAC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [63371/22]

\*72. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if all sections of all Acts passed in the past ten years have been commenced; the number of sections that are outstanding; the number of Acts that have review periods; if the reviews have taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [63380/22]

\*73. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason that the daily standing charge on electricity bills from Electric Ireland has increased to 0.9563 cent per day which is reported to be treble the recent cost, meaning there is a charge of €56.42 before one unit of electricity is used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [63431/22]

\*74. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the Ministers that attended an event (details supplied); the number and the officials who attended; the capacity in which they attended; and the costs involved for all Government attendees, officials and other persons associated with the Government to include travel, accommodation, subsistence and any and all ancillary costs. — Michael Ring. [63444/22]

\*75. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to polling by an organisation (details supplied) showing that 63% of the public would rather the Government prioritise the development of recycling services over the implementation of a paper cup ban; the steps that the Government is taking to invest in effective collection, sorting and recycling infrastructure to support the circular economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63476/22]

\*76. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department maintains figures in relation to the number of cafe and restaurant closures in 2022 in County Clare and on the overall figure nationally; his views in relation to same given measures such as the proposed latte levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63477/22]

\*77. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent that has been used to date out of the 295 Metric CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent allocated for the first carbon budget. — Darren O'Rourke. [63535/22]

\*78. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the contact that he has had with the Commission for Regulation of Utilities in the context of rising electricity prices; if he has raised the issue of the cross subsidisation of the unit price of electricity on itemised bills by higher rises in the standing charges; his views on whether greater legal clarity is required by electricity providers with regard to the purpose for which the standing charge is applied; if his Department has tracked the rise in standing charges across all service providers; if he is satisfied that the level of increase is justified; his views on whether the law in this regard needs to be strengthened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [63699/22]

\*79. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when high-speed broadband will be available in the Mountrice area of County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [63715/22]

\*80. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when high-speed broadband will be available in the Shindala area of Rathangan, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [63716/22]

\*81. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the progress being made with the roll-out of high-speed broadband to schools in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [63717/22]

\*82. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the actions that are being taken to reduce the profits of Bord Gáis and pass on reductions to customers and consumers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [63735/22]

\*83. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of the first carbon budget, 295 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> eq over the period 2021 to 2025, that has been exhausted as of December 2022; the date on which he expects the full budget to be exhausted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [63762/22]

\*84. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if Cloughjordan, County Tipperary is part of the region covered by EU just transition tourism funding of €68 million for Ireland's midlands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63836/22]

\*85. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the €10 million fund to further support persons in, or at risk of energy poverty this winter and into 2023 will provide vital electricity credits to the thousands of full-time mobile home residents that to date have been unable to access the Government credit despite them being in one of the most vulnerable sections of society (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [63854/22]

\*86. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a person (details supplied) will receive the first of their three €200 energy credits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63894/22]

\*87. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he plans to sign-off on a pension increase (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [63898/22]

\*88. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding details of an incident when applying for a prospecting licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [63911/22]

\*89. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way that district energy schemes are regulated; the rationale for not doing so under the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities; the reason that residential customers are then billed as commercial customers given that part of the rationale for a just transition is energy and cost efficiency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [63937/22]

\*90. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the publication date for the Energy Poverty Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [63941/22]

\*91. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a person (details supplied) has any entitlement to a public sector pension; the way that they can proceed to check any entitlement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [1164/23]

\*92. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide details of any engagement that he has had with the Commission for Regulation of Utilities in relation to setting an upper limit on energy standing charges; if he will provide details of his engagement with the Commission with regard to carrying out a review of standing charges, particularly in view of recent price increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1180/23]

\*93. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a breakdown of the €287 million capital underspend in his Department in 2022, in tabular form as outlined by the Fiscal Monitor published by the Department of Finance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1193/23]

\*94. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide the final 2022 allocation for each subhead in his Department in 2022; the final outturn for each

subhead in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1194/23]

\*95. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the situation with respect to the clean export guarantee tariff for the commercial sector; if and when such businesses that export solar generated power to the grid will be paid for same; the situation with respect to phase three smart meters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [1227/23]

\*96. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on whether churches should be able to avail of relief for their electricity bills given the current energy crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1229/23]

\*97. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the action that his Department is taking to accommodate homeowners in the conversion of existing domestic heating systems that is oil burners and boilers to hydrotreated vegetable oil fuel, in view of the fact that it would assist homeowners in retrofitting their homes more feasibly and the conversion to HVO fuel would lead to an immediate reduction in carbon emissions in home heating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1239/23]

\*98. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he expects to see fibre broadband rolled out in Brownstown, Cloughjordan, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1249/23]

\*99. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there will be any scheme to accommodate homes that are rated as D1 or below on the BER scale, making them ineligible for SEAI grants that would make their homes more energy efficient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [1274/23]

\*100. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if organic waste that is used to cover landfills will continue to be exempt from the organic fines levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1275/23]

\*101. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if progress has been made in calculating the amount of polyethylene terephthalate, PET, and plastic that are recycled domestically and exported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1311/23]

\*102. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his proposals to reduce the amount of polyethylene terephthalate, PET, and plastic exported from Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1312/23]

\*103. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the introduction of a levy on the use of virgin plastics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1313/23]

\*104. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if consideration will be given to the establishment of a new local community banking system in conjunction with An Post, similar to the successful model of community banking as developed in New Zealand, in view that it would allow all rural post offices to remain viable into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1320/23]

\*105. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if consideration will be given to combining credit union services and An Post services in certain rural communities where post offices may not be sustainable on their own; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1321/23]

\*106. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the position regarding the sign-off of the pension increase of 3% for Eir pensioners approved by the pension trustees and Eir since 1 July 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [1349/23]

\*107. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [1351/23]

\*108. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way that a domestic electricity user with solar panels will receive compensation for the excess electricity generated which is returned to the grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1354/23]

\*109. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on any grant applications that have been made with respect to the recent allocation of EU funding for the just transition process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1408/23]

\*110. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the enforcement of the prohibition of the sale of turf; if he has engaged with local authorities on this issue specifically the local authority in Offaly and Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1410/23]

\*111. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the specific delegated functions that have been transferred to Ministers of State appointed in December 2022, in tabular form; and the date of transfer. — Sean Sherlock. [1468/23]

\*112. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the name of the company or organisation or persons that were contracted to provide media training to him from 1 January 2021 to date; the costs incurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1505/23]

\*113. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the engagement that he has had with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding the decision to issue a Ministerial order to overturn the policy on data centres within the South Dublin County Council Development Plan, particularly in respect of the role of local authorities and local communities in climate action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [1641/23]

\*114. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the plans that his Department has to support community or cooperative anaerobic digester plants. — Brian Stanley. [1647/23]

\*115. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason that the SEAI has removed marine vessels energy costs from the qualifying criteria for the support scheme

for energy audits for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [1650/23]

\*116. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason that the SEAI has removed transport energy costs from the qualifying criteria for the support scheme for energy audits for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [1651/23]

\*117. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the €400,000 of unspent support scheme for energy audits funding in 2022 will carry forward to 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [1652/23]

\*118. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the reduction of the voucher limit under support scheme for energy audits in 2023, will potentially result in a lower quality audit and lower quality data being collected by the SEAI given that many SMEs and farmers have multiple electricity connections at multiple sites which will now be excluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [1653/23]

\*119. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a response will issue to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to concerns with the ESB public electrical vehicle charging points rate increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [1666/23]

\*120. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way that he will ensure that his ongoing energy security review integrates and respects sectoral emissions ceiling and carbon budget obligations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1672/23]

\*121. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will ensure that gas demand reduction measures are prioritised in the energy security review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1674/23]

\*122. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps that he will take to ensure that confirmed data centre connections will not lock-in higher gas demand and increase emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1675/23]

\*123. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline his plans for the phasing-out of fossil fuel boilers in existing and new homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1676/23]

\*124. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a person who is in receipt of an invalidity pension, but is not in receipt of a fuel allowance, can also qualify for the warmer homes scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [1736/23]

\*125. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the role that his Department plays in the regulation of masts in the State. — Peadar Tóibín. [1769/23]

\*126. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of letters received from energy investors between 1995 and 2021, including international arbitration that threatened the State with legal action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1773/23]



\*127. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will publish his diary and expenses for 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1890/23]

\*128. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason that he has not signed the derogation with regard to the burning of bushes and branches (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1926/23]

\*129. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the changes to benefit-in-kind introduced recently in relation to company cars have been assessed in terms of their impact on emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2009/23]

\*130. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he intends rolling out a programme similar to the National Broadband scheme to ensure effective 100% good quality coverage of mobile broadband and phone services throughout the State in view of the large areas that are still without a service particularly in hill areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2090/23]

\*131. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 233 of 8 December 2022, if he will consider amending the legislation governing section 254: licensing for telecommunications infrastructure, to ensure that such applications go through the standard planning process, thereby facilitating public consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2165/23]

\*132. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the low-interest loans to enable homes to retrofit will be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2287/23]

\*133. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on designating the post office network as the 'offline gateway' of choice for persons availing of State services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2288/23]

\*134. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when pensioners of Eircom will be entitled to the 3% increase in pension that was announced in July 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [2312/23]

\*135. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the microgeneration scheme. — Holly Cairns. [2422/23]

\*136. 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. [2423/23]

\*137. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps that he is taking to encourage all local authorities to provide compost facilities at amenity sites to avoid this waste going to landfill. — Holly Cairns. [2424/23]

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

\*138. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of electric State vehicles as a percentage of the overall number of State-owned vehicles, for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [63173/22]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are any restrictions on the purchase of internal combustion engine vehicles by Government bodies in light of Ireland's climate commitments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [63174/22]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeframes for the review of the National Transport Authority's transport strategy for the Greater Dublin Area; if, as part of that review, an extension of the Dart to Wicklow town will be included as part of the existing DART+ coastal south; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [63179/22]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Transport when the recently announced battery-operated electric DART carriages will be delivered; the number of the 90 carriages purchased that will be allocated to Wicklow services; if any of those carriages will be provided for an expanded electric service to Wicklow town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [63180/22]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Transport when in 2023 that the additional evening train service from Dublin to Rosslare will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [63181/22]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the need to collate data on the number of assaults perpetrated against transport workers, such as taxi drivers, bus drivers, and rail staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [63186/22]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to extend the use of the TFI Go App or Leap card to a named bus route (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [63192/22]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will investigate an accessibility issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [63193/22]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the construction of a road (details supplied) in County Mayo; if the project is progressing on schedule and within budget; the earliest anticipated date of completion and opening of phases of the project; the overall completion timeline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [63205/22]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress that is being made with a road (details supplied) project given that it should form a key part of the mid-term review of the National Development Plan 2018-2027; when the project will reach construction stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [63206/22]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Transport the budget and timeline for each phase of the upgrading of the Foynes-Limerick rail line; if this line will have to be raised for flood protection reasons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [63235/22]



\*149. To ask the Minister for Transport the active travel funding drawn down by individual local authorities, universities, hospitals and any other bodies in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [63236/22]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of diesel, petrol and electric vehicles registered by the end of 2022; the number of new EVs registered in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [63239/22]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that the number of schools awarded funding under the safe routes to school programme fell from 170 in round 1 to 108 in round 2; the total funding awarded in round 1 and round 2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [63240/22]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that no student or family rates are available on flights from Donegal Airport Carrickfinn to Dublin (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [63242/22]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has plans to grant-aid the cutting of trees on roadsides that are infected with ash dieback for road safety reasons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63244/22]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Transport if the stakeholder consultation process has been completed in relation to the horse drawn carriages Bill; and when this Bill will be brought before the Houses of the Oireachtas. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [63278/22]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Transport if the publication of the all-island rail review is delayed indefinitely until an executive is formed in Northern Ireland; if he will reconsider his position that the results of the rail review should inform Ireland's TEN-T network given the delay in the publication of the review; if there will be sufficient time to request that the European Union restores the Western Rail Corridor to the final TEN-T network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [63293/22]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will establish an independent inquiry into independently look at senior management performance in the Irish Coast Guard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63296/22]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Transport when work will commence at Dublin Airport on a new tunnel under the runways; and the purpose of such a tunnel. — Jim O'Callaghan. [63310/22]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will identify the beneficial owners of two properties (details supplied) in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [63330/22]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Transport if a person has to surrender their driving licence in order to have an error rectified in cases in which the National Driving Licence Service is at fault in issuing the licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [63333/22]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 198 of 13 December 2022, if he will outline the established survey application procedures that are referred to in his response; the process by which the owners of the hebble ship will need to undertake; the expected timeline for such a process if there is a risk of further deterioration of the recently refloated

ship and the obvious pollution and environmental concerns that are associated with any further sinking incidents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [63366/22]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Transport if the stakeholder consultation process has been completed regarding the horse-drawn carriages Bill; and when this Bill will be brought before Dáil Éireann. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [63374/22]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Transport if all sections of all Acts passed in the past ten years have been commenced; the number of sections that are outstanding; the number of Acts that have review periods; if the reviews have taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [63391/22]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of applicants for NCT tests from 2020 to date who did not produce a driver's licence or public service card when presenting for their test and who had to return to the test centre at a later date to produce either document; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [63437/22]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will clarify the situation regarding the future of Bus Éireann routes (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [63442/22]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that he is taking to promote the use of sustainable aviation fuel here; if his Department has calculated the emission reduction savings that the increased use of sustainable aviation fuel can deliver; his plans for the State to allocate funding to promote the development of sustainable aviation fuel here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [63443/22]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement that he has had with Irish Rail in relation to the ongoing overcrowding issue on trains from Mullingar to Dublin on the morning trains given that those trains consist of only four carriages. — Sorca Clarke. [63507/22]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the potential of reopening Killucan Train Station in County Westmeath. — Sorca Clarke. [63508/22]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of learner drivers awaiting a test date in County Carlow; if there are plans to address the backlogs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [63513/22]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the proposed N4 realignment regarding the potential routes, timelines and community engagement. — Sorca Clarke. [63522/22]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to an application by a school (details supplied) under the safe routes to school programme; if further funding will be committed to this initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [63578/22]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that are being taken to address the backlog of driving test appointments at test centres in Limerick where applicants are being advised they will be waiting six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [63579/22]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to long waiting lists and staff shortages at the RSA driving test centre in Wicklow town; if measures are being put in place to reduce wait times at this centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [63593/22]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Transport if Irish Rail has any plans to undertake remedial works on the railway bridge at Carraig Hill, Meelick, County Clare, to make the parapet safer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63597/22]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that taxi drivers transferring from older taxis to newer electric vehicle taxis are facing unnecessary delays in making appointments for the suitability test; if he will take steps to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [63628/22]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to reduce the waiting times for driving tests in centres (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [63677/22]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the duplication of services on Bus Éireann PSO routes 470, 483 and 493 which are also served by local link services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [63702/22]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to extending the disabled persons' parking permit scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [63709/22]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that persons booking an NCT now have to pay up front; if he will provide an option to pay in cash, possibly through the post office network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [63719/22]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that all bus stops in Shannon town, County Clare have current and accurate timetables for the 343-bus service on display; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63766/22]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Transport if it is intended to provide a passing loop on the rail line between Ennis and Limerick to enable a more frequent service be provided between Galway and Limerick (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [63769/22]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passengers that have travelled on the Limerick to Galway rail services in each of the past five years; the constraints to improving the services on this line in terms of frequency and capacity of trains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [63770/22]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Transport when catering facilities will resume on the Dublin to Cork train; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [63787/22]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Transport if the DART+ Coastal North project will make provision for additional rail capacity between Connolly and Malahide stations; if the existing plans will mean that Enterprise services between Dublin and Belfast will have to slow on this section of track to

accommodate the additional DART services on the line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [63796/22]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Transport if separating the building of Dublin Airport's north runway from the construction of a planned underpass tunnel was the most cost-effective option; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63799/22]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Transport if reports are correct in relation to non-commercial passenger traffic arriving at Dublin Airport having to disembark and drive over eight kilometres around Dublin Airport's perimeter to exit the airport; and if so, the reason that this is happening given that a more logical approach is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63800/22]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on whether it is either just or equitable to invest heavily in Dublin Airport given that smaller provincial airports are frequently left searching for funding (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [63801/22]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to downgrade or close the NDLS centres in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [63809/22]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Transport if a response will issue to concerns raised by a person (details supplied) in relation to taxpayer-funded services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [63839/22]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Transport when a first-time learner permit application by a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will be processed; the reason for the delay. — Pearse Doherty. [63847/22]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons who are currently awaiting a date to sit their driving test broken down by test centre in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63869/22]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of an application under the safer routes to school scheme by a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63873/22]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will instruct the NTA to act in relation to requests from taxi drivers regarding the regulations to temporarily extend the maximum permissible age of taxis and hackneys; if he will advocate for an extension of two years for all taxi cars; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [63889/22]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide sufficient funding for the local improvement scheme to ensure that the backlog can be cleared within a five-year timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [63914/22]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide funding for community roads under the local improvement scheme to ensure that the backlog can be cleared within a two-year timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [63915/22]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will conduct a review of the local improvement scheme in view of the fact that it is estimated to take sixty years to clear the backlog in some counties, notably County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [63916/22]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Transport if the design and project management team for the N24 improvement scheme between Cahir and Pallasgreen has made public the option selection report that formed the foundation and justification for the preferred route selection the N24 improvement scheme; if this option selection report is available to the general public; the location in which a copy can be obtained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [63924/22]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to drop the plan to develop an M50 resilience road in the context of Government plans to reduce traffic emissions (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [63931/22]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Transport if sufficient funding will be allocated to facilitate the next phase of the N2 Clontibret to the border road scheme in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [63934/22]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Transport if additional financial supports will be forthcoming to assist the haulage business in dealing with the substantial increase in the cost of fuel (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [63935/22]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Transport if Transport Infrastructure Ireland completed a peer review of the preferred routes selection for the N24 road development scheme between Cahir and Pallasgreen; if this peer review report is available to the general public; the location of where a copy can be obtained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [63943/22]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to reports that there are no direct bus connections from Kiltimagh to Castlebar, Galway, or Ireland West Airport; the steps that he is taking for improvements to public transport connections for Kiltimagh; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [63958/22]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to reports that since a multinational transport company has taken over a private bus operator in the State, the fares for ten journey passes have been increased by 33.3% from Castlebar and Ballina to Galway, and by 53% from Claremorris to Galway; if he accepts that this will particularly hit workers who choose to use the bus to commute to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [63960/22]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Transport if a person (details supplied) can reschedule their driving test given the fact that that they missed their test date through no fault of their own; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [63975/22]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the waiting times associated with each RSA driving testing centre in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [63982/22]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving testers that are currently employed by the RSA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [63983/22]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving testers that were employed by the RSA in January 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [63984/22]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the number of driving testers assigned to each RSA driving testing centre in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [63985/22]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving testers assigned to each RSA driving testing centre in January 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [63986/22]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons who are currently awaiting a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [63987/22]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Transport if arrangements can be put in place for driving test applicants who are waiting longer than the pre-Covid target waiting time of ten weeks to be accommodated at another RSA driving test centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [63988/22]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [63994/22]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has received an application for a specific road grant in 2023 from Galway County Council for a road (details supplied); when a decision will be made on this application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1005/23]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has received an application for a specific road grant in 2023 from Mayo County Council for a road (details supplied); when a decision will be made on this application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1006/23]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Transport when the age rules will be amended to allow 16, 17 and 18-year-old students in third level education to apply for the student Leap card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [1011/23]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider locating another National Car Testing Service centre in Tipperary due to the high demand for tests in the area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [1021/23]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider increasing the testing lane capacity at the current National Car Testing Service facilities at Nenagh and Cahir, County Tipperary, due to the high demand for tests and given that the testing centres in Nenagh and Cahir also provide testing capacity to persons living in counties Waterford, Cork, Limerick, Clare, Kilkenny, Offaly, and Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [1022/23]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the provision of additional bus service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [1026/23]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the provision of a bus shelter at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [1027/23]



\*219. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of operation on a construction project (details supplied); and the amount spent to date, segmented into each area of spending in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [1081/23]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bus users on each individual bus route in Cork city and county in each of the years 2019 to 2022, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [1082/23]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will clarify, as part of the new plans for the metropolitan rail network proposed for Cork, the timetable frequency changes that will be required from Mallow to Tralee stations to coincide with increased frequency proposed from Cork to Mallow stations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1095/23]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is any funding available to someone in receipt of social protection payments such as invalidity pension who wishes to buy an electric bike; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [1129/23]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Transport if he intends to return the route 306 bus service to Ballynanty Beg in Limerick to a 15-minute or 30-minute service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [1153/23]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that he is taking to improve the 306 bus service in Limerick city servicing the Ballynanty Beg area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [1154/23]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that there are no bus stop markings or signs in the Ballynanty Beg area of Limerick city for the 306 bus route; if he has been in contact with the National Transport Authority regarding same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [1155/23]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that there are no bus shelters in the Ballynanty Beg area of Limerick city for the 306 bus route; if he has been in contact with the National Transport Authority regarding same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [1156/23]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update to include costings, plans and progress made on the All-Island Strategic Rail Review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [1195/23]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of revenue that CIE generated through advertisement boards within train and bus stations in 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and the rates that CIE charge for such advertisement. — Catherine Murphy. [1202/23]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Transport when he last met the CEO of Bus Éireann; and the topics that were discussed with the CEO. — Catherine Murphy. [1203/23]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has received the strategic assessment report on the need to put in place a relief road bypass around Castlemartyr and or Killeagh and to further upgrade the N25 between Midleton and Youghal, County Cork; when he will be in a position to make any decision on this report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [1223/23]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the current status of the Meath County Council draft appraisal for the proposed Julianstown bypass which aims to deal with the relentless congestion experienced in the village; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1241/23]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of measures being taken to address delays in the processing of foreign driving licence exchanges; the current average waiting times for the exchange of foreign licences for Irish licences; his plans to allow for the provision of an interim document which would allow an applicant to drive while the exchange of their foreign licence for an Irish licence is processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1245/23]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans that he has to increase supports for those with special educational needs sitting the driver theory test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1248/23]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are provisions to support those who are functionally illiterate to undergo the driver theory test; if such supports will be advertised widely; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1259/23]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Transport when the publication of the report Strategic Rail Review Island of Ireland is due to be launched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [1271/23]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he intends taking to address the long delays in access to driving tests (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [1292/23]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that his Department is taking to reduce the waiting time for driving tests; if he will acknowledge the difficulty that this is causing for those who need a full driving licence for work and or family reasons; if he will commit to ensuring that resources are deployed to bring down the waiting time for a test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [1314/23]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that he intends on taking to ensure that where holding a foreign driving licence automatically entitles a person who moves to Ireland an equivalent Irish licence, it is possible to effect the exchange of a licence with a minimum of delay and without leaving applicants without any licence for an extended period of time given that the foreign licence must be handed-in on application for the exchange; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1357/23]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Transport if the foreign driving licence of a person who moves to Ireland remains in force in the State until an exchange Irish driving licence is issued, despite the fact that the licence must be submitted with the application for an exchange Irish licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1358/23]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding the proposed significant road improvements for the N24 from Cahir to near Pallasgreen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [1365/23]



\*241. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider an exemption for drivers who already have a driving licence from the need to be tested to tow a trailer with a vehicle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [1382/23]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Transport when the freight hub at Athenry Train Station, County Galway, will be developed under Irish Rail plans to increase rail freight services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [1385/23]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to increase the fixed payment notice for taxis that refuse to carry guide dogs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1435/23]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to address the issue of cyclists and persons on e-scooters using their bikes or e-scooters on the footpath in view of the risks to pedestrians; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1438/23]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving testers who were let go by the RSA in 2022; the reason that a number of driving testers were let go given the long waiting lists for tests; the number of new driving testers employed in 2022; the number of testers employed by the RSA on 1 January 2022 and on 1 January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [1439/23]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position on the N24 Cahir to Limerick-Junction given that the TII have advised councillors only the section near Tipperary town will be built due to lack of funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [1440/23]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Transport the specific delegated functions that have been transferred to Ministers of State appointed in December 2022, in tabular form; and the date of transfer. — Sean Sherlock. [1480/23]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that are being taken to reduce the delays in NCT appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [1481/23]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Transport if a person (details supplied) will be given an urgent date to undergo their driving test given that they require the use of a car for their job as an essential worker. — Chris Andrews. [1482/23]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to increase the number of RSA driving test centres located in south Dublin, given that currently there are only two test centres located in south Dublin which is leading to significant delays for those waiting for a driving test appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [1494/23]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Transport the name of the company or organisation or persons that were contracted to provide media training to him from 1 January 2021 to date; the costs incurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1517/23]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are any plans to provide a bus route between Cashel and Clonmel, County Tipperary; and if so, the timeline for the introduction of this route. — Martin Browne. [1539/23]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Transport when the driver CPC handbook for professional passenger and HGV drivers will be updated. — Thomas Gould. [1566/23]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider instructing the RSA to conduct reviews of existing CPC courses for professional passenger and HGV drivers; and if the operational format of the training could be reformed. — Thomas Gould. [1581/23]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Transport if any special arrangements are made in respect of a driver theory test for persons suffering from particular medical conditions as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [1605/23]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Transport the average waiting times for NCT tests at time of booking for each NCT centre in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1612/23]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of EV charging points owned by the ESB in each quarter of 2020, 2021 and 2022. — Brian Stanley. [1646/23]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Transport if issues relating to NCT tests have been brought to his attention; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that there are delays of up to seven months for a test in some areas; his views on same; and the action that his Department intends to take to resolve the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1657/23]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the route selection process for the N4 upgrade from Mullingar, County Westmeath, to Rooskey, County Roscommon (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [1678/23]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will work with the National Transport Authority, Dublin Bus and other relevant parties to develop a plan for free public transport for school children, as exists in Germany and Switzerland, to encourage the shift from private to public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [1687/23]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will confirm whether there are any supports or grants for someone who wishes to install a charging point for an electric car and is relying on street parking. — Kathleen Funchion. [1689/23]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the price hikes for charges on electric vehicle charging at public ESV charge points; the plans that his Department has to support drivers of EVs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1701/23]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Transport the way that the Government intends to meet its climate action targets when charges at public ESV charge points are increasing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1702/23]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will clarify whether the Government is part of the stakeholder group that determines kwh rates at public ESV charge points (details supplied); and if so, if he supports the recently announced price hikes. — Cathal Crowe. [1703/23]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress which has been made since both Drogheda and Dundalk were included in the 35 exemplar transport projects announced as part of the

Pathfinder programme in October 2022; the expected timelines for the commencement of both projects respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1705/23]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to reduce the backlog and wait times for an NCT test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [1715/23]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Transport the current average wait time for NCT tests in each test centre nationwide in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [1727/23]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Transport if car dealers have any arrangement with NCT test centres which would see their vehicles processed more swiftly than vehicles belonging to members of the public. — Peadar Tóibín. [1728/23]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that are currently being taken to address the delays in securing an NCT at Limerick, Ennis and Nenagh test centres, where the wait time for an appointment exceeds four months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [1737/23]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that the certification date on an NCT remains at the due date of the test and not the actual date of the test when the test is delayed due to the lack of availability of appointments prior to the due date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [1770/23]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will include a rural location (details supplied) in County Sligo for the new pilot subsidised hackney service scheme for rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [1776/23]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of making the train fleet and train stations wheelchair accessible. — Alan Kelly. [1808/23]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the policy of Transport Infrastructure Ireland in relation to planting of roadway verges, in particular, motorway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1819/23]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of the total length of roadway managed by Transport Infrastructure Ireland per county; the corresponding length of roadway verge that is grassed; the cost of cutting that grassed area in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1820/23]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to a charge of €170 imposed by an organisation (details supplied) for an assessment for a person with a disability in order for them to access driving lessons; his views on whether a person with a disability should not be charged such an amount for an assessment to access driving lessons; if he will commit to the State covering this cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1826/23]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the long delays for persons with a disability accessing driving lessons; the way that he intends to address these long delays to ensure that persons with a disability can access driving lessons in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1827/23]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Transport the total amount that each local authority, university, hospital or other entity received in active travel funding in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1888/23]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will publish his diary and expenses for 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1889/23]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the Government's commitment to the funding of the project to upgrade the A5 road; the amount of money that has been set aside for the co-funding of the project over a multi-year period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [1913/23]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on progress that is being made with a matter (details supplied); when design-and-build contracts will be issued; the estimated total investment cost for this project at present; the projected timeline for completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [1963/23]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Transport when specific allocations of funding for national roads will be announced in 2023; if this will include funding for the commencement of construction on a section of road (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1971/23]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons waiting for NCT tests in the Kerry area by centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [1974/23]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons who are currently waiting to be called for driving tests in County Kerry by test centre; the wait time for a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [1975/23]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Transport the medical and mobility eligibility criteria for a disabled person's parking card; the number of persons holding a disabled person's parking card in each of the years from 2018 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [2003/23]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Transport the waiting time for a person (details supplied) to be called for a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [2010/23]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Transport if grants will be available in 2023 for electric cars to be used as taxis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2074/23]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will seek action to ensure the preservation of this vital service (details supplied) for the community; if he will give assurances in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [2075/23]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on a matter (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [2202/23]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Transport the discussions that have taken place with Galway County Council and TII concerning getting an agreement in relation to method statements regarding the development of the Bun a'Choill to Glengowla 5 kilometres stretch of road on the N59 west of

Oughterard as provided for in the planning permission for the road; if such an agreement will be concluded in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2249/23]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that he is taking to ensure the provision of a bus service to enable young persons in Beara, County Cork, to access day services in Bantry, County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [2298/23]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions that his Department is going to take to improve the number 15-bus service, given the numerous complaints that have been received concerning unreliable bus services in the Dublin south west area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [2323/23]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Boyne Greenway project; the progress that will be made in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2390/23]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a 2022 end-of-year report on the Connecting Ireland plan for County Meath; the funding that was allocated and spent; the services that have been delivered; the funding that is allocated for 2023; the services that are expected to be delivered in 2023 in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2391/23]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that he is taking to support hauliers in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2392/23]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will further reduce fares on public transport to help drive down road emissions; if he will extend the 20% fare reduction to private bus operators and cut the price of fares for under-18s to help increase passenger numbers; the estimated carbon emission savings that the increase in passenger numbers as a result of the 20% fare reduction has achieved in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2393/23]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Transport the wait times for each driving test centre; the actions that he is taking to reduce the long waiting times being experienced to access driving tests; the number of driving instructors whose contracts expire within the next three months; if he has engaged with the RSA in relation to retaining these instructors to help alleviate the long wait times in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2394/23]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the plans to expand public transport provision in County Meath; the status of the Navan Rail Line plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2395/23]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is concerned about the financial liability to the State due to the traffic guarantee clauses in the M3 and Limerick tunnel toll contracts; if these payments will increase over the coming years as a result of the efforts to move persons to public transport modes thereby reducing traffic levels on these motorways; the estimated liability for such from now until the expiry of both contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2396/23]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of driver recruitment at Dublin Bus, Bus Éireann and a company (details supplied); if these companies will be equipped to deliver planned

service expansion in 2023; if not, if timelines will be altered in this regard; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2397/23]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of staff, including full or part-time equivalents, that are employed in each driving test centre; the extent of staff shortages for each centre; and the steps that he is taking to recruit and retain staff. — Holly Cairns. [2447/23]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that he is taking to improve the 226X service in County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [2448/23]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that he is taking to address delays in NCT centres. — Holly Cairns. [2449/23]

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

\*303. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide details of the processes and mechanisms used by Ireland's customs and excise authorities to identify goods from such settlements, and in particular to distinguish between such goods and services and those from Israel. — Catherine Connolly. [2025/23]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address the issues facing disabled people (details supplied) in terms of financial barriers to accessing adapted vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2158/23]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of applications that have been made to the TBESS scheme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [63204/22]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Finance if he intends to direct all State agencies and public facing offices, such as tax offices, that take payments from the public as part of the services they provide, to be able to take card payments as part of the transaction process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63213/22]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered extending the 9% tourism VAT rate beyond 28 February 2023 as raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [63277/22]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 347 of 8 September 2022, if he will provide an update on in-person Revenue Commissioners services in Limerick, Cork and Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [63294/22]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Finance if all sections of all Acts passed in the past ten years have been commenced; the number of sections that are outstanding; the number of Acts that have review periods; if the reviews have taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [63381/22]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that workers who received the EWSS and TWSS are now being taxed for this payment (details supplied); his views on whether it is fair to place a tax burden on them now for their work; if this will result in a higher tax bill than if their employer had not availed of these payments and paid their wages as usual; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63447/22]



\*311. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will examine an issue regarding the benefit-in-kind tax (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [63458/22]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Finance if addiction services funded under Section 39 can avail of the trade and business energy support scheme in order to receive financial support to assist with escalating fuel costs. — Jim O'Callaghan. [63531/22]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Finance the tax implications for a Canadian citizen who is resident in Ireland who receives a financial gift from their sibling who is resident in Bahrain; and if he will provide the details of any tax-free allowances and so on associated with same. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63614/22]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Finance if performing mortgages sold by a bank (details supplied) after the economic crash should retain their original terms and conditions, including interest rates, and be afforded the same protections afforded to mortgage customers from traditional banks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [63627/22]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of determinations arrived each year at by the Tax Appeals Commission for the years 2020 to 2022; the detail of the findings arrived at for each case as to whether they found in favour of or against the taxpayer concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [63662/22]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Finance when a mortgage customer (details supplied) will be given further information on what will happen in 2023 regarding their mortgages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63807/22]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that company cars are generally leased on long-term leases meaning that persons with such cars are tied into long-term leases which they cannot readily terminate (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [63878/22]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Finance if a person (details supplied) in County Cork is entitled to a refund in respect of medical expenses incurred. — Michael Creed. [63882/22]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider delaying the implementation of the new benefit-in-kind regime for company vehicles, which is scheduled to begin in 2023, given the broader context of rising living costs and the fact that these changes will reduce income for workers who require a company vehicle to perform their duties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [63890/22]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Finance if limitations placed on house buildings by Irish Water in towns nationwide will be taken into consideration in the context of the imposition of a tax, following the decision to impose a levy on lands zoned for housing in towns nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [63976/22]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that bulk LPG supplied to businesses is not included under the business energy support scheme when metered gas is included; if he accepts that this affects mainly rural areas where metered gas is not available; if he intends extending the scheme to include LPG; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [63998/22]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will exempt antigen tests from VAT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [64000/22]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures that are in place to assist persons who feel that their pension was devalued by mismanagement through a company wind up but who cannot be assisted by the Ombudsman given that the pension scheme in question no longer exists (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [1014/23]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will amend the temporary business energy support scheme to include costs for bulk LPG in areas where natural gas is not an option for businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [1030/23]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will investigate the taxation of HVO in home heating boilers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [1064/23]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will ensure that the 23% VAT rate on antigen tests will continue to be waived in order that persons have cost-effective access to testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1067/23]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that liquid petroleum gas has been excluded from the temporary business energy support scheme. — Louise O'Reilly. [1068/23]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify whether accessories associated with defibrillators are also exempt from VAT from 1 January 2023 (details supplied). — Richard O'Donoghue. [1075/23]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that cohabiting partners cannot be jointly assessed as cohabitants for tax purposes in the same way that a married couple would be in view of the fact that they are assessed jointly for social protection entitlements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1168/23]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Finance if it is intended to release further funding to the Strategic Bank Corporation of Ireland to further aid the development of suitable projects; if so, when will a decision be made on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1191/23]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full year yield if the licence for amusement machine for up to three months increased from €38 to €60 based on 2022 figures; and the estimated full year yield if the licence for amusement machine for up to 12 months increased from €125 to €190 based on 2022 figures. — Catherine Murphy. [1210/23]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of appointments that were made to the grade of assistant principal officer from 2017 to 2022 by Revenue Commissioners within Dublin; and the manner in which the appointments were filled. — Catherine Murphy. [1219/23]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to retain the 9% tourism VAT rate beyond February 2023; the analysis that his Department has carried out in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1221/23]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to reclassifying hydrotreated vegetable oil as a home heating fuel, in view of the fact that it is currently rated as a transport fuel



and is therefore more expensive to purchase than kerosene; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1240/23]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Finance if he intends to make any further changes to the benefit-in-kind tax (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1270/23]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the Primary Medical Certificate Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [1293/23]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans on extending the tax relief for renters to RAS tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [1306/23]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address the delay that solicitors are having acquiring capital acquisitions certificates from the Office of the Revenue Commissioners, Capital Acquisitions Tax Unit, Government Buildings, Millennium Centre, Dundalk, County Louth (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [1322/23]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on extending the tax relief for renters to those on RAS and other tenancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [1336/23]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Finance the changes that occurred on 1 January 2023 in the way that benefit-in-kind for company cars is assessed for income tax purposes; the reasons for these changes; the savings to the Exchequer as a result; the estimated number of taxpayers affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1367/23]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Finance if it is permissible to apply separate rates of VAT to hotel accommodation and meals in hotels that is, food and drink for consumption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [1396/23]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of extending the 9% rate of VAT applicable to electricity and gas from 28 February to end-March and end-June 2023, respectively. — Pearse Doherty. [1399/23]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of extending the reduced rate of excise duty that applies to petrol from end-February to end-March and end-June 2023 respectively. — Pearse Doherty. [1402/23]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of extending the reduced rate of excise duty that applies to diesel from end-February to end-March and end-June 2023 respectively. — Pearse Doherty. [1403/23]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of applying a zero rate of excise duty to home heating oil from 1 February to end-March and end-June, and from 1 March to end-March and end-June 2023 respectively. — Pearse Doherty. [1404/23]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Finance if the tax benefits enjoyed by married couples are sufficient in order to incentivise couples to get married at the present time; if he proposes to further incentivise marriage through the taxation system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1427/23]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will list all State boards, commissions or other such bodies to which a person (details supplied) has been appointed by his Department from 1 January 2011 to date.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1429/23]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost in 2023 of the rent tax credit; and if the cost includes rent tax credit payments with respect to both 2022 and 2023. — Pearse Doherty. [1455/23]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Finance the specific delegated functions that have been transferred to Ministers of State appointed in December 2022, in tabular form; and the date of transfer. — Sean Sherlock. [1469/23]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Finance the name of the company or organisation or persons that were contracted to provide media training to him from 1 January 2021 to date; the costs incurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1506/23]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether an individual renting a property from their parent should be able to receive the renter tax credit if they pay market rent rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1592/23]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn the fact that the changes to the benefit- in-kind taxation, applicable from 1 January 2023 now means some middle-income earners have had their benefit- in-kind more than double; and if he will request his senior officials to re-examine the new criteria. — Brian Stanley. [1596/23]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will respond to concerns raised by a person (details supplied) in respect of the changes to benefit-in-kind for 2023 which will negatively impact the vast majority of benefit-in-kind recipients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1628/23]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on matters (details supplied) in relation to the renters' tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1642/23]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will alter the eligibility criteria for the rent tax credit to allow individuals who rent a property from their parents, such as a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [1677/23]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the recruitment of a new Primary Medical Certificate Appeals Board; the timeframe in which the review of the primary medical certificate scheme will be concluded; and when the scheme will reopen for applications. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1713/23]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Finance when the issue regarding primary medical certificates will be resolved in order to facilitate those whose cases are in abeyance for some time in the first instance and to meet the requirements of persons with disabilities who have mobility problems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1783/23]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide the vehicle registration tax enforcement statistics for October, November and December 2022, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [1809/23]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of funding that has been provided to the Revenue Commissioners in the years 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 to combat tobacco smuggling; and if the Revenue Commissioners is developing a dedicated anti-smuggling strategy. — Alan Kelly. [1810/23]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Finance the general Government balance in nominal terms and as a percentage of GDP and GNI\* in each of the years 2014 to 2022. — Pearse Doherty. [1875/23]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Finance the structural balance in each of the years 2014 to 2022; and the difference in nominal terms between the structural balance and a structural balance of -0.5% of GDP in each of those years. — Pearse Doherty. [1876/23]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that dentists and dental surgeries have not been able to avail of a VAT exemption on PPE which was purchased during the pandemic period (details supplied); and if he will make an amendment to introduce a VAT exemption with regard to PPE. — Robert Troy. [1898/23]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Finance if commercial companies that purchase gas at commercial rates in order to then supply district heating schemes will be able to avail of the temporary business energy support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1930/23]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners will allow renters to claim the rent tax credit in circumstances in which a landlord refuses to supply a RTB registration number given that the Revenue Commissioners online system currently does not allow an application to be submitted without this information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1939/23]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Finance the current position in regard to the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal (details supplied). — Mark Ward. [1944/23]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to a dramatic increase in the charges that have been incurred by traders who receive payments by debit card (details supplied); if he will raise these severe increases with the Irish Financial Services Regulatory Authority with a view to bringing about a more equitable charging system for traders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [1949/23]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the work that is being done in his Department to fix the anomaly whereby many workers who live in Northern Ireland and who work in the Republic are precluded from working from home due to the significant Revenue Commissioners implications for their employers; if he will detail any contacts that his Department has had on the matter with the equivalent British Department in the past six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [1994/23]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the survey that is being carried out related to cross-border workers and the issues that they face in relation to working from home, income tax and social protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [1995/23]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a copy of the briefing documents prepared for the incoming Minister and presented to him by his officials on his appointment in December 2022. — Ged Nash. [1998/23]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Finance when he expects the Primary Medical Certificates Appeals Board to be reconstituted and begin hearing appeals; his plans to address the backlog in appeals made to the Primary Medical Certificates Appeals Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [2076/23]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 193 of 17 February 2022, if the tax exemption limit for persons aged 65 years and over will be reviewed given the Exchequer surplus in 2022 which may make it possible to increase the tax exemption limit while remaining within the fiscal parameters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [2082/23]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Finance the current position in regard to the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal; if new members have been appointed; if so, the date from which they were appointed; and if he will outline their terms and conditions of engagement. — Emer Higgins. [2110/23]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of appeals that have been heard to date by the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal; the total number of appeals that are on hand waiting to be heard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [2111/23]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Finance the legal basis for the secretary and secretariat of the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal, in the absence of a DDMBA Chair and Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [2112/23]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost to the Central Bank of the National Claims Information Database; the expected date of the introduction of the levy as a required reimbursement mechanism under the Central Bank (National Information Claims Database) Act 2018; and the expected annual revenue that it will raise. — Pearse Doherty. [2171/23]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of extending the reduced rate of VAT applicable to the hospitality and tourism sector until end-March 2023 and end-June 2023, respectively. — Pearse Doherty. [2172/23]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of extending the reduced rate of VAT applicable to the hospitality and tourism sector for all categories to which it applies except hotel accommodation; and if he will list the categories of goods and services in the hospitality and tourism sector to which the reduced rate currently applies. — Pearse Doherty. [2173/23]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) in respect of the recently-introduced rent relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2176/23]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether the Budget 2023 decision regarding benefit-in-kind for company cars should be addressed for staff for whom the company car is a necessary part of the job and not a perk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2192/23]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline his engagement with the credit union movement to fulfil the commitment in the Programme for Government for credit unions to become a key provider of community banking. — Holly Cairns. [2289/23]

\*381. 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. [2290/23]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 213 of 13 October 2022, if there is an update regarding the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [2324/23]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue to be raised in 2023 from legislated increases in the carbon tax in May 2023 and October 2023 respectively. — Pearse Doherty. [2345/23]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of reducing the rate of excise applicable to home heating to €0 per 1,000 litres in line with the Energy Tax Directive from 1 March to end-June and end-2023 respectively. — Pearse Doherty. [2347/23]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of extending the reduced 9% VAT rate applicable to electricity and gas from beginning of March 2023 to end-June 2023 and end-2023 respectively. — Pearse Doherty. [2401/23]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Finance the average retail mortgage interest rate that is applied to non-performing mortgage loans and mortgage loans for which a tracker rate applies for the latest month for which information is available and June 2022 respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2404/23]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that non-bank entities and investment funds holding mortgage loans are refusing to engage with borrowers or provide or discuss alternative repayment arrangements; his views on the growing disparity between mortgage interest rates that are being applied by retail banks and these entities; if the Code of Conduct on Mortgage Arrears is being adequately adhered to by these entities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2406/23]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Finance in relation to the new rent relief scheme for parents who are paying their children's rent while studying at third level, if he will extend the scheme to cover parents of students who are paying for 'digs'-type accommodation or 'rent a room' accommodation; if he will ensure that the parents of students studying in the EU and UK whose course fees are eligible for tax relief will also be entitled to tax relief for accommodation paid for these students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [2407/23]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps that he is taking to ensure insurance providers offer reasonable flood insurance to households and businesses within flood relief scheme areas. — Holly Cairns. [2426/23]

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

\*390. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the plans that his Department has for the introduction of a grant system for the provision of flood gates for doors on properties in the Thurles area, County Tipperary, which are regularly flooded due to an inadequate flood water system locally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63137/22]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cost to date associated with the development of a new parking strategy for the Phoenix Park, as recommended in the Phoenix Park Transport and Mobility Study 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [63216/22]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the timeline to remove ‘pinch points’ from the River Shannon to alleviate flooding in the Callows region; the funding that has been set aside to complete these works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [63231/22]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the work that is being carried out to marginally lower the statutory water levels on the River Shannon’s three lakes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [63232/22]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the works that are planned to alleviate flooding along the River Shannon over 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [63233/22]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will outline any previous undertakings that a global engineering and transport infrastructure company (details supplied), engaged with the Phoenix Park parking strategy, has had with the Office of Public Works, in particular in relation to the national historic parks department and dealings related to listed architectural heritage buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [63270/22]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if clarity will be provided for a person (details supplied) in relation to when drainage works on a river will recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63308/22]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if all sections of all Acts passed in the past ten years have been commenced; the number of sections that are outstanding; the number of Acts that have review periods; if the reviews have taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [63386/22]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department or the Office of Public Works has had any involvement in surveying or preserving the ruins of Tyone Abbey, Tyone, Nenagh, County Tipperary; if his Department or the Office of Public Works have engaged with Tipperary County Council or local landowners in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [63441/22]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an update in respect of his plans to reform and or amend the various allowances payable to Members of the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he has consulted with any other State body in respect of same. — Catherine Murphy. [63621/22]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way that SDG budgeting has been incorporated into Ireland’s performance budgeting framework; the way that he intends to build on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [63953/22]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of repair works at a site (details supplied); and when it will reopen to the public. — Sean Sherlock. [1107/23]



\*402. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of visitors at a site since it opened to the public after the pandemic (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [1108/23]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the length of time that that cairn T in Loughcrew, County Meath been closed to the public; the length of time that an acrow prop has been in place to secure the roof; and the plans to restore this important megalithic tomb. — Peadar Tóibín. [1190/23]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of requests that his Department received from the Comptroller and Auditor General seeking approval for the recruitment of additional staff during 2022; and of the number of requests received, the number that were approved. — Catherine Murphy. [1212/23]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Public Appointments Service can adequately evaluate non-nationals applying for jobs in the public service who may have higher level qualifications such as level 9 and but not have an Irish Leaving Certificate; if any weight or account is presently taking by the PAS when looking at such applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [1256/23]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the PAS compiles any statistics on the recruitment levels of non-Irish nationals in the public service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [1257/23]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if current employment practices of the PAS may be discriminating against highly educated non-Irish nationals in attaining employment opportunities in the public service, specifically in relation to the treatment of graduates from abroad without an Irish education background; if these practices are compatible with EU equality principles; if his Department has any plans to amend current employment practices in the PAS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [1258/23]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will clarify an issue regarding the cleaning of a river (details supplied in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1294/23]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the efforts that have been made to improve the recognition of Kilcooley Abbey, Gortnahoe, County Tipperary, as a tourism and heritage location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1339/23]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Office of Public Works intends keeping the Corrib flood gates at Galway fully open for the foreseeable future to reduce the risk of flooding in the lower and upper Corrib basin due to heavy rains in recent months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1359/23]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will list all State boards, commissions or other such bodies to which a person (details supplied) has been appointed by his Department from 1 January 2011 to date. — Carol Nolan. [1430/23]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the specific delegated functions that have been transferred to Ministers of State appointed in December 2022, in tabular form; and the date of transfer. — Sean Sherlock. [1475/23]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the name of the company or organisation or persons that were contracted to provide media training to him from 1 January 2021 to date; the costs incurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1512/23]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an update on the review into the workings of the Freedom of Information Act 2014. — Peadar Tóibín. [1571/23]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the Shannon Flood Risk State Agency co-ordination working group held its last meeting; if he will call an emergency meeting of the working group in view of the impending serious flooding in the Shannon catchment area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1654/23]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will outline the present discharge rate of water from Lough Derg via Parteen weir; and the corresponding discharge from Ardnacrusha Station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1655/23]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 223 of 10 November 2022, if he will outline the conclusions drawn from his engagement with the OPW on the outcome of the legal analysis of the current regulatory environment regarding the management of the River Shannon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1656/23]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a person (details supplied) has received the correct restorations to their public sector pension since their commencement of the pension in October 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [1739/23]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the indoor and outdoor visitor numbers to the visitor centre in the Phoenix Park in each month from May to October 2017 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [1812/23]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department will arrange for the unveiling of a memorial in Kilmainham Gaol to persons (details supplied). — Patrick Costello. [1902/23]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 249 of 4 October 2022, if he will provide an update (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1993/23]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide a copy of the briefing documents prepared for the incoming Minister and presented to him by his officials on his appointment in December 2022. — Ged Nash. [1997/23]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will publish the report into the findings of the ethics legislation review; the timeline that he is working towards in bringing forward new legislation in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2185/23]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which the highest possible prizes have been won by players of the National Lottery in the past twelve months; the way that this corresponds with the number of times that major prizes were won in the previous



year; the extent of the cost of advertising in the past twelve months and in the previous year; if the community receives 90% of the proceeds of the National Lottery as advertised on television; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2244/23]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when pensioners of Eircom will be entitled to the 3% increase in pension that was announced in July 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [2313/23]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if sluice gates will be fitted at a location (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2319/23]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when a pension payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2398/23]

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

\*428. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will issue an apology to the families of persons (details supplied). — Martin Browne. [63221/22]

\*429. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén fáth a bhfuil Naíolann Ráth Chairn i nGaeltacht na Mí dúnta do leanaí nua. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [63359/22]

\*430. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán ó tharla nach féidir le Naíonra/Naíolann Ráth Chairn i nGaeltacht na Mí freastal don éileamh áitiúil ar sheirbhísí cúraim leanaí trí Ghaeilge agus ar luath-oideachas trí Ghaeilge ó thuismitheoirí na háite agus gurbh éigean dóibh malairt socruithe a dhéanamh le seirbhísí trí Bhéarla, rud atá ag teacht salach ar an bpleanáil teanga, an aontaíonn an tAire nach bhfuil sé seo sásúil; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [63360/22]

\*431. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán ó tharla go bhfuil éileamh gan sásamh ar sheirbhís cúraim leanaí trí Ghaeilge agus ar luath-oideachas trí Ghaeilge i mBaile Ghib i nGaeltacht na Mí, ar mhiste leis an Aire a mhíniú (1) conas a mhaoineítear naíonraí agus naíolanna sa Ghaeltacht, idir chostais bhunaithe agus costais reatha agus (2) cad é an ról atá ag Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta maidir le bunú agus le maoiniú naíonraí agus naíolanna sa Ghaeltacht. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [63361/22]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a grant is available to sports clubs for the purposes of purchasing for the club and training members with AED defibrillator devices; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [63367/22]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if all sections of all Acts passed in the past ten years have been commenced; the number of sections that are outstanding; the number of Acts that have review periods; if the reviews have taken place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [63390/22]

\*434. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an féidir leis an Aire a mhíniú cén fáth go bhfuil Naíolann Ráth Chairn i nGaeltacht na Mí dúnta do leanaí nua. — Peadar Tóibín. [63399/22]

\*435. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán ó tharla nach féidir le Naíonra/Naíolann Ráth Chairn i nGaeltacht na Mí riaradh don éileamh áitiúil ar sheirbhísí cúram leanaí trí Ghaeilge agus ar luath-oideachas trí Ghaeilge ó thuismitheoirí na háite agus gurbh éigean dóibh malairt socruithe a dhéanamh le seirbhísí trí Bhéarla, rud atá ag teacht salach ar an bpleanáil teanga, an aontaíonn an tAire nach bhfuil sé seo sásúil; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Peadar Tóibín. [63400/22]

\*436. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán ó tharla go bhfuil éileamh gan sásamh ar sheirbhís chúram leanaí trí Ghaeilge agus ar luath-oideachas trí Ghaeilge i mBaile Ghib i nGaeltacht na Mí, ar mhiste leis an Aire a mhíniú, conas a mhaoineítear naíonraí agus naíolanna sa Ghaeltacht idir chostais bhunaithe agus costais reatha; agus cad é an ról atá ag Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta maidir le bunú agus le maoiniú naíonraí agus naíolanna sa Ghaeltacht. — Peadar Tóibín. [63401/22]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a sports club can apply for sports capital grants for the replacement of light bulbs in flood lights, when LED bulbs will be used instead of older bulbs for energy efficiency and cost effectiveness, given that this is existing infrastructure that is already in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63462/22]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a date for new applications for the sports capital grant 2023; and the amount that has been allocated. — Imelda Munster. [63471/22]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the additional recourse that has been provided to Fáilte Ireland to carry out its new role in regulating short-term lets; the number of additional staff that will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [63648/22]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the other grants or schemes that are available for an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [63862/22]

\*441. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an féidir léi an sceideal a luaigh sí sa fhreagra do Cheist Pharlaiminteach Uimh. 17 an 17 Samhain 2022 a fhoilsiú; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Mairéad Farrell. [63974/22]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the new enforcement regime for short-term letting. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1073/23]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide some additional information on the physical education role within the Minister for State's new Ministry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1079/23]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the efforts that are being made to increase the amount of playing pitches available in each local authority nationwide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1139/23]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of artificial playing pitches supported by sports capital funding that have been built across the State in each of the past ten years; their location by local authority; if they are designated for use by specific sports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1142/23]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update regarding the appointment of new board members to Údarás na Gaeltachta; if she will provide an outline of the likely timeline; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [1347/23]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the specific delegated functions that have been transferred to Ministers of State appointed in December 2022, in tabular form; and the date of transfer. — Sean Sherlock. [1479/23]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the name of the company or organisation or persons that were contracted to provide media training to her from 1 January 2021 to date; the costs incurred; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1516/23]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of tourist beds available in Ireland across the full offering (details supplied) in tabular form; the availability under each category in each region or county as of 1 January 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [1696/23]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has researched and quantified the projected loss in tourism revenue in 2023 as a direct reduction in the tourist-bed capacity resulting from the reliance on tourism accommodation for refugees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [1697/23]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the contingency planning that her Department has undertaken to assist the tourism economies of small coastal towns and villages such as Bundoran, Lahinch, Strandhill, Rosses Point, among many others by the absence in tourism revenue and seasonal employment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [1698/23]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if compensation schemes are being worked out to support tourism auxiliary businesses and leisure activity and amenity providers in tourist areas who will likely lose out due to the absence of tourism sufficient accommodation when compared to previous years. — Marc MacSharry. [1699/23]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if an analysis has been carried out regionally to identify the regions towns and villages that are set to be worst affected due to the absence of sufficient tourist accommodation; if so, if she will publish such analysis; if not, if she will undertake to carry out such analysis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [1700/23]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the estimated cost in 2023 if the budget for the Tourism Ireland regional cooperation marketing fund was increased by 75%. — Alan Kelly. [1796/23]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding avenues that are available through her Department which could assist a sporting organisation with the purchase of land, particularly where a club does not currently have a ground of its own and there is a proven need within an area. — Robert Troy. [1909/23]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the UNESCO action plan for the development of hurling and camogie; if her Department will support an application for Gaelic football and ladies football onto the national inventory of intangible heritage list; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [1956/23]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department has met with representatives of artists affected by proposed development plans for Merrion Square which will severely impact their ability to display and show their works on the square. — Brid Smith. [2004/23]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the current uptake of the universal basic income pilot scheme for those working in the arts industry; if the scheme will be extended; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2030/23]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there are plans to roll out additional arts funding in 2023 to support those working in the sector to rebuild post-pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2031/23]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the development of new infrastructure at Garrylucas Beach, Ballinspittle, County Cork, which was announced in April 2021. — Holly Cairns. [2309/23]

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\*461. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details for the introduction of minimum BERs in the private rental sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1676/23]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to reports that Cork City Council is requiring applicants for social housing to provide proof of access arrangements through court documents and that the courts do not have capacity to provide these documents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [63168/22]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will examine the way that an application by a person (details supplied) for a private well grant can be refused, citing proximity to a mains water supply as the reason when the same property could not be considered for a group water scheme in recent years due to the cost of developing a scheme to the property being considered excessive; if he agrees that both determinations are at odds with each other; and if he will agree to have the recent well grant application for this property re-examined. — Robert Troy. [63211/22]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify whether a person who suffers from an illness such as COPD can be considered for a housing adaption grant for people with a disability to replace windows at a property if there is sufficient medical evidence to support an application. — Robert Troy. [63214/22]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Inland Fisheries Ireland statutory body has a legal exemption or derogation from ARC 02 when stocking Atlantic salmon smolts in Lough Corrib SAC from 2010 to date given that no Ministerial consents under ARC 02 (Activities Requiring Consent - stocking or re-stocking with fish) were issued by his Department from 2010 to date for the stocking of salmon parr, salmon smolts and brown trout fry in Lough Corrib SAC, the Maumturk Mountains SAC and the Connemara Bog Complex SAC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [63264/22]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide funding for a municipal wastewater treatment plant for Corofin, County Galway to allow for the development of the village; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [63297/22]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authority homes in County Mayo; the number that are currently occupied and vacant, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [63299/22]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the review of the Retained Fire Service; if he has received the final report; if so, if he will publish the timeline for any recommendations that are contained in the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63302/22]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a person who has previously built a principal private residence but subsequently experienced marital breakdown is eligible for the vacant property refurbishment grant croí cónaithe towns fund; if they qualify under the fresh start principle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [63304/22]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration has been given to providing advance payment of grants for the croí cónaithe fund, in view of situations where those renovating buildings in rural areas cannot afford to spend upfront to carry out works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [63325/22]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the grants that are currently available through his Department, excluding the housing adaptation grants, for the replacement of windows in a house in which two persons who are in receipt of the fuel allowance reside; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63345/22]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if all sections of all Acts passed in the past ten years have been commenced; the number of sections that are outstanding; the number of Acts that have review periods; if the reviews have taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [63385/22]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the proposed modular homes that are to be built on State land will be exempt from planning permission (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63456/22]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has any plans to take action against landlords issuing eviction notices in violation of the eviction ban. — Martin Browne. [63484/22]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on a mass eviction of the residents at a location (details supplied). — Martin Browne. [63485/22]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will allow local authorities to use incremental credits to recruit more-experienced staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [63491/22]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on a matter (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [63504/22]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether officials from his Department should have attended a meeting where support for a planning application was being discussed given that his Department has a role in the decision-making process on the future of a national monument. — Peadar Tóibín. [63506/22]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement that he has had with Tuath and Longford County Council in relation to the properties at Colmcille Terrace, Granard, County Longford. — Sorca Clarke. [63509/22]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the dates of the last meetings of each of the Homeless Regional Fora by forum in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [63530/22]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the State will reimburse 90% of the engineering costs to the family of an applicant who has passed away before the completion of stage 1 under the defective concrete block grant scheme. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [63537/22]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of full-time vacant homes officers by County Westmeath in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [63552/22]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding provided for a vacant homes officer in County Westmeath in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [63553/22]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether the vacant home schemes and policies are sufficient in addressing the vacant homes issue in County Westmeath. — Sorca Clarke. [63554/22]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he receives regular updates on the number of homes applied for through the vacant homes scheme in County Westmeath; and if so, if he will provide figures. — Sorca Clarke. [63555/22]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of money requested by those in County Westmeath under the voids programme in 2020; the number of units proposed to be refurbished in County Westmeath; the amount allocated to County Westmeath from this fund in 2020; and the number of units to be refurbished in County Westmeath in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [63556/22]



\*487. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of full-time vacant homes officers in County Longford in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [63558/22]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding provided for a vacant homes officer in County Longford in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [63559/22]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether the vacant home schemes and policies are sufficient in addressing the vacant homes issue in County Longford. — Sorca Clarke. [63560/22]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he receives regular updates on the number of homes applied for through the vacant homes scheme by County Longford; and if so, if he will provide figures. — Sorca Clarke. [63561/22]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of money requested by those in County Longford under the voids programme in 2020; the number of units proposed to be refurbished in County Longford; the amount allocated to County Longford from this fund in 2020; and the number of units to be refurbished in County Longford in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [63562/22]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on kelp harvesting in Bantry Bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [63629/22]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications from County Louth under the first home scheme that have been approved and drawn down since the inception of the scheme; when the first review of the price thresholds under the terms of the scheme will be published; if he plans to change the thresholds as they apply to properties in County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [63663/22]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will consider the amendments made to the Wildlife Bill 2016 in Seanad Éireann; when he will complete his consideration of the Bill; when he will propose to Government that permission be sought to have this Bill restored to the Order Paper for Dáil Éireann's final consideration; the reason for the more than four-year delay in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [63667/22]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will respond to concerns raised by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [63693/22]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details on the much-anticipated review of the first-time home scheme ceiling prices in particular for counties Louth and Meath further to previous calls by this Deputy given that there are little to no new homes in the Louth area for less than the current €300,000 ceiling price; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [63694/22]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that housing estates in non-rural areas that are not connected to the sewerage network are considered for inclusion under the review of the multi-annual rural water programme; if he intends to expand

the programme beyond rural locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [63706/22]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to extend the availability of an online choice-based lettings system to counties Laois and Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [63724/22]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which the population of pine martens is controlled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [63727/22]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable homes built in the Kildare County Council area in each of the past five years; the number planned for 2023; the funding allocated in each year to the local authority to supply affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [63729/22]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of any pilot funding schemes offered by his Department to local authorities; the local authorities that each pilot scheme is offered to; his plans to extend these schemes to other local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [63730/22]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the stage at which a homeowner who has been awarded a grant under the existing and the enhanced defective block remediation scheme, can draw down payment for construction works. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63741/22]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of new build social homes delivered to date in 2022, broken down by delivery stream (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [63742/22]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of social housing leases delivered to date in 2022, with a breakdown by leasing scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63743/22]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the marine protected areas legislation, including a date when he expects to publish the Bill. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63744/22]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the legislation for a directly-elected mayor in Limerick. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63745/22]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he intends to release the Mulcahy Report into allegations of planning malpractice in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63746/22]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social homes that have been delivered through the single-stage approval process, broken down by year and local authority for each year since 2019; and the number of new social homes that are currently in the pipeline availing of the single-stage approval process, with a breakdown by local authority in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63747/22]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social homes that were delivered through the mortgage-to-rent, buy-and-renew and repair-and-lease schemes in 2022, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63748/22]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of social and affordable homes delivered by the LDA in 2022, by location and average price. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63749/22]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of croí cónaithe grants issued in 2022, by county. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63750/22]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of contracts that have been signed with developers under the croí cónaithe cities scheme; and the total number of units to be provided through these contracts. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63751/22]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of new housing-first tenancies created in 2022, by local authority area. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63752/22]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends expanding the scheme immediately to cover all Traveller families living in caravans of eight years old or more, in view of the demand for the pilot caravan loan scheme from Traveller families, some of whom live in caravans and mobiles that are over 20 years old; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [63753/22]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the public sector benchmarking exercise used in the first bundle of the social housing public private partnerships. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63754/22]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on bundle 2 and bundle 3 of the social housing PPP programme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63755/22]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost of one, two, three, and four-bedroom social houses and one, two, and three-bedroom social apartments that were completed in 2022; and the average cost for the same set of units for tender contracts signed in 2022, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63756/22]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason that a council tenant in an AHB in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and a council tenant in a council home in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council can be paying different amounts in rent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63757/22]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the fact that retained firefighters in Balbriggan and Skerries have been excluded from the pandemic bonus payment; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that they attended to Covid and medical calls during the pandemic (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [63835/22]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has conducted any research into the proportion of the cost of new apartments or houses as is attributable to the land purchase costs; if so, if he will provide same; if not, if his attention has been drawn to

any available research or data in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [63913/22]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views following the conclusion of an investigation by the Charities Regulator which detailed failings in financial oversight at an organisation (details supplied) and instances of inappropriate spending of public funding; if he will ensure that any public funding that was not expended appropriately is returned to his Department; his proposals to ensure improved financial management of public funding to this organisation in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [63926/22]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the criteria which was applied to select members of the Interdepartmental and Agency Group tasked with preparing the Options Paper on a possible remediation scheme in respect of construction defects; if any members of the group live in a multi-unit development or have lived in one in the past ten years; if any members of the group are or have been directors of an owners' management company in the past ten years; and if any members of the group have provided professional services to an owners' management company in the past ten years. — Ivana Bacik. [63939/22]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify the way that accommodation standards in tenancies which are supported by HAP/RAS payments are enforced; the number of payments to landlords that have been stopped in the past two years due to the accommodation being judged as not suitable for the tenant; the number of tenants who were refused HAP/RAS support prior to commencing a tenancy due to the accommodation being judged as inadequate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [63966/22]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans that are in place to assist Clare County Council in recruiting marine planners to deal with planning applications for off-shore renewable energy projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [63992/22]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of affordable homes delivered through the Affordable Housing Fund in 2022 that went sale closed in 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63995/22]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown of the 2,706 new build social homes delivered by Q3 2022 by delivery scheme including SHIP construction, CHIP turnkey, CALF construction, CALF turnkey, CAS construction, CAS turnkey and Part V, PPP. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63996/22]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason that wording (details supplied) was removed from the final Donegal quarry inspection report from the National Building Control Office published by his Department in December 2022; and the person or body that took the decision to remove this sentence from the report. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63997/22]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to contract restrictions on apartment owners selling their apartments to local authorities or approved housing bodies for social housing; and if so, if he will discuss the matter with the Minister for Justice to examine if this restriction can be overcome by way of legislation or regulation in order to allow such properties be acquired for social or affordable housing.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1008/23]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to revise the headline targets underpinning his housing plan; if so, the breakdown of those targets by tenure type; and when he intends to publish the revised targets. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1009/23]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the inputs that are used by his Department when using the housing need and demand assessment to determine the annual social and affordable housing targets as set out in the housing plan. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1010/23]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the local government education and mentoring programme currently underway in Fingal County Council will be taken up by all local authorities; if so, if he will provide a timeline of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1034/23]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to severe customer service delays in the Property Registration Authority; his views on whether the current customer service delays in relation to contacting the PRA are acceptable; if he has discussed these with the PRA; the steps that are being taken to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1029/23]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the new rural planning guidelines. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1072/23]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the application from Dublin City Council regarding the regeneration of a building (details supplied). — Chris Andrews. [1090/23]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on his planned comprehensive review of the local property tax baselines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [1105/23]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown of the playing pitches available to book through the local authority for use by the public by local authority in each of the years 2017 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1141/23]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an updated version of the Rebuilding Ireland housing land map (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [1175/23]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has received a request from Cork County Council for funding support to enable the upgrade of the public realm and in particular the completion of the upgrade of footpaths on the Main Street of Midleton, County Cork; if so, the amount requested; if he will be in a position to accede to this request in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [1224/23]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on wastewater treatment plants servicing private housing estates on a temporary basis; the number of such wastewater treatment plants in operation in County Cork; his plans, if any, to connect such estates to the Irish Water wastewater treatment system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [1225/23]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a scheme to utilise lands owned by our local authorities (details supplied) could be reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1268/23]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the terms and conditions of the tenant purchase scheme to include income from the rural social scheme when purchasing a rural local authority house now that the six-year time limit has been removed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1301/23]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects the Local Government (Directly Elected Mayor with Executive Functions in Limerick City and County) Bill to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [1307/23]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 657 of 8 September 2022, the update that his Department received from Tipperary County Council regarding the maintenance and works done at Knocklofty House, Clonmel, County Tipperary; if he will outline his Department's interest and involvement in preserving the structure, beyond safeguarding the structure from further disrepair, and ensuring its integration into the tourism and heritage sector locally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1338/23]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the requirements on presiding officers or polling clerks to check and validate photo identification of all voters at polling stations in local and general elections; if any proposals are being considered to review such requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [1346/23]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department can help a group (details supplied) with assistance towards the cost of an archaeological survey; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [1353/23]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the Residential Tenancies Board will resolve an ongoing issue for a person (details supplied) in County Mayo in view of the fact that this issue has been ongoing since July 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [1373/23]

\*547. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will list all State boards, commissions or other such bodies to which a person (details supplied) has been appointed by his Department from 1 January 2011 to date. — Carol Nolan. [1431/23]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of strategic housing development applications that were received by An Bord Pleanála for County Cavan where a decision was still outstanding as of 10 July 2022. — Pauline Tully. [1457/23]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the specific delegated functions that have been transferred to Ministers of State appointed in December 2022, in tabular form; and the date of transfer. — Sean Sherlock. [1473/23]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the name of the company or organisation or persons that were contracted to provide media training to him from 1 January



2021 to date; the costs incurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1510/23]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the policy relating to assessment of full and half rate carer's allowance payments in relation to the local authority home loan; if the payments are assessed as income on all applications; if there is any flexibility in the case that the payment puts an applicant marginally over the income limit; if not, if flexibility will be granted given that most banks refuse to consider carer's allowance payments as income, and the last-attempt nature of the local authority home loan application. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1582/23]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of strategic housing development applications received by An Bord Pleanála each year since it was introduced in 2016, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [1585/23]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff working in An Bord Pleanála in 2016; the number of staff working in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [1586/23]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding allocated in the budget to An Bord Pleanála in each year from 2016 to 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [1587/23]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeframe within which An Bord Pleanála has to make a decision on a planning appeal; if this timeframe must be relayed to the person who has made the original planning application; if this timeframe can be extended; if so, the length of time that it can be extended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [1588/23]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has any plans to raise the €250,000 threshold for local authority home loans in counties Carlow and Kilkenny given the increase in house prices across the two counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [1604/23]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is no available emergency accommodation for families in County Tipperary; and his plans to ensure that persons are not forced to sleep on the street as a result of the lack of emergency accommodation. — Martin Browne. [1610/23]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if additional funding will be made available to local authorities to provide emergency accommodation to prevent persons from being forced to sleep in tents. — Martin Browne. [1611/23]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement that his Department has had with elected representatives on South Dublin County Council regarding the Ministerial order to overturn the policy on data centres within that council's development plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [1640/23]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the commitment in Housing for All on the reform of a scheme (details supplied); and if he plans to implement a scheme that will standardise such rental payments across the State. — Louise O'Reilly. [1664/23]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline in detail the way that a property owner in Dublin who has certified mica and or pyrite in their defective blocks of their home, can apply for the defective concrete block grant scheme; if he will set out the method of application in a step-by-step format; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1665/23]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Inflation Co-Operation Framework, which sees the State bearing up to 70% of the additional inflationary costs on public works contracts, will encompass Part V builds; if so, if he will outline if it is the responsibility of the relevant local authority to progress such an application to the scheme or if it lies with the developer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1668/23]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will permit local authorities to use their discretion when deciding on applications for the vacant property refurbishment grant where the applicants meet all of the conditions of the scheme bar the requirement that the property be built before 1993 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [1710/23]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to the Topical Issue debate of 15 December 2022, the actions, if any, that he has taken on the proposals made by this Deputy during the debate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [1759/23]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a valid public services card is sufficient and acceptable as proof of photo ID for the purpose of a social housing application. — Joe Flaherty. [1785/23]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on progress of the working group that was established to examine the short, medium and long-term measures required to protect bird species of conservation concern that are currently listed on the National Parks and Wildlife Service's open seasons order; if he will provide a timeline for those actions to be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1818/23]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the eligibility criteria for the croí cónaithe scheme could be extended to cover houses built after the year 1993 (details supplied); and if not, the other supports that are available for homeowners who wish to bring derelict housing into regular use. — Marian Harkin. [1834/23]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when his Department's key outputs and public service activities 2022 outturn will be available; the number of the 2022 output targets that were met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1869/23]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the croí cónaithe town grant takes the form of a Government equity stake in the property; the nature and detail of the clawback if the property is subsequently sold or transferred to a family member; if the grant can be drawn; and if there are issues with banks that are delaying draw down of grants that have been approved to date.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1879/23]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 208 of 5 July 2022, if he will provide a dated record from each local authority nationwide of the number of product inspections done of concrete block, to include chemical and composition analysis to identify both the aggregate mix and the concentration of cement concentration in blocks analysed as part of such tests over the past two years (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [1905/23]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a detailed listing from each local authority of the number of site inspections carried out in quarries within each local authority area that are providing aggregate for concrete block production for the past two years (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [1906/23]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of cases that have been with An Bord Pleanála for more than five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [1925/23]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the specific piece of legislation that makes provision for the roles and functions of the Office of the Planning Regulator; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2058/23]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when homeowners will be able to apply for redress in respect of defective concrete blocks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2061/23]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of residences and businesses that are dependent on private water supplies; if he considers the provision of a mains water supply to all residences and businesses in the State as a basic service; if he intends rolling out a scheme, similar to the National Broadband scheme for broadband, to make a public water supply available to all residences and businesses in the State at an affordable cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2069/23]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action that his Department will take to address the stark decline of curlew and pygmy shrew populations; if he will outline the work on environmental protection in general that is taking place in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2072/23]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the allocated funding provided to Tipperary County Council for Traveller-specific accommodation purchases in each of the years 2016 to 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [2078/23]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding spent by Tipperary County Council for Traveller-specific accommodation purchases in each of the years 2016 to 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [2079/23]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding that was returned and unused by Tipperary County Council for Traveller-specific accommodation in each of the years 2016 to 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [2080/23]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding sought from his Department and the number of properties purchased by Tipperary County Council for Traveller-specific accommodation from 2020 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [2081/23]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is considering raising the house price thresholds for the local authority mortgages in line with average house prices. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2126/23]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications for croí cónaithe towns grants to date, broken down by local authority area and by grant type, such as vacant home, derelict home; the number of croí cónaithe towns grants approved, broken down by local authority area and by grant type; the total number of croí cónaithe towns grants drawn down, broken down by local authority area and grant type; and if he will provide a summary of the total value of applications, approvals, and draw-downs to date in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2127/23]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of mortgage-to-rent applications, approvals and completions in 2022, broken down by local authority area; the number of repair-and-lease applications, broken down by local authority area, approvals and completions in 2022; and the number of buy-and-renew applications, approvals and completions in 2022, broken down by local authority area in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2131/23]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the counties that currently have the homelessness rate of HAP available to people in need in their respective counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2154/23]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a full list of lands in the ownership of each local authority which are zoned for housing. — Neale Richmond. [2258/23]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a full list of Part 8 planning permissions that have been granted for houses in each local authority in the past 15 years; the number of housing developments that have been built as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2259/23]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant homes officers who are employed by local authorities nationally; if those employed as vacant homes officers also carry out duties outside of this role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2260/23]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the limits on the first home scheme will next be reviewed. — Holly Cairns. [2305/23]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps that he is taking to ensure that the limits for the first home scheme are being consistently applied in all local authorities. — Holly Cairns. [2306/23]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on working with Cork County Council to secure a site currently for sale (details supplied) to build social and affordable housing. — Holly Cairns. [2307/23]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an entitlement to or the current rate of RAS payment of a person will be affected in cases in which they receive an inheritance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [2325/23]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of the backlog of 2,300 cases at An Bord Pleanála that consist of residential units, broken down in terms of housing typology, such as apartments versus houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [2329/23]

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

\*593. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if any further increments or increases are due in the case of a person (details supplied) and their pension from his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63217/22]

\*594. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the number of consular staff employed at foreign embassies in Dublin and notified to his Department under Article 10 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations 1961 is a matter for each individual embassy; if the numbers can be capped or limited by the Government; and if he will outline the considerations which apply when making a decision to cap or limit those numbers. — John Paul Phelan. [63255/22]

\*595. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 188 of 24 November 2022, if he will express a view on the reason for the disproportionately-high number of staff employed at the embassy of Saudi Arabia in Dublin, which with 28 staff has jointly the second largest complement of any embassy in Dublin, with the same number as the embassy of the United Kingdom. — John Paul Phelan. [63256/22]

\*596. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the estimated initial cost and ongoing annual costs of his proposal to reopen an Irish embassy in Iran. — John Paul Phelan. [63257/22]

\*597. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent of his contacts to date with representatives of the dictatorship in Iran in relation to his proposal to reopen an Irish embassy in Iran; and if this proposal was discussed at either of the Minister's meetings with the Iranian foreign minister during 2021. — John Paul Phelan. [63258/22]

\*598. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the details of all meetings held with all ministers or other representatives of the dictatorship in Iran from 14 June 2017 to date, together with the venues of those meetings. — John Paul Phelan. [63259/22]

\*599. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will list all lobby groups, representative bodies, trade organisations, voluntary groups or private companies which have contacted him to seek the reopening of an Irish embassy in Iran from 14 June 2017 to date. — John Paul Phelan. [63260/22]

\*600. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if all sections of all Acts passed in the past ten years have been commenced; the number of sections that are outstanding; the number of Acts that have review periods; if the reviews have taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [63382/22]

\*601. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps that Ireland has taken to address the violation of the health rights of political prisoners in Bahrain at the UN Human Rights

Council in Geneva; if he will demand the immediate and unconditional release of a person (details supplied) who is a prominent activist and leader of the opposition and whose health is deteriorating rapidly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63449/22]

\*602. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department will respond to concerns relating to an agreement between Morocco and an Israeli energy company (details supplied) for natural gas exploration in the territorial waters of Western Sahara; and if this theft of Western Sahara's natural resources will be highlighted with the Moroccan and Israeli ambassadors. — Chris Andrews. [63453/22]

\*603. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the assessment that his Department has made of reports that the Islamic Republic of Iran is carrying out executions against anti-government protestors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [63511/22]

\*604. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the outcome of the most recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in relation to the implementation of the UK Nationality and Borders Act and the need to have exemptions to this scheme to ensure the continuation of the free movement of people on a cross-Border basis on this island; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [63514/22]

\*605. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will propose a similar agreement to the proposal by the Russian Deputy Foreign Minister to the US. Government to agree a maximum number of representatives in each of their respective diplomatic missions in order to fix the maximum number of Russian diplomats in Dublin equal to the number of Irish diplomats in Moscow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [63534/22]

\*606. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to devise a way in which individual passport holders can be advised that their passport requires renewal, close to its expiry date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [63728/22]

\*607. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline the relationship between Ireland and the United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization C-24; the input that Ireland has made to this special committee; and if Ireland has ever applied to join same. — Chris Andrews. [63899/22]

\*608. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions that have been taken by his Department to enforce European Union sanctions against Russia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1045/23]

\*609. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions that have been taken by his Department to enforce European Union sanctions against Belarus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1059/23]

\*610. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has raised the matter of protesters in Iran facing long-term imprisonment and death sentences with the Iranian authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [1065/23]

\*611. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if additional tougher sanctions will be discussed at the next EU Foreign Affairs Council Meeting to be applied on Iran following this involvement in the Ukraine war. — Catherine Murphy. [1218/23]



\*612. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when an FBR application by a person (details supplied) will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [1305/23]

\*613. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he condemns the actions of the Iranian Government for its execution of activists, journalists and protesters; if he is engaging with officials there to communicate the views of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [1436/23]

\*614. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the specific delegated functions that have been transferred to Ministers of State appointed in December 2022, in tabular form; and the date of transfer. — Sean Sherlock. [1470/23]

\*615. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the name of the company or organisation or persons that were contracted to provide media training to him from 1 January 2021 to date; the costs incurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1507/23]

\*616. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department will run a national media campaign to encourage persons to check passport expiry dates ahead of booking holidays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [1532/23]

\*617. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps that Ireland intends to take in response to the imminent expulsion and forced transfer of over 1,000 Palestinians due to commence in January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [1609/23]

\*618. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the role of the Irish Embassy in Columbia's in the ongoing land dispute between a company (details supplied) and the Misak people in the Cauca region of Colombia; if he will provide an update on the ongoing mediation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1614/23]

\*619. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement that he has had with his counterparts in Israel with regard to the imminent expulsion and forced transfer of over 1,000 Palestinian residents of the Masafer Yatta area of the West Bank, in view of the announcement on 2 January 2023 by the Israeli Government that the transfers would commence immediately; the details of any engagement between his Departmental officials on the ground in Israel and Palestinian residents of Masafer Yatta since the beginning of January; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1649/23]

\*620. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the dates in 2022 that the Irish Ambassador and or Deputy Head of Mission in Bangkok visited the Pattaya area of Thailand; and the purpose of each visit in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [1803/23]

\*621. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [1970/23]

\*622. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the engagements that he has had with the government of Israel in relation to a case (details supplied) and the forced transfer of Palestinians and the demolition of their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1978/23]

\*623. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Derry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2001/23]

\*624. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the action that he intends to take at European Union and United Nations-level in response to the stated intention of the new Israeli government to expand a regime of Jewish control over all of Palestine including those lands which are supposed to constitute a future Palestinian state, given the views that were recently expressed by the new Israeli prime minister (details supplied); if he agrees that such intensification of Israel's colonisation of Palestinian land and its dominant-settler mindset means that new political initiatives are urgently required in pursuit of a peaceful settlement; if he agrees with the concerns expressed that ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian population and the expansion of a regime that suppresses non-Jews will now most likely be promoted through further state terrorism and state-sponsored violence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [2022/23]

\*625. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the representations that he has made to the Israeli authorities to protest against the proposed imminent expulsion and forced transfer of over 1,000 Palestinians, including 500 children from Masafer Yatta; the response that he has received; the further steps that he intends taking on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2067/23]

\*626. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps that he is taking to stop the imminent expulsion and forced transfer of over 1,000 Palestinians, including 500 children, by the Israeli Government in clear violation of international law; if will he acknowledge that the forcible transfer of such people in Occupied Territories is a war crime under international law and that the UN and international, Israeli and Palestinian human rights organisation have called this a grave violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [2088/23]

\*627. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on reports that the Israeli Army has informed Palestinian officials of their imminent plans to forcibly displace more than 1,000 Palestinian residents, including more than 500 children in the Masafer Yatta area of the Southern Occupied West Bank; if he agrees that such forcible transfer of protected residents is a war crime under the Geneva Convention and therefore a grave breach of international humanitarian and human rights laws; the action the Irish Government proposes to take to seek to address this systematic oppression against Palestinians; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [2140/23]

\*628. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the position on the Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories Bill 2018); if he will seek to pass it; if he will seek updated legal advice from the new Attorney General; the way that he intends to fulfil Ireland's obligations under international law around the ongoing illegal occupation of Palestine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [2143/23]

\*629. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a FBR application by a person (details supplied) can be progressed by using some of the original documentation already on file for the applicant's sibling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [2344/23]

\*630. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the details of his engagement with the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran concerning recent protests for women's rights and the treatment of protestors by state security services. — Holly Cairns. [2425/23]

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

\*631. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if all sections of all Acts passed in the past ten years have been commenced; the number of sections that are outstanding; the number of Acts that have review periods; if the reviews have taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [63377/22]

\*632. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the last time that the age limit for entry into each of the sectors of the Defence Forces was reviewed; if it was undertaken with comparison to international practice; and when the next age review regarding entry is due to take place. — Sorca Clarke. [63528/22]

\*633. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will detail both the maximum and the current strength levels of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63564/22]

\*634. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will detail both the maximum and the current strength levels of the Naval Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63565/22]

\*635. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current total strength of Air Corps personnel; and if he will provide a breakdown of the number of qualified military pilots, cadet pilots in training, qualified military aircraft maintenance technicians, qualified military avionics technicians and military apprentices in training of both aforementioned disciplines. — John Brady. [63566/22]

\*636. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of Naval Service operations and patrols which were cancelled in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63567/22]

\*637. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current number of women in the Defence Forces by rank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63568/22]

\*638. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current number of women in the Defence Forces who are currently serving overseas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63569/22]

\*639. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of women members of the Defence Forces who left in 2022, by month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63570/22]

\*640. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current strength of the Reserve Defence Force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63571/22]

\*641. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of women in the Reserve Defence Force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63572/22]

\*642. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he has considered raising the recruitment age of the Naval Service from a maximum of 27 years of age to a higher age as part of the drive to increase recruitment given many other countries have a much older recruitment age limit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63910/22]

\*643. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if childhood epilepsy, for which no medication is currently required, renders an applicant unfit for the Defence Forces; and the period of time that a person must be medicated and seizure free to progress with an application. — Thomas Gould. [63921/22]

\*644. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will address matters in correspondence (details supplied); the options that are open to a person in this instance; if this person can appeal this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [63955/22]

\*645. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will clarify the total number of Defence Forces personnel who will receive the Covid pandemic recognition payment in view of the fact that over 2,000 members provided support to essential services, in particular both in our hospitals and in the vaccination centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1135/23]

\*646. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will explain the appeal process for an application who applied to enlist with the Army cadetship service and he was refused on mental health grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1170/23]

\*647. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if any personnel from the Naval Service or Air Corps went to the United States for specialist military training in 2022. — Catherine Murphy. [1220/23]

\*648. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will consider allowing all trained technicians to extend their retirement age beyond 60 years given the level of training acquired in this field. — Robert Troy. [1453/23]

\*649. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the specific delegated functions that have been transferred to Ministers of State appointed in December 2022, in tabular form; and the date of transfer. — Sean Sherlock. [1465/23]

\*650. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the name of the company or organisation or persons that were contracted to provide media training to him from 1 January 2021 to date; the costs incurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1502/23]

\*651. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will outline the investment plans for Custume Barracks, Athlone, following the recently announced capital budget for the Defence Forces. — Robert Troy. [1522/23]

\*652. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of applications and the number that were commissioned under the Naval Service direct entry scheme in each of the years 2019 to 2022, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [1811/23]

\*653. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 325 of 25 May 2021, if he will provide an update on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [1904/23]

\*654. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the medical standards for recruits to the Naval Service in relation to epilepsy; if those standards allow for those who have had partial epilepsy that is deemed to have been resolved, to serve in the Naval Service; if he will outline the appeals process for those who have been rejected for a position in the Naval Reserve on medical grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [2291/23]

\*655. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 321 of 29 November 2022, if he will provide further information on a facility (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [2400/23]

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

\*656. To ask the Minister for Education if schools require planning permission for the installation of temporary accommodation; the assessments, if any, that are carried out in advance of the building; and if any consideration is given to the proximity of residential homes before building takes place. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63148/22]

\*657. To ask the Minister for Education if it is correct that a two-storey temporary accommodation structure is to be placed at a distance of 16 feet away from the back boundary wall of a number of residential properties (details supplied) in relation to the installation of temporary accommodation at a school; if any consultation took place with residents in advance; and if there is any route of action for residents concerned at the proximity of the structure to their home. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63149/22]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that home tutors who provided tuition under the July provision/summer programme have not been paid; if she will clarify when payments will now be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63167/22]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Education when a retired pensioner from the LCETB can expect to receive their pension increase (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63194/22]

\*660. To ask the Minister for Education if she will introduce new measures to facilitate easier post primary teacher transfers and redeployment; if she will consider establishing a national voluntary redeployment panel with an online portal to assist with such transfers and redeployment; if the affected teachers would be able to keep their contracts of indefinite duration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [63203/22]

\*661. To ask the Minister for Education if she has considered the possibility of setting up a panel through which second level teachers could seek to apply to swap positions where they had a need to move, as has been suggested by an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [63209/22]

\*662. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the eligibility criteria for deferred Leaving Certificate examinations to ensure that students who have an unexpected medical emergency such as an epileptic seizure while sitting an examination are eligible for deferred sittings; and if the review will take into account submissions that her Department has received from an organisation (details supplied) regarding epileptic seizures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [63266/22]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider a proposal by an organisation (details supplied); if she will engage with the organisation on this motion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [63269/22]

\*664. To ask the Minister for Education her views on a matter (details supplied) regarding post-primary teacher redeployment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [63272/22]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application for the special education school grant by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63280/22]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Education if she agrees with ETBI that the current rates for the school meal allowance scheme are unrealistic and causing the scheme to be unworkable; if she will request the Department of Social Protection to review the rates to bring them in line with current economic circumstances; and her views on extending the scheme to make it available to all students. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [63284/22]

\*667. To ask the Minister for Education her views on whether the school meal allowance scheme should be funded and administered by her Department. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [63287/22]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Education when a student (details supplied) will be allocated a school bus ticket. — Mattie McGrath. [63292/22]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Education the way that her Department is proposing to deal with applications for leave from secondary and primary school teachers given that in cases in which leave is refused teachers are likely to resign and may go to work in other jurisdictions resulting in the loss of teachers who have built up valuable experience to date to the Irish educational system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63301/22]

\*670. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the absence of school bus supports available to pupils living in Newcastle, County Dublin, and attending the nearest feeder school (details supplied); the reason for the lack of school bus supports for these students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [63322/22]

\*671. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that are being taken to respond to the teacher-retention crisis in primary and secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [63324/22]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Education further to her response to Parliamentary Question No. 56 of 7 December 2022, her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [63339/22]

\*673. To ask the Minister for Education the status of school transport for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [63346/22]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider changing the current regulations in order that teachers can transfer job location in an easier fashion (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [63347/22]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Education when an individual transport service will commence for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [63352/22]

\*676. To ask the Minister for Education the number of places that are currently available in a school (details supplied); if there are children on the waiting list to attend the school; the number of children that are waiting for a place in a special education school in County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [63357/22]



\*677. To ask the Minister for Education her views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [63372/22]

\*678. To ask the Minister for Education if all sections of all Acts passed in the past ten years have been commenced; the number of sections that are outstanding; the number of Acts that have review periods; if the reviews have taken place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [63378/22]

\*679. To ask the Minister for Education if she has considered introducing a national voluntary redeployment panel for secondary teachers who wish to relocate and keep their permanent and contract of indefinite duration status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [63395/22]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Education her views on whether the removal of route 4 to primary teaching will further exacerbate the supply crisis in teaching; her further views on whether the current recognition pathway and the route through a college (details supplied) should be prolonged to keep more supply in the industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [63396/22]

\*681. To ask the Minister for Education her views on whether route 4 recognition whereby graduates of a school (details supplied) can register with the Teaching Council should be extended to ensure that there are sufficient primary school teachers available to work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [63397/22]

\*682. To ask the Minister for Education if she will support a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [63406/22]

\*683. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 16 of 5 July 2022, if she will provide an update on the revised ex-gratia scheme that she referenced. — Paul Murphy. [63407/22]

\*684. To ask the Minister for Education when a modular unit that is required to facilitate increased enrolment will be sanctioned for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [63418/22]

\*685. To ask the Minister for Education when a modular unit that is required to facilitate increased enrolment will be sanctioned for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [63419/22]

\*686. To ask the Minister for Education when the stage application for the detailed design stage for a school (details supplied) will be given approval to proceed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [63420/22]

\*687. To ask the Minister for Education when the stage application for the detailed design stage for a school (details supplied) will be given approval to proceed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [63421/22]

\*688. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that the income of a person (details supplied) is corrected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63432/22]

\*689. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to establish a national voluntary redeployment panel for teachers who wish to transfer which would allow them to keep their permanent status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [63479/22]

\*690. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the provision of a new school building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [63480/22]

\*691. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) is entitled to any assistance from community employment schemes with regard to caretaking or small jobs within the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [63494/22]

\*692. To ask the Minister for Education if any consideration has been given to increase the funding allocated to primary and secondary schools to allow them to provide adequate heating and hot water to pupils particularly during the current arctic weather. — Sorca Clarke. [63495/22]

\*693. To ask the Minister for Education the number of NEPS assessments available to primary schools in counties Longford and Westmeath in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; the number carried out; and the value and number funded by his Department outside of these allocations in the same period in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [63502/22]

\*694. To ask the Minister for Education when school transport services will be provided for Rathcoffey to Maynooth, given that a number of families did not receive a bus ticket in September 2022 and urgently require the service in view of the recent announcement of additional funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63533/22]

\*695. To ask the Minister for Education if assistive technology will be provided to a child (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [63586/22]

\*696. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider a proposal on teacher redeployment by an organisation (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [63588/22]

\*697. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to recommendations of a motion (details supplied) whereby post primary teachers who relocate or transfer to another school would maintain their permanent/CID status, and that they would not lose benefits from their previous role, in view that the lack of a transfer system for post primary teachers is a key factor in the current teacher retention crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63592/22]

\*698. To ask the Minister for Education if she has considered establishing a national voluntary redeployment panel to allow teachers who wish to relocate between schools in different counties to keep their permanent and contract of indefinite duration status and allow easier transfer. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [63596/22]

\*699. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to reports that a school (details supplied) hosted Women's Safety week from 5-9 December 2022; if she will consider making this a nationally recognised week amongst all schools in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [63609/22]

\*700. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details of the outputs from her Department's actions in the Climate Action Plan Annex of Actions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [63623/22]

\*701. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the School Sector Climate Action Mandate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [63624/22]

\*702. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the delay by the NCSE in responding to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [63625/22]

\*703. To ask the Minister for Education when a student (details supplied) will be allocated a school bus ticket given that Bus Éireann school transport section has failed to respond to queries from this Deputy. — Mattie McGrath. [63632/22]

\*704. To ask the Minister for Education when a student (details supplied) will be allocated a school bus ticket given that Bus Éireann school transport section has failed to respond to queries from this Deputy. — Mattie McGrath. [63633/22]

\*705. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools in the education system that operate a shorter day for infants' classes than the rest of the classes. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [63645/22]

\*706. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the introduction of a national voluntary redeployment panel for post primary teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [63647/22]

\*707. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider proposals from teaching unions to establish a national voluntary redeployment panel for teachers under which those teachers who wish to relocate would keep their permanent status, including the development of an online portal to facilitate direct swaps for voluntary teacher redeployment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [63650/22]

\*708. To ask the Minister for Education when funding will be provided for a facility (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [63678/22]

\*709. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine the reason that the criteria for home tuition in north Kildare in some cases appears to have changed and now require a psychologist's report (details supplied); if her Department will take steps to address this unexpected demand and the practical difficulties that have been caused; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [63690/22]

\*710. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that a school (details supplied) hosted a women's safety week to make young women feel more comfortable in the community; and if this is something that she will consider supporting in the future. — Francis Noel Duffy. [63698/22]

\*711. To ask the Minister for Education if a school transport issue in relation to a student (details supplied) will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [63700/22]

\*712. To ask the Minister for Education if Australian teaching qualifications held by Irish emigrant citizens are recognised by the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [63704/22]

\*713. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 153 of 14 December 2022, the details of any engagement that she or her Department have had with a union (details supplied) with regard to its proposal to establish a new system of redeployment for teachers whereby teachers wishing to relocate could retain their permanent and contract of indefinite duration status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [63707/22]

\*714. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 153 of 14 December 2022, her plans to meet with a group (details supplied) in early 2023; the details of her engagement to date with this group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [63708/22]

\*715. To ask the Minister for Education the action that she will take to ensure that a person (details supplied) will have a school place next September; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [63721/22]

\*716. To ask the Minister for Education the action that she will take to ensure that a person (details supplied) will have a school place next September; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [63722/22]

\*717. To ask the Minister for Education if she will establish a national voluntary redeployment panel so that those teachers who wish to relocate would keep their permanent/CID status; if she will meet with an organisation (details supplied) to discuss this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [63734/22]

\*718. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider the merits of a motion passed by an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [63760/22]

\*719. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review procedures for Garda vetting special needs' assistants in order that, their vetting status can move with them from school to school as in the case of teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63767/22]

\*720. To ask the Minister for Education if she will allow the board of management at a school (details supplied) to remove two pre-fabricated classrooms from the school yard given that they are no longer being used and are an impediment to the school's playing spaces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63768/22]

\*721. To ask the Minister for Education if she will urgently intervene to ensure that a student (details supplied) receives their re-checked Leaving Certificate exam results; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63798/22]

\*722. To ask the Minister for Education the number of applications received to date to the ex-gratia scheme for survivors of childhood sexual abuse in schools; the number approved; the number rejected and the reasons therefor; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [63804/22]

\*723. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to remove the requirement that court proceedings must have been instituted against the State prior to 1 July 2021 in order to qualify for a payment under the ex-gratia scheme for survivors of childhood sexual abuse in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [63805/22]

\*724. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that persons must have instituted proceedings against the State prior to 1 July 2021 in order to qualify for a payment under the ex-gratia scheme for survivors of childhood sexual abuse in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [63806/22]

\*725. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 377 of 22 November 2022, if her office has liaised with the family in question regarding the remote area grant. — Martin Browne. [63824/22]

\*726. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider proposals from unions to establish a new system of redeployment in order to benefit teachers and to help solve teacher retention issues, teacher wellbeing issues and the environmental problems caused by the commutes of these teachers; and if she will meet with the relevant stakeholders in 2023 for an open discussion on these issues. — Patrick Costello. [63826/22]

\*727. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an updated timeline for the delivery of a new post-primary school in Prosperous, County Kildare; and the projected capacity for same. — Catherine Murphy. [63828/22]

\*728. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the development of the new campus (details supplied) in County Galway; the timeline for the completion of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [63868/22]

\*729. To ask the Minister for Education her Department's plans for a site which is zoned for educational use (details supplied) for a future new school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63874/22]

\*730. To ask the Minister for Education the status of plans to address the long-term accommodation needs for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63875/22]

\*731. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the tender process for the new build at a school (details supplied) has been delayed as a result of lowest bids being unable to fulfil their quotations; if her Department will speed-up the process following the acceptance of the third bid; the timeframe to move to the next phase of the process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [63885/22]

\*732. To ask the Minister for Education the status of post primary teacher transfers and redeployment, including the establishment of an online portal for inter-teacher transfer requests; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [63888/22]

\*733. To ask the Minister for Education if she will re-access the primary and secondary education system modules to incorporate a way to include education on cultural and institutional misogyny and the importance of gender equality in society; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [63891/22]

\*734. To ask the Minister for Education the number of ASD units that are available in County Wexford; the number of places in each unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [63900/22]

\*735. To ask the Minister for Education the amounts paid from her Department or other bodies funded by her Department to a company (details supplied) for services in the past two years; if these contracts have any provision for extra payments based on performances and so on; the way that an employee who is assessed as fit to work by the company can appeal or seek alternative opinions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [63902/22]

\*736. To ask the Minister for Education when the ASD unit will be opened in a school (details supplied); the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [63950/22]

\*737. To ask the Minister for Education if the pick-up for school transport for a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63959/22]

\*738. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 272 of 6 December 2022, if she is satisfied with the situation whereby the State's capacity to address the issue of child sexual abuse at a location (details supplied) is contingent on its request to the religious order involved to retain all existing records relating to allegations of child sexual abuse; her views on the failure of the State to date to seize all existing records held by the religious order; the risk of evidence being destroyed; the assurances, if any, that she has received that this will not happen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [63962/22]

\*739. To ask the Minister for Education the funding that is available to improve parking and turning movements on primary school grounds in rural areas in which the 80km speed limit applies to ensure the safety of pupils, staff and parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1001/23]

\*740. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider favourably granting a contract of indefinite duration to a special education teacher, teaching in an offshore island school (details supplied) in view of the unique circumstances of the case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1003/23]

\*741. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will be made on a comprehensive building project for a school (details supplied) to include the replacement of a substandard 1959 building and the provision of an SEN 2 base; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1004/23]

\*742. To ask the Minister for Education the research that has been carried out by her Department into the benefits of ending the provision of homework for primary school pupils; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1028/23]

\*743. To ask the Minister for Education if he will provide an update on providing permanent accommodation for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [1086/23]



\*744. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 106 of 26 October 2022, if she will provide an update on a matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [1161/23]

\*745. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 458 of 18 October 2022, if she will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1162/23]

\*746. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [1167/23]

\*747. To ask the Minister for Education the status of works at a school (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [1196/23]

\*748. To ask the Minister for Education the current number of teachers on the substitute supply panel in Kildare; and the number in 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [1207/23]

\*749. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that there are many Irish students who have completed teacher training in the UK, but are prevented from returning home to assist with the present teacher shortage given that they have not yet completed a UK based probation; and if she has considered measures which would allow them to work in Ireland to complete their probation. — Richard Bruton. [1228/23]

\*750. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 323 of 6 December 2022, the position regarding a person (details supplied) being eligible for school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [1254/23]

\*751. To ask the Minister for Education if she has considered with the shortage of teachers at present allowing Irish students who trained in the UK to complete their induction period back in Ireland to allow them to teach in Ireland. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1280/23]

\*752. To ask the Minister for Education if records are kept on the number boys that leave the Killester, Raheny and Clontarf catchment for school; if she will provide an update on the three proposed school buildings in the Killester, Raheny and Clontarf school catchment; if those new school buildings will account for the number of boys who leave the catchment area for school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1286/23]

\*753. To ask the Minister for Education the percentage of parents who must seek a change in patronage of a school in order for it to be facilitated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [1310/23]

\*754. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that the number of students attending Irish-medium education be increased from 6.7% to 20% in the next 20 years in line with the objectives within the Official Languages (Amendment) Act 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1317/23]

\*755. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that a new gaelcholáiste will be established within five years in any school area that has a gaelcoil, but does not already have a gaelcholáiste; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1318/23]

\*756. To ask the Minister for Education her proposals to ensure that there will be an adequate supply of teachers for gaelscoileanna and gaelcholáistí over the next five years and beyond; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1319/23]

\*757. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that a secondary school (details supplied) has not been granted DEIS status; if the matter will be revised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [1332/23]

\*758. To ask the Minister for Education the total number of DEIS applications that have been received by schools in County Laois; and the procedure by which a school can lodge an appeal against a decision. — Charles Flanagan. [1333/23]

\*759. To ask the Minister for Education if there any plans for national schools in Palmerstown and Lucan to become part of the trial to move from Catholic patronage to non-denominational in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1335/23]

\*760. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 48 of 7 December 2022, the basis of the decision to deem two pupils (details supplied) as ineligible for school transport due to their location of residence.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [1340/23]

\*761. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an ASD unit for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [1350/23]

\*762. To ask the Minister for Education if the case of a child (details supplied) will be examined and a second level place provided for them. — Seán Canney. [1381/23]

\*763. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify the extent of the Castletroy area and its environs within the school planning area; if it specifically includes the Old Singland road and Bloodmill road, Limerick; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [1389/23]

\*764. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the permanent site for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [1448/23]

\*765. To ask the Minister for Education the specific delegated functions that have been transferred to Ministers of State appointed in December 2022, in tabular form; and the date of transfer. — Sean Sherlock. [1466/23]

\*766. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children currently on waiting lists for primary school places in Portlaoise; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [1492/23]

\*767. To ask the Minister for Education the name of the company or organisation or persons that were contracted to provide media training to her from 1 January 2021 to date; the costs incurred; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1503/23]

\*768. To ask the Minister for Education when a school bus service will be provided for Ukrainian children (details supplied) who are living in temporary hotel accommodation in County Meath. — Darren O'Rourke. [1526/23]

\*769. To ask the Minister for Education the options that are available to students who have been refused an Irish exemption; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1529/23]

\*770. To ask the Minister for Education the supports available to a child (details supplied). — Sorca Clarke. [1583/23]

\*771. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools that provided July provision in the past five years by county; the number of schools that propose to facilitate July provision in 2023 by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1594/23]

\*772. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the disposal of land by her Department to the Department of Health to provide a primary healthcare centre in Collinstown, Dublin 22; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1599/23]

\*773. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) will be included in the DEIS scheme due to the school demographic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [1608/23]

\*774. To ask the Minister for Education the average class size in primary and secondary schools per county in each of the past five academic years including 2022-2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1623/23]

\*775. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider waiving secondary level exam fees for Junior and Leaving Certificate exams to alleviate the financial burden on families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1658/23]

\*776. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [1660/23]

\*777. To ask the Minister for Education if she has any plans for additional secondary schools in the Sandyford/Stepaside/Dublin 18 area given the rising population and the lack of schools in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1681/23]

\*778. To ask the Minister for Education if he will provide an update on an application by a school (details supplied) for a permanent building to replace the existing prefabs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [1762/23]

\*779. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding a school (details supplied); if her Department has plans to utilise this building within the lifetime of the Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [1763/23]

\*780. To ask the Minister for Education the catchment area that Glenmore Woods, Mullingar, County Westmeath is in, in relation to the primary schools in Mullingar town and surrounding area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [1777/23]

\*781. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline when the long-awaited review of the school transport scheme is due to be completed and the recommendations published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1784/23]

\*782. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on an application for funding by a school (details supplied) for the completion of modular accommodation. — Cathal Crowe. [1793/23]

\*783. To ask the Minister for Education when consent as requested by a person (details supplied) will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [1877/23]

\*784. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that part-time tutors working with the ETB were not included under the recent national pay agreement for public sector pay increases; if consideration will be given to including them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1894/23]

\*785. To ask the Minister for Education when she expects the school transport review to be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [1899/23]

\*786. To ask the Minister for Education if she intends to continue the school transport temporary alleviation measures for the 2023-2024 school year; and if families with a medical card attending their second nearest post-primary school will continue to receive free school transport under these measures. — Ciarán Cannon. [1903/23]

\*787. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to review State examination accommodations for students with dyspraxia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1922/23]

\*788. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for a permanent school building; the reason for the delay in progressing the project given that the school has been situated in prefabricated buildings for over 29 years; if she will indicate a timeline for the commencement and completion of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1928/23]

\*789. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department assesses the number of medical card holders within a school as an accurate measurement of gathering vital information on pupils as opposed to the Eircode which can inaccurately represent families in regard to the data used to decide DEIS status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1937/23]

\*790. To ask the Minister for Education the hourly rates of pay for full-time and part-time tutors in the ETB for those who commenced tutoring prior to 2011 and since 2011; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1961/23]

\*791. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on an application by a school (details supplied) under the additional accommodation scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [1976/23]

\*792. To ask the Minister for Education her Department's plans, if any, to extend DEIS status to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [1977/23]

\*793. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied that there are a sufficient number of post-primary school places available in the west of Galway city to meet demand; the process that will be followed if some pupils are left with no offer of a place in a school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1979/23]

\*794. To ask the Minister for Education if an issue in relation to school transport (details supplied) will be examined and addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1980/23]

\*795. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that a child (details supplied) will be allocated a seat on their local school bus as a matter of urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1981/23]

\*796. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has plans to instate a uniform policy for schools in order to ensure that cost effective options are available to students and families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2040/23]

\*797. To ask the Minister for Education when a secondary school place will be provided for a student (details supplied) in County Westmeath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [2059/23]

\*798. To ask the Minister for Education if a special needs' assistant will be put in place for a child (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [2071/23]

\*799. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the decision by her Department to refuse an equipment grant for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [2077/23]

\*800. To ask the Minister for Education when the school transport division will provide school transport and tickets for students (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [2113/23]

\*801. To ask the Minister for Education when the school transport division will provide school transport and tickets for students (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [2115/23]

\*802. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that school transport has not commenced for a pupil (details supplied) in County Mayo who has severe additional physical needs, in view of the fact that the application for individual school transport was submitted on 1 September 2022 and the extreme hardship that the lack of school transport is causing to this pupil and their family; when school transport will commence for this pupil; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [2164/23]

\*803. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a process through which class sizes in post-primary schools are set; if schools are requested to hold places back for any reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2166/23]

\*804. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will intervene in a matter (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [2174/23]

\*805. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will be made on the appeals made by a person (details supplied) in County Meath against the decision not to be provided with school bus tickets this year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2178/23]

\*806. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that a school (details supplied) was not included as a DEIS school in the review in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2179/23]

\*807. To ask the Minister for Education if a place can be found for a child (details supplied) at a local primary school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [2193/23]

\*808. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she is satisfied that adequate steps have been taken to ensure the availability of sufficient new school or add-on accommodation in respect of each of the existing or proposed primary and post-primary schools and gaelscoileanna in Maynooth, County Kildare; the degree to which such provision is capable of meeting the demand in the current and subsequent years; if she has had correspondence from the various school authorities in this area which might indicate the state of readiness in respect of new or existing schools by one or other means; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2232/23]

\*809. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she is satisfied that adequate steps have been taken to ensure the availability of sufficient new school or add-on accommodation in respect of each of the existing or proposed primary and post-primary schools in Kilcock, County Kildare; the degree to which such provision is capable of meeting the demand in the current and subsequent years; if she has had correspondence from the various school authorities in this area which might indicate the state of readiness in respect of new or existing schools by one or other means; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2233/23]

\*810. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she is satisfied that adequate steps have been taken to ensure the availability of sufficient new school or add-on accommodation in respect of each of the existing or proposed primary and post-primary schools in Clane, County Kildare; the degree to which such provision is capable of meeting the demand in the current and subsequent years; if she has had correspondence from the various school authorities in this area which might indicate the state of readiness in respect of new or existing schools by one or other means; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2234/23]

\*811. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she is satisfied that adequate steps have been taken to ensure the availability of sufficient new school or add-on accommodation in respect of each of the existing or proposed primary and post-primary schools in Naas, County Kildare; the degree to which such provision is capable of meeting the demand in the current and subsequent years; if she has had correspondence from the various school authorities in this area which might indicate the state of readiness in respect of new or existing schools by one or other means; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2235/23]

\*812. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she is satisfied that adequate steps have been taken to ensure the availability of sufficient new school or add-on accommodation in respect of each of the existing or proposed primary and post-primary schools in Sallins, County Kildare; the degree to which such provision is capable of meeting the demand in the current and subsequent years; if she has had correspondence from the various school authorities in this area which might indicate the state of readiness in respect of new or existing schools by one or other means; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2236/23]

\*813. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she is satisfied that adequate steps have been taken to ensure the availability of sufficient new school or add-on accommodation in respect of each of the existing or proposed primary and post-primary schools in Kill, County Kildare; the degree to which such provision is capable of meeting the demand in the current and subsequent years; if she has had correspondence from the various school authorities in this area



which might indicate the state of readiness in respect of new or existing schools by one or other means; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2237/23]

\*814. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she is satisfied that adequate steps have been taken to ensure the availability of sufficient new school or add-on accommodation in respect of each of the existing or proposed primary schools in Rathcoffey, County Kildare; the degree to which such provision is capable of meeting the demand in the current and subsequent years; if she has had correspondence from the various school authorities in this area which might indicate the state of readiness in respect of new or existing schools by one or other means; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2238/23]

\*815. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she is satisfied that adequate steps have been taken to ensure the availability of sufficient new school or add-on accommodation in respect of each of the existing or proposed primary and post-primary schools in Prosperous, County Kildare; the degree to which such provision is capable of meeting the demand in the current and subsequent years; if she has had correspondence from the various school authorities in this area which might indicate the state of readiness in respect of new or existing schools by one or other means; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2239/23]

\*816. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she is satisfied that adequate steps have been taken to ensure the provision of a new primary school in Newtown, Enfield, County Kildare; the degree to which such provision is capable of meeting the demand in the current and subsequent years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2240/23]

\*817. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she is satisfied that adequate steps have been taken to ensure the availability of sufficient new school or add-on accommodation in respect of each of the existing or proposed primary and post-primary schools in Leixlip, County Kildare; the degree to which such provision is capable of meeting the demand in the current and subsequent years; if she has had correspondence from the various school authorities in this area which might indicate the state of readiness in respect of new or existing schools by one or other means; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2241/23]

\*818. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she is satisfied that adequate steps have been taken to ensure the availability of sufficient new school or add on accommodation in respect of each of the existing or proposed primary and post-primary schools in Celbridge, County Kildare; the degree to which such provision is capable of meeting the demand in the current and subsequent years; if she has had correspondence from the various school authorities in this area which might indicate the state of readiness in respect of new or existing schools by one or other means; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2242/23]

\*819. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she is satisfied that adequate steps have been taken to ensure the availability of sufficient new school or add-on accommodation in respect of each of the existing or proposed primary schools in Straffan, County Kildare; the degree to which such provision is capable of meeting the demand in the current and subsequent years, if she has had correspondence from the various school authorities in this area which might indicate the state of readiness in respect of new or existing schools by one or other means; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2243/23]

\*820. To ask the Minister for Education on the number of NEPS transition consultations for children who are transitioning out of primary school into secondary school that were conducted in 2022. — Holly Cairns. [2283/23]

\*821. To ask the Minister for Education the way that children can access NEPS transition consultations to assist them transitioning out of primary school into secondary school. — Holly Cairns. [2284/23]

\*822. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that she is taking to ensure that a higher education course (details supplied) for special needs assistants is accredited as a level 7 programme. — Holly Cairns. [2285/23]

\*823. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children who are waiting on a placement in ASD units in County Cork; her plans to open further units given that all units are currently full; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2286/23]

\*824. To ask the Minister for Education the schedule for the commencement and completion of construction of the long delayed permanent school (details supplied) in Enfield, County Meath, in view of the severe lack of school capacity in Enfield; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [2316/23]

\*825. To ask the Minister for Education the schedule for the commencement and completion of construction of the interim capacity for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [2317/23]

\*826. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to reports that second level schools in Lucan, County Dublin, have significant waiting lists for first year places for the 2023/2024 school year; the action that her Department is taking to ensure that there is increased capacity available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2327/23]

\*827. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has considered instating a standard policy across all second level schools in relation to school admission policies, particularly in areas in which capacity issues are apparent; if so, the outcome of the consideration; and if not, if consideration will be given to adopting such a policy. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2328/23]

\*828. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students that availed of the alternative Leaving Certificate in 2019, when first introduced; if students who have availed of this alternative paper have been asked for their opinion on the value of this recourse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [2336/23]

\*829. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an bhfuil i gceist aici aon chuid den 3.5 uair a chloig atá leagtha síos faoi láthair do mhúineadh na Gaeilge sa tseachtain ó rang an haon go rang a sé a ghearradh sa gCreat Nua Curaclaim Bunscoile; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2338/23]

\*830. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the new school building for a school (details supplied); the efforts that her Department is making to ensure that students are in the new building as soon as possible; the timeline for the completion of the building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [2348/23]

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

\*831. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an outline of the options available to a person (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [63159/22]

\*832. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Cork is entitled to homemaker's credits in respect of the period of time spent rearing their family; if the cumulative number of contributions paid including homemaking credits give them an entitlement to a State pension (contributory) or a reduced level of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [63169/22]

\*833. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will provide support for a person (details supplied) whose pension has been reduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [63184/22]

\*834. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that the recommendation from the review group on child maintenance to establish a child maintenance agency was ultimately rejected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Josepha Madigan. [63195/22]

\*835. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she agrees that the decision of not extending the one-off payment of €500 to those in receipt of the State pension is discriminatory, given that those in receipt of the State pension are also in need of financial support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [63201/22]

\*836. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) qualifies for fuel allowance given the recent changes in the income limits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63218/22]

\*837. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for carer's allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); when a decision is likely to issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63220/22]

\*838. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if advice will be provided in relation to the case of a person (details supplied); if the matter will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [63223/22]

\*839. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if use of a building (details supplied) is to be transferred to An Garda Síochána; if not, if it has instead been transferred to another Department, State agency or body; and if so, if she will provide the relevant details regarding this change of use. — Mary Lou McDonald. [63234/22]

\*840. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a working family payment claim for a person (details supplied); when a decision will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [63267/22]

\*841. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide specific figures on the average processing times for applications for additional needs payments by month from June 2022 to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [63273/22]

\*842. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide specific figures on the number of additional needs payment applications which have taken longer than four weeks to finalise in each of the months from June 2022 to date; if she will provide figures regarding the following timeframes; 5-8 weeks to process; 9-12 weeks to process, and more than 12 weeks to process in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [63274/22]

\*843. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will index link all social protection payments to meet the cost-of-living going forward; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [63283/22]

\*844. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she agrees with ETBI that the current rates for the school meal allowance scheme are unrealistic and causing the scheme to be unworkable; if she will request her Department to review the rates to bring them in line with current economic circumstances; and her views on extending the scheme to make it available to all students. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [63285/22]

\*845. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on whether the school meal allowance scheme should be funded and administered by the Department of Education. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [63286/22]

\*846. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision on a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied) will be decided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [63290/22]

\*847. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the pay claim by CE supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [63318/22]

\*848. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the community employment scheme; if there are plans to reform the CE schemes; if there is a strategy to combat recruitment challenges into the projects; if there is a cost breakdown of each of the projects; the number of persons currently availing of the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [63319/22]

\*849. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a carer's allowance review will be processed for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [63373/22]

\*850. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if all sections of all Acts passed in the past ten years have been commenced; the number of sections that are outstanding; the number of Acts that have review periods; if the reviews have taken place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [63388/22]

\*851. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will urgently address an issue with regard to recent cost-of-living payments whereby recipients of partial capacity are excluded from the relevant payments. — Robert Troy. [63398/22]

\*852. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that a person (details supplied) who is in receipt of domiciliary care allowance and the carer's support grant in respect of their son did not get the carer's support grant of €500 as part of the recently announced budget supports given that they did receive the disability bonus payment due to their being in receipt of disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [63423/22]

\*853. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when arrears will be paid out to a person (details supplied) following a review of their disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [63425/22]

\*854. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the living alone allowance is taken into account as means when assessing eligibility for the fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [63478/22]

\*855. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the establishment of a voucher scheme, included in Section 9 of the Irish Sign Language Act 2017, that would allow monies to be provided by the State to facilitate social inclusion of the deaf community through access to activities and non-public services via interpretation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [63516/22]

\*856. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the ‘voucher scheme’ under the terms of section 9 of the Irish Sign Language Act 2017 will be introduced on a permanent basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [63524/22]

\*857. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she will inform the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and the Islands in relation to a specific issue (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [63576/22]

\*858. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of a farm assist payment for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [63599/22]

\*859. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) can revert to their previous disability allowance payment to secure entitlement to the living alone allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [63610/22]

\*860. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that the flexibility for casual work which is available to jobseekers applying for jobseeker’s benefit is not also made available to jobseekers who are applying for jobseeker’s benefit self-employed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [63630/22]

\*861. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when section 9 of the Irish Sign Language Act 2017 will be established on a permanent basis (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [63644/22]

\*862. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are plans to review the guidelines on eligibility for the back-to-work enterprise allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [63646/22]

\*863. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current waiting time for applications for carer’s allowance; the number of persons awaiting a decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [63713/22]

\*864. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rationale for the rule that means that a person on deserted wife’s benefit is not entitled to the fuel allowance or the living alone allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63758/22]

\*865. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rationale for the rule that means that a person on deserted wife’s benefit is not entitled to the fuel allowance or the living alone allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63759/22]

\*866. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that hot lunches in Deis schools and underprivileged schools have been terminated (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [63848/22]

\*867. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will instruct the ETBI to provide details of the budgets provided for each school per year in relation to the issue regarding the cost of hot lunches in Deis schools and underprivileged schools. — Paul Murphy. [63849/22]

\*868. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide details of the type of food that is being provided in relation to the issue regarding the cost of hot lunches in Deis schools and underprivileged schools. — Paul Murphy. [63850/22]

\*869. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if each child gets €4.40 a day with a budget of €94.4 million and 60,000 children in relation to the cost of hot lunches in Deis schools and underprivileged schools; and if she will provide a breakdown of the expenditure in tabular form. — Paul Murphy. [63851/22]

\*870. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the person or body that holds the contract to provide hot lunches in Deis schools and underprivileged schools. — Paul Murphy. [63852/22]

\*871. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined and addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63858/22]

\*872. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [63883/22]

\*873. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine the case of a person (details supplied) regarding a contributory pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63920/22]

\*874. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the pathway for a PhD researcher (details supplied) to access maternity benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [63925/22]

\*875. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the case of a person (details supplied) who following allocation to council housing applied for the new home kit (exceptional needs payment) for flooring and were awarded significantly less than what is needed to complete the works; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [63930/22]

\*876. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Cork is entitled to the fuel allowance. — Michael Creed. [63938/22]

\*877. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [63999/22]

\*878. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a successful disability allowance appeal payment will be made to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [1015/23]



\*879. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider amending the eligibility criteria for participants in community employment schemes (details supplied); and if she will consider expanding the eligibility criteria, for example, the possibility of making Ukrainian immigrants eligible to participate in CE schemes and allowing people in receipt of jobseeker's for less than 12 months. — Robert Troy. [1091/23]

\*880. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a breakdown of exceptional needs payments under the supplementary welfare allowance paid in each month in 2021 and 2022; the total and individual value of each payment; and the total expenditure by category and month in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [1094/23]

\*881. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount spent on hearing aid grants under the treatment benefit scheme in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [1130/23]

\*882. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way that hearing aid suppliers are chosen for the treatment benefit scheme; if there are requirements around hearing aid manufacturers; the quality control that is implemented with regard to hearing aids provided by suppliers who are eligible for the grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [1131/23]

\*883. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the allowable differential between the cost price of the hearing aids provided to those eligible for treatment benefit scheme and the price charged to grant recipients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [1132/23]

\*884. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is a minimum standard of hearing aid specified under the treatment benefit scheme with specific features like noise reduction, tinnitus relief and so on. — Claire Kerrane. [1133/23]

\*885. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on applications by a person (details supplied) for the fuel allowance and the living alone allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1160/23]

\*886. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to increase the free electricity allowance in view of energy price increases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1179/23]

\*887. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on whether churches should be able to avail of relief for their electricity bills given the current energy crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1230/23]

\*888. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware of the case of a person (details supplied); if she will provide an update on the appeal he lodged with respect to the rejected application and an estimated date for when a decision will be made on the appeal; and if she will provide the necessary assistance as a matter of urgency. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [1233/23]

\*889. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the policy of her Department in relation to the provision of community employment scheme workers' contracts ending and no replacements for a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [1235/23]

\*890. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way that her Department assesses the means of a person on disability allowance; if it is assumed a civil partner will provide in lieu of the State in event of change of status; the assumptions that are being made regarding the cost of living in 2023; if she considers it feasible that a young couple could afford to pay rent and live off one salary within the means restrictions imposed by her Department regarding disability allowance; when the conditions were last reviewed; if she will undertake an urgent review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [1264/23]

\*891. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 253 of 15 December 2022, if she will provide updated figures on the claimants in each time period; the number of EIB claims received and the individuals claiming EIB up to the end of September 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1265/23]

\*892. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of illness benefit and disability allowance respectively due to long-Covid; her plans to consider long-Covid as an occupational illness for frontline workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1266/23]

\*893. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) will qualify for the benefit payment if they retire at the age of 65 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1272/23]

\*894. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that Enniscorthy Intreo office has failed to respond to a complaint submitted (details supplied) in June 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [1288/23]

\*895. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for the household benefit package now under appeal in the name of a person (details supplied) will be expedited and approved. — John McGuinness. [1341/23]

\*896. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average amount paid to recipients of social welfare schemes administered by her Department in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1422/23]

\*897. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount paid to the highest single recipient of social welfare schemes administered by her Department in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1423/23]

\*898. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of persons who are currently in receipt of a payment from a social welfare scheme administered by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1424/23]

\*899. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of claimants who are currently in receipt of the accommodation recognition payment; the total cost of payments made under this scheme to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1425/23]

\*900. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of Ukrainian refugees who are currently known to be accommodated by persons who are currently in receipt of the accommodation recognition payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1426/23]

\*901. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of hours a week the CWO is available for meetings with individuals in the Dún Laoghaire office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1441/23]

\*902. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way that an individual can best make an appointment to see the CWO in the Dún Laoghaire office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1447/23]

\*903. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will report on the implementation of the recommendations of the child maintenance review group. — Ivana Bacik. [1462/23]

\*904. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the specific delegated functions that have been transferred to Ministers of State appointed in December 2022, in tabular form; and the date of transfer. — Sean Sherlock. [1477/23]

\*905. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on her Department's position regarding the recognition of Covid-19 as an occupational disease for frontline health care workers in Ireland as per EU ACSH Agreement in May 2022 following the monitoring of the European Commission's work and recommendations in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [1497/23]

\*906. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the name of the company or organisation or persons that were contracted to provide media training to her from 1 January 2021 to date; the costs incurred; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1514/23]

\*907. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the future of the social welfare sub-office in Castletpollard, County Westmeath. — Robert Troy. [1523/23]

\*908. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who has been refused a carer's support grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [1524/23]

\*909. 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. — Sorca Clarke. [1584/23]

\*910. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of an application by a person (details supplied) for a PPSN; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [1597/23]

\*911. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 358 of 14 September 2022, if she will now make a similar decision in line with a number of EU member states in relation to the EU ACSH recommendation to recognise Covid-19 as an occupational injury under the occupational injuries benefit scheme for frontline health workers, in view of the fact that the majority of EU member states have now accepted same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [1598/23]

\*912. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) can qualify for a State pension (contributory) in light of the years of service that they have contributed to the workforce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [1706/23]

\*913. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the effect that the merger of the Kilbarrack and Coolock social protection offices has had; if a review of the merger been conducted; if the merged office has had a backlog of queries; if so, the size of the backlog; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1778/23]

\*914. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing the school meals programme by 7.5% and 15% respectively. — Alan Kelly. [1802/23]

\*915. 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. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1822/23]

\*916. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her Department's plans, if any, to extend the living alone allowance to those under the age of 66 years who are in receipt of a widow's, widower's or surviving civil partner's pension and are living alone; the estimated cost of extending the allowance to those in such circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [1911/23]

\*917. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made for the disability allowance review of a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [1912/23]

\*918. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if participants on CE schemes and rural social schemes qualify for the €500 cost-of-living grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [1938/23]

\*919. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if claims for illness benefit can be submitted online to her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [1992/23]

\*920. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of households that are receiving the over-70's fuel allowance; if there is a breakdown by local area in tabular form including Dún Laoghaire; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [2068/23]

\*921. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an appeal has been registered for a person (details supplied) as requested on 11 October 2022 by this Deputy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [2089/23]

\*922. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) in County Cork will receive a decision on their carers allowance application. — Michael Creed. [2105/23]

\*923. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of applications for disability allowance; the total number of successful first-time applications; the total number of appeals; the total number of successful and unsuccessful appeals; the total number of requests for a review and the number of successful and unsuccessful reviews in each of the past five years in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [2128/23]

\*924. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide clarification under the criteria for disability allowance of the term 'substantially' restricted due to one's disability from doing work under the criteria for disability allowance; the way that the criteria for being 'substantially'

restricted are determined when assessing an application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [2129/23]

\*925. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a review of a decision on a carers benefit application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2150/23]

\*926. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a domiciliary care allowance appeal in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2159/23]

\*927. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a carer's allowance appeal in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2160/23]

\*928. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a list of updated payment rates for core social protection payments from January 2023; and if she will provide this list in tabular form by payment. — Claire Kerrane. [2170/23]

\*929. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for carers allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); when a decision is likely to issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2177/23]

\*930. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the proposals that have been raised by an organisation (details supplied) with respect to making free travel passes available to persons diagnosed with epilepsy who are temporarily unable to drive due to their illness; the steps that have been taken since she met with the organisation in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2180/23]

\*931. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider reviewing the benefits available for those paying class S PRSI; if access to illness benefit will be extended to this group given the increased awareness and necessity for persons to isolate when ill from many illnesses and the increasing number of persons in this group who are on low or middle incomes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [2247/23]

\*932. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2326/23]

\*933. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has any plans to allow self-employed workers to claim illness benefit when they are out sick; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2373/23]

\*934. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a fuel allowance application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2402/23]

\*935. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a fuel allowance application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2403/23]

\*936. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a fuel allowance application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2405/23]

\*937. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps that she is taking to provide the school meals scheme in all DEIS and qualifying schools. — Holly Cairns. [2421/23]

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

\*938. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 577 of 18 October 2022, if provisions for maternity leave for Members of the Houses of the Oireachtas were not included in the Report Stage of the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2022 as committed to by him; and if he will clarify the way in which he now intends to advance this matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [63136/22]

\*939. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the management of a redress scheme for victims of abuse of an institution (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [63147/22]

\*940. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of the contract that his Department signed with a consulting company (details supplied) relating to the location of modular homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [63150/22]

\*941. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if it is the policy of his Department to support the introduction of so-called ‘community champions’ to engage with local communities around issues of concern relating to accommodation of international protection applicants or beneficiaries of temporary protection. — Carol Nolan. [63151/22]

\*942. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of additional staff who were allocated to his Department to deal with the intake of Ukrainian refugees; if those staff are still working within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [63170/22]

\*943. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of additional staff who were allocated to his Department to deal with the recent increased intake of asylum seekers; if those staff are still working within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [63171/22]

\*944. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason that he did not provide the Adoption Authority of Ireland with adequate resources in order to respond to all applications for early life information within the statutory timeframe; if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); the steps that he will take to ensure that they are provided with their information in a timely manner; and the steps that he intends to take to ensure that all applications are processed in line with statutory requirements. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [63303/22]

\*945. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide the data that was used to support the allocation of core funding to a sessional model of



preschool; if his Department will provide the data demonstrating the way that the allocation for a preschool with 22-children single session model is viable; and the way that variations in rent, geographical location, operating cost and inflation have been taken into account. — Peadar Tóibín. [63309/22]

\*946. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason that his Department is yet to respond to an offer of accommodation for Ukrainian refugees from a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [63358/22]

\*947. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige an aontaíonn an tAire go bhfuil géarghá le plean cuimsitheach chun tabhairt faoi na heasnaimh sa soláthar seirbhísí cúraim leanaí trí Ghaeilge agus sa luath-oideachas trí Ghaeilge sna limistéir pleanála teanga Gaeltachta agus gur cóir go rachfaí i ngleic ach go háirithe le cúrsaí oiliúna trí Ghaeilge a bhunú agus tuarastal ceart a chinntiú don fhoireann sna seirbhísí sin ar mná iad a bhformhór. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [63362/22]

\*948. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if all sections of all Acts passed in the past ten years have been commenced; the number of sections that are outstanding; the number of Acts that have review periods; if the reviews have taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [63376/22]

\*949. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige an aontaíonn an tAire go bhfuil géarghá le plean cuimsitheach le tabhairt faoi na heasnaimh sa soláthar maidir le seirbhísí cúram leanaí trí Ghaeilge agus ar luath-oideachas trí Ghaeilge sna limistéir phleanála teanga Gaeltachta agus go rachfaí i ngleic ach go háirithe le cúrsaí oiliúna trí Ghaeilge a bhunú agus tuarastal ceart a chinntiú don fhoireann sna seirbhísí sin ar mná iad a bhformhór. — Peadar Tóibín. [63402/22]

\*950. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for the number of social workers employed by Tusla in counties Louth and Meath in the years 2019 to 2022 inclusive; the number of vacancies that currently exist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [63410/22]

\*951. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the report by the National Disability Authority into the operation and implementation of the Irish Sign Language Act 2017 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [63433/22]

\*952. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if regulations are currently being drafted as per section 9 of the Irish Sign Language Act 2017, following the pilot scheme in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [63434/22]

\*953. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the regionalisation of community childcare offices. — Sorca Clarke. [63499/22]

\*954. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has considered the advantageous location the Westmeath community childcare office in Mullingar in terms of size, location and accessibility for a regional office service. — Sorca Clarke. [63500/22]

\*955. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding that has been applied for or is being considered in relation to the Grange building childcare facility in Mullingar, County Westmeath. — Sorca Clarke. [63501/22]

\*956. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the report on the operation of the Irish Sign Language Act 2017 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [63515/22]

\*957. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the National Disability Authority will publish its report on the operation of the Irish Sign Language Act 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [63523/22]

\*958. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the publication of the 'Operation of the ISL Act' report; if the Irish Sign Language Act 2017 'voucher scheme' will be implemented on a full-time basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [63526/22]

\*959. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the rationale for Ireland including a specific reservation to the provisions of the UNCRPD (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [63600/22]

\*960. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeframe for the publication of the National Disability Authority report on the operation of the Irish Sign Language Act 2017; the reason as to the delay in publishing the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [63736/22]

\*961. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeframe for the introduction of a permanent Irish sign language voucher scheme; if he will report on the pilot voucher scheme that ran in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [63737/22]

\*962. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if International Protection Accommodation Services is in the process of procuring factory premises in Shannon for the provision of accommodation to Ukrainian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63738/22]

\*963. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department is in the process of procuring factory premises in Shannon for the provision of additional accommodation capacity for persons in direct provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63739/22]

\*964. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on the timeline for the publication of the operation of the Irish Sign Language Act 2017; if he will establish the voucher scheme system for the funding of interpretation on a permanent basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [63740/22]

\*965. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the new childcare policy has made the model less flexible for those not availing of full-time childcare (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [63765/22]

\*966. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will urgently review a matter (details supplied) reported over the weekend that families have been given only 48 hours' notice before being moved to the other side of the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [63803/22]

\*967. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to establish a State inquiry into the practice of illegal adoptions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [63815/22]

\*968. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to ensure that all persons whose illegal birth registration is established in the future are entitled to financial support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [63816/22]

\*969. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of a buildings block grant for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63855/22]

\*970. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide information on the way that a person (details supplied) can access information on their redress claim through the mother-and-baby institutions payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [63901/22]

\*971. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to avoid housing international protection applicants in inappropriate or dangerous accommodation; and the position regarding contingency plans to avoid such situations arising when a shortage of accommodation arises. — Ivana Bacik. [63940/22]

\*972. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when an invoice (details supplied) will be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [63951/22]

\*973. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has plans to help support parents, especially single parent households in which significant deposits are required in order to enrol children in playschools and day care services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [1023/23]

\*974. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider a review to the Equal Status Acts 2000-2015 to ensure that trans persons and all members of the LGBTQ+ community are covered under protections in the legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [1063/23]

\*975. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a warehouse facility in Shannon, County Clare, is being converted for use as a Direct Provision centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1158/23]

\*976. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline for the progression of the Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme Bill 2022 through the Houses of the Oireachtas; the approximate timeframe for when the scheme itself will be open for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1159/23]

\*977. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated average cost of keeping an applicant for asylum in direct provision per year; and the total cost for same in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [1188/23]

\*978. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 186 of 14 December 2022, if he will provide this Deputy with copies of the five papers and technical annex submitted to his Department by the Department of Finance relating to the disabled drivers and disabled passengers' scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [1192/23]

\*979. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when childminders will be added to the national childcare scheme; if an interim measure will be introduced in order that parents who utilise a childminder and cannot get a place in a creche could avail of the reduction in childcare fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [1246/23]

\*980. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a list of all schools that have been used for temporary accommodation for Ukraine or IP refugees since January 2022 to date. — Joan Collins. [1247/23]

\*981. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has any plans to include education as a future ground for discrimination in the Employment Equality and Discrimination Act 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [1255/23]

\*982. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the Little Baby Bundle which will be distributed to 500 new parents in February 2023 will contain literature which will help or encourage parents to speak Irish with their children; if he will ensure that there will be books/information sheets regarding the benefits of bilingualism for the child; if the bundles will contain information about the local naíonraí/gaelscoileanna in their local area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [1308/23]

\*983. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when service providers of refugee accommodation (details supplied) will be paid. — John McGuinness. [1331/23]

\*984. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a person (details supplied) in County Mayo will be paid the significant monies owed to them in respect of accommodation which they provided to Ukrainian refugees, in view of the direct negative impact that it is having on this person's cashflow and the undue stress being caused to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [1374/23]

\*985. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the redress scheme will be open to applicants to apply for; the timeframe that the process is expected to take; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [1380/23]

\*986. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the optional protocol will be enacted to give credibility to the adoption of the UNCRPD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [1383/23]

\*987. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will list all locations at which more than ten Ukrainian refugees are being accommodated in counties Offaly, Laois, and Limerick city and county; the total number being accommodated at each location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1415/23]

\*988. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will list all locations at which new accommodation centres were established for asylum seekers from 1 January 2021 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1416/23]

\*989. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of Ukrainian refugees who are currently being accommodated in hotels or other accommodation under the relevant schemes administered by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1418/23]

\*990. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Ukrainian refugees who were accommodated in Ireland from February 2022 onwards but who have returned to Ukraine or who are known to have otherwise left the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1419/23]

\*991. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the specific delegated functions that have been transferred to Ministers of State appointed in December 2022, in tabular form; and the date of transfer. — Sean Sherlock. [1464/23]

\*992. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the name of the company or organisation or persons that were contracted to provide media training to him from 1 January 2021 to date; the costs incurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1501/23]

\*993. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the review of the county childcare committees will be completed; and when the regional hubs will be designated. — Robert Troy. [1525/23]

\*994. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of recruitment for the role of special rapporteur on child protection; when the role will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1562/23]

\*995. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the role of special rapporteur on child protection has been filled on an interim basis since the expiry of the term of the previous special rapporteur in July 2022 and until the new special rapporteur is in situ; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1563/23]

\*996. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to increase the stipend associated with the position of special rapporteur on child protection, as recommended in the 2022 Annual Report of the Special Rapporteur on Child Protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1564/23]

\*997. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for the provision of accommodation for Ukrainians; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [1627/23]

\*998. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will confirm the current portion of childcare fees that are paid by families, given the changes made to the national childcare scheme from 2 January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [1760/23]

\*999. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total funding paid out to all ELC and SAC services, including a breakdown of core funding element, in the years 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [1761/23]

\*1000. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the goods and services that accommodation providers are contractually obliged to provide to beneficiaries of temporary protection, in addition to accommodation and meals. — Mary Lou McDonald. [1821/23]

\*1001. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has worked to identify local accommodation solutions for those who are currently accommodated at an accommodation centre (details supplied) in County Louth; if he will provide an update on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [1941/23]

\*1002. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will intervene on the issue of core funding for a childcare service (details supplied) with both Tusla and Pobal and thereby ensure that these services can remain open whilst outstanding planning matters are resolved. — Michael Creed. [2000/23]

\*1003. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a further payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in respect of accommodation being provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [2051/23]

\*1004. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will investigate the reason that an organisation is refusing to accommodate a person (details supplied) who is deaf with an interpreter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [2073/23]

\*1005. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if provision will be made to ensure the ongoing viability of small, rural pre-schools which offer a vital service to communities in their local areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [2106/23]

\*1006. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many small, independent early learning and childcare facilities are experiencing serious financial difficulties as a result of the introduction of his Department's new core funding model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [2107/23]

\*1007. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department's new Core Funding Programme is putting service providers who only offer a pre-school service at a financial disadvantage when compared to larger providers who are in a position to offer the full range of early learning and childcare services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [2108/23]

\*1008. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a timeline for the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2022 to pass all legislative stages in Seanad Éireann; and the projected date for it to be signed into law. — Patrick Costello. [2151/23]

\*1009. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the lack of support that is available to parents who have tragically lost a child who is over one-year-old; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [2195/23]



\*1010. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on whether one charity, which is partly funded by Tulsa, offering eight sessions of counselling is not adequate to support those facing the loss of a child; and if he will outline his Department's plans to improve this and offer the supports needed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [2196/23]

\*1011. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on whether it is acceptable for parents who are suffering from the loss of their child to have no concrete answers in relation to the reason that their child passed away; if he will ensure that a full investigation is carried out into the sudden death of any child and provide their parents with full information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [2197/23]

\*1012. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason that supports are in place for those who have lost a child who is under one-year-of-age and not for those who lose a child that is over the age of one year; and if he will ensure that the supports needed are provided to all grieving parents. — Paul Murphy. [2198/23]

\*1013. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will immediately establish a new National Child Poverty Plan with a dedicated unit that encompasses an integrated and cross-governmental approach to address high levels of poverty in households headed by one parent. — Holly Cairns. [2265/23]

\*1014. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps that he is taking in response to individuals being informed that they will not be provided with their personal information within the statutory 90 days, under the Birth Information and Tracing Act 2022, by a State body (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [2266/23]

\*1015. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of additional staff who have been recruited to assist in processing applications for personal information made to a by a State body (details supplied) under the Birth Information and Tracing Act 2022. — Holly Cairns. [2267/23]

\*1016. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline for the working group to publish proposals in relation to Government funded transport and mobility schemes, including the disabled drivers and disabled passenger schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2310/23]

\*1017. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a person can avail of parental leave immediately after maternity leave eligibility expires; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [2311/23]

\*1018. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on removing the State's reservations to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2417/23]

\*1019. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the ratification of the Optional Protocol of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2418/23]

\*1020. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will ensure that the core funding for childcare/preschool services recognises the experience of persons working in the sector for many years in the provision of funding staff. — Holly Cairns. [2419/23]

\*1021. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will ensure that the core funding for childcare/preschool services provides funding for staff engaging in CPD to reach the required NFQ levels, including funding to provide in lieu staff coverage. — Holly Cairns. [2420/23]

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

\*1022. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the position regarding the review of the conditions of PhD work in Ireland; if his attention has been drawn to the demands from an organisation (details supplied) with regards to this review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [63156/22]

\*1023. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide further details in relation to the National Research Bill 2023. — Paul Murphy. [63300/22]

\*1024. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the review of the conditions of PhD work in Ireland will be complete; the considerations that he has given to the fair postgraduate workers agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [63326/22]

\*1025. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if all sections of all Acts passed in the past ten years have been commenced; the number of sections that are outstanding; the number of Acts that have review periods; if the reviews have taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [63383/22]

\*1026. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the situation which many apprentices find themselves in, where due to Covid-19 restrictions, off-the-job training phases were cancelled, leaving many without a definitive date for qualification, despite having spent more than four years in training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [63435/22]

\*1027. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to deal with the backlog in off-the-job training phases for apprentices which were cancelled due to Covid restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [63436/22]

\*1028. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the timeline and strategy for delivering the substantial increase in healthcare training (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [63450/22]

\*1029. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the income and expenditure from the national training fund for 2021 and 2022 and the allocation for 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [63483/22]

\*1030. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will change guidelines in order that returning emigrants who have spent at least three of the previous five years in Ireland can change their status to qualify for the free fees' initiative for any remainder of the college course that their children are attending; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [63490/22]

\*1031. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of management development training courses by Skillnet in each year for which data is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [63607/22]

\*1032. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the cost of processing a safepass renewal. — Paul Murphy. [63764/22]

\*1033. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will ensure that students who have changed courses in 2022 are eligible to the €1,000 Government contribution to student fees (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [63821/22]

\*1034. 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. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63823/22]

\*1035. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there are plans to review the pay, terms and conditions of personal assistants who work with students with additional needs who are undertaking level-five and six courses in educational institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [63919/22]

\*1036. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the plans, if any, to increase the number of third level courses for urban and rural planners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [63990/22]

\*1037. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the plans that are in place to dramatically increase the number of third level courses for marine planners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [63991/22]

\*1038. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he proposes to introduce new rules pertaining to the level of pay that apprentices should receive, in light of the fact that many are in receipt of payments that are less than the national minimum wage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1077/23]

\*1039. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprenticeship registrations in the construction sector by type in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1106/23]

\*1040. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps that he has taken to ensure that students from Northern Ireland are given access to the EU Erasmus study abroad programme despite Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1252/23]

\*1041. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will clarify in relation to the draft code of practice proposed for the ELE sector; if his Department

or the QQI will meet with private providers in advance of implementing any proposals (details supplied); if they will clarify any areas that may require explanation; and if he will clarify issues (details supplied). — Bríd Smith. [1283/23]

\*1042. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if consideration will be given to the granting of interest-free loans to students entering a graduate programme in medicine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1328/23]

\*1043. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if consideration will be given to allowing graduate students entering medicine to be treated as an undergraduate student, in order that they may be eligible for the SUSI grant scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1329/23]

\*1044. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if consideration will be given to increasing the number of places in third level institutions for medicine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1330/23]

\*1045. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the application process to join CERN; and the timeline for when it will be completed (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [1363/23]

\*1046. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the specific delegated functions that have been transferred to Ministers of State appointed in December 2022, in tabular form; and the date of transfer. — Sean Sherlock. [1471/23]

\*1047. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the name of the company or organisation or persons that were contracted to provide media training to him from 1 January 2021 to date; the costs incurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1508/23]

\*1048. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the options that are available to students applying to NUI colleges who have a dyslexia and dyscalculia diagnosis and an Irish exemption recommendation from an educational psychologist but have not been granted an Irish exemption by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1528/23]

\*1049. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of applications that were made for the SUSI grant in the past four academic years per county in tabular form; the number of those applications that were successful; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1593/23]

\*1050. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding refugee status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1606/23]

\*1051. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of approved safepass organisations providing safepass training for each of the years 2018 to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [1661/23]

\*1052. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of safepasses that were certified for each of the years 2018 to 2022; his plans, if any,

to increase the volume of certified safe passes to be granted in 2023; if he will address the delays in accessing safepass courses and registration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [1662/23]

\*1053. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the oversight he has in the pricing of safepass courses and to account for the significant increase in cost in accessing some safepass courses over the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [1663/23]

\*1054. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider including students who repeat a year or change course in the €1,000 Government contribution to the student contribution for free fee scheme students in the 2022 to 2023 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [1682/23]

\*1055. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the plans to standardise the access and eligibility criteria across ETB YouthReach and Community Training centre YouthReach programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [1764/23]

\*1056. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the operational guidelines working group reported on the review of the operational guidelines applying to CTCs, specialist training provision and local training initiatives to the ETB FET directors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [1765/23]

\*1057. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps that are being taken to ensure that all students of the BSc in paramedics studies in the University of Limerick can undertake their 12-month internship in an emergency ambulance with the National Ambulance Service, instead of having to complete this required internship in the UK as is currently the case; if he has engaged with UL and the NAS in relation to this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [1829/23]

\*1058. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a letter detailing further required information in respect of submitted appeal has now issued to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1957/23]

\*1059. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the terms of reference with regard to the consideration of a location for a new veterinary school; if he is confident that any newly-established courses will be internationally accredited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1960/23]

\*1060. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there has been a change since September 2022 in relation to the provision of adult education classes being provided by ETB towards only funding courses leading to accreditation and moving away from an emphasis on those who only wish to acquire a skill for their own use and fulfilment and do not need or focus on accreditation; if this change of direction has been instructed by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2337/23]

\*1061. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his engagement with the Minister for Health to increase the number of graduates from clinical

therapies, including but not limited to occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy and psychology to address shortages in the health services. — Holly Cairns. [2427/23]

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

\*1062. To ask the Minister for Justice if he met with the Legal Aid Board in 2022; if he has received any request from the Board for additional staff resources in recent times; if he will review the supports currently available for this important work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [63153/22]

\*1063. To ask the Minister for Justice his views on the need to collate data on the number of assaults perpetrated against transport workers, such as taxi drivers, bus drivers, and rail staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [63187/22]

\*1064. To ask the Minister for Justice if the requisite visas and residency permits can issue in the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63222/22]

\*1065. To ask the Minister for Justice if any consideration is being given to extending visa-free travel to tourists from Colombia as was done in Britain on 9 November 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [63224/22]

\*1066. To ask the Minister for Justice the rationale for outsourcing visa application in Colombia to a company (details supplied); the duration and annual cost of the contract; the number of countries in which the company has responsibility for processing applications for Irish visas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [63226/22]

\*1067. To ask the Minister for Justice if he and or his officials undertook any due diligence in the context of security and duty of care to service users in respect of the renting of a premises (details supplied) in Waterford; and if his attention has been drawn to concerns in respect of service users. — Catherine Murphy. [63281/22]

\*1068. To ask the Minister for Justice if applications for naturalisation have been submitted in the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63282/22]

\*1069. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of semi-automatic centre fire rifles that have been licensed by An Garda Síochána in each of the years 2015 to 2022; if he has plans to adjust this date; if he will instruct his Department to consult with persons who own such firearms before signing off on such legislation via an appointed group; and if the State will compensate Irish citizens for their loss of property given that this proposal will affect persons who have invested large sums in these firearms in some cases (details supplied). — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [63321/22]

\*1070. To ask the Minister for Justice if a visa application will be considered in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63336/22]

\*1071. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of asylum applications by month from January 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [63440/22]



\*1072. To ask the Minister for Justice if the processing of visas for persons coming to Ireland from Vietnam, following the approval of a work permit, is slower than it is for other countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63459/22]

\*1073. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a full list of the successful applicants of the community safety innovation fund, by electoral area, and funds awarded in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [63465/22]

\*1074. To ask the Minister for Justice the current list of countries for which family reunification programmes exist; and the other countries that are being considered for entry to or removal from the programmes. — Sorca Clarke. [63503/22]

\*1075. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress that has been made to date in the determination of an application as part of the undocumented scheme in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63589/22]

\*1076. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who have been imprisoned for contempt of court for each of the past ten years; the length of the average imprisonment term for contempt of court in each of these years; and the longest imprisonment term for contempt of court in the same period. — Peadar Tóibín. [63595/22]

\*1077. To ask the Minister for Justice the communication activities and the form in which his Department engaged in 2022 that specifically targeted Albanian and Georgian nationals to draw their attention to the Irish asylum programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [63601/22]

\*1078. To ask the Minister for Justice the protocols that apply to Albanian and Georgian citizens who register for refugee protection in Ireland understanding that no conflicts are presently ongoing in those countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [63602/22]

\*1079. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new applications for asylum status from Georgian and Albanian migrants in the past three years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [63603/22]

\*1080. To ask the Minister for Justice the process for naturalisation of a child born in Ireland where their parents are non-EU citizens and legally resident in Ireland. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [63608/22]

\*1081. To ask the Minister for Justice the support that is provided to victims of crime for an inquest dealing with the death of a family member. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [63618/22]

\*1082. To ask the Minister for Justice his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63679/22]

\*1083. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to security details at Limerick Courthouse at Mulgrave Street, Limerick. — Maurice Quinlivan. [63689/22]

\*1084. To ask the Minister for Justice if his attention has been drawn to delays in the probate system; the plans to reduce wait times for families and persons caught up in these delays. — Steven Matthews. [63695/22]

\*1085. To ask the Minister for Justice if a Filipino citizen who is married to an Irish citizen but is residing in the Philippines can apply for Irish citizenship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [63705/22]

\*1086. To ask the Minister for Justice when a decision will be made on an application for a visa (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [63710/22]

\*1087. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason that he plans to revoke certificates of centre-fire semi-automatic rifles which have been issued post-18 September 2015; if compensation will be offered to persons having their firearms revoked; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [63720/22]

\*1088. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of bench warrants currently outstanding in Kildare; the number that were outstanding for more than 6 and 12 months; and the number that were outstanding for over 2, 4 and 5+ years. — Patricia Ryan. [63726/22]

\*1089. To ask the Minister for Justice if his attention has been drawn to the fact that that the final report of the Study on Familicide and Domestic Homicide Reviews was submitted to his Department for consideration in July 2022; and the reason for the delay in publishing same. — Mary Lou McDonald. [63771/22]

\*1090. To ask the Minister for Justice the current status of the Protected Disclosure made by a person (details supplied). — Brian Stanley. [63802/22]

\*1091. To ask the Minister for Justice when Ireland intends to ratify the Optional Protocol to the CRC on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2000, and signed by Ireland in 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [63817/22]

\*1092. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason for the delay in processing an application as part of the undocumented scheme in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63819/22]

\*1093. To ask the Minister for Justice if his Department has any plans to establish a statutory compensation scheme for prison officers similar to the compensation scheme that is in place for members of An Garda Síochána who sustain personal injuries in the performance of their duties which helps affected gardaí get support for their recovery and compensates them for their injuries. — Louise O'Reilly. [63834/22]

\*1094. To ask the Minister for Justice the timeline, if any, that the Government has to introduce Court and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2022, to allow barristers and solicitors to jointly provide legal services in Ireland. — Thomas Gould. [63922/22]

\*1095. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application for regularisation under the undocumented scheme for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [63952/22]

\*1096. To ask the Minister for Justice if he agrees that there needs to be more resources provided to make the citizenship application process more efficient (details supplied); and the steps that have been taken and are planned to help tackle this issue going forward. — Paul Murphy. [63978/22]

\*1097. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will confirm his role in the staff recognition programme for the Irish Prison Service; if he will outline the guidelines and or protocols that are used to determine whether the service rendered of a member of the prison staff services merits a recognition award or Stack medal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [64002/22]

\*1098. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will set out the establishment number and the current number in the Garda Reserve force; if the Garda Commissioner plans to recruit additional members during the course of 2023; if a review has taken place of the role and function of the Garda Reserve; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [1017/23]

\*1099. To ask the Minister for Justice the current timeframe for the processing of citizenship applications; the number of applications processed in each of the years 2020 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1098/23]

\*1100. To ask the Minister for Justice the current timeframe for the processing of citizenship applications in view of the fact that it is over 35 months since an application (details supplied) was first lodged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1099/23]

\*1101. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a current update on an application for Irish citizenship by a person (details supplied) in County Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [1100/23]

\*1102. To ask the Minister for Justice the average application for asylum processing time in Ireland; the longest application processing time; and the number of persons who are currently having their applications for asylum processed. — Peadar Tóibín. [1187/23]

\*1103. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who have applied for asylum who have been repatriated in each of the past ten years; and the number who have applied for asylum who have been repatriated due to a previous criminal record coming to light in their home country and or due to a criminal record incurred in Ireland, respectively. — Peadar Tóibín. [1189/23]

\*1104. To ask the Minister for Justice the breakdown of the staffing levels in his Department and associated agencies dedicated to processing international protection applications in each of the years 2015 to 2022, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [1199/23]

\*1105. To ask the Minister for Justice the breakdown of the average wait times to process international protection applications in each of the years 2015 to 2022. — Pa Daly. [1200/23]

\*1106. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of marked motorcycles attached to Garda roads policing units in 2021 and 2022; and the number of motorcycles withdrawn from unit during this period. — Catherine Murphy. [1213/23]

\*1107. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding will be provided for the replacement of the two dive trucks within Garda water unit. — Catherine Murphy. [1214/23]

\*1108. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of vetting applications processed by the Garda national vetting unit in 2022; and the average processing time. — Catherine Murphy. [1215/23]

\*1109. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new unmarked Garda cars and vans allocated to the Garda national immigration bureau in 2022; and the number of cars and vans withdrawn from the GNIB during this period. — Catherine Murphy. [1217/23]

\*1110. To ask the Minister for Justice when a person may make a claim for compensation under the terms outlined in the Garda Síochána (Compensation) Act 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1234/23]

\*1111. To ask the Minister for Justice if there is an update as to when the legislation Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person (Stalking) Bill 2021 will be passed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [1242/23]

\*1112. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the review of the security of members of the Houses of the Oireachtas which An Taoiseach requested the Garda Commissioner to carry out; the actions that have been carried out as part of this review; when the outcome of the review will be communicated to members of the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [1352/23]

\*1113. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applicants for international protection that were dealt with under the single application procedure in 2022. — Pa Daly. [1386/23]

\*1114. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a breakdown of the number of applicants for international protection in each of the years 2012 to 2022, cross-tabulated with applicants' final decision status in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [1395/23]

\*1115. To ask the Minister for Justice if there has been any review of the Garda vetting system to avoid a situation where the same person is required to go through more than one vetting by different organisations within 12 months to fulfil the criteria for different roles, such as a person qualified and vetted to be a counsellor who has also been required to get a second Garda vetting to continue as a teacher; if there is a possibility of creating a system where a single Garda vetting could be transferred between roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [1405/23]

\*1116. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of Ukrainian refugees who have been welcomed to Ireland to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1417/23]

\*1117. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has had interactions with his counterparts in other EU member states and with relevant agencies in relation to Ukrainian refugees who fled to EU states but have since returned to Ukraine; if his attention has been drawn to the estimated number who have returned to Ukraine to date based on those interactions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1420/23]

\*1118. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of applications for asylum received in each year from 2016 to 2022; the number of applications which were approved and rejected in those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1421/23]

\*1119. To ask the Minister for Justice if his attention has been drawn to the anomaly which arises for Stamp 3 visa holders, particularly as it applies to the children of critical care workers (details supplied); if he considers it fair that under these Stamp 3 visa restrictions, these children, many of whom are in full-time secondary education, are not allowed to work part-time, and the problems that this will give rise to, given recent proposals to accredit work experience for the Leaving Certificate; if he will outline any changes which he plans in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [1456/23]

\*1120. To ask the Minister for Justice the specific delegated functions that have been transferred to Ministers of State appointed in December 2022, in tabular form; and the date of transfer. — Sean Sherlock. [1474/23]

\*1121. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will clarify whether it is required for those applying for performance short stay C visas to provide original passport documents; if his attention has been drawn to reports that this was not the case previously, and that the issue is presenting considerable issues for music and arts festivals and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [1483/23]

\*1122. To ask the Minister for Justice if his attention has been drawn to reports that convictions under the Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Act 2020 to date have not been deployed to PULSE. — Mary Lou McDonald. [1485/23]

\*1123. To ask the Minister for Justice the breakdown of the fines issued as a result of the vans; the related speed zones within which these fines relate to for example 50km/hour, 80km/hour and 100km/hour zones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [1496/23]

\*1124. To ask the Minister for Justice the name of the company or organisation or persons that were contracted to provide media training to him from 1 January 2021 to date; the costs incurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1511/23]

\*1125. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in processing an application in the case of a person (details supplied); if documentation sent to his office on 16 November 2022 has been received and is being processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1527/23]

\*1126. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of 1250cc and 1500cc motorcycles that are in the Garda fleet as of 9 January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [1533/23]

\*1127. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a list of justice youth diversion programmes in County Roscommon, including the location, funding amount and number of young persons engaged in each programme in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [1534/23]

\*1128. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress that has been made to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1535/23]

\*1129. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress that has been made to date in respect of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); when it is expected that this case will conclude; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1541/23]

\*1130. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will meet with a person (details supplied) who has suffered significantly while working for the State due to a number of serious incidents that have happened in Portlaoise Prison. — Peadar Tóibín. [1542/23]

\*1131. To ask the Minister for Justice the way that alcohol was smuggled into Portlaoise Prison on New Year's Eve. — Peadar Tóibín. [1543/23]

\*1132. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a breakdown of the distribution of the additional €7 million to be provided to organisations funded by Tusla to address acute demands in existing domestic, sexual and gender-based violence services, and for investment in new services as outlined in the third national strategy implementation plan in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [1565/23]

\*1133. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will review the case of a child (details supplied); if any updated information in relation to this case will be made available to them; if the process will be expedited given the circumstances. — Paul Murphy. [1629/23]

\*1134. To ask the Minister for Justice if the European Union is centrally coordinating destination selection for those seeking safe haven in the context of the effective and efficient accommodation of refugees fleeing war-torn Ukraine. — Marc MacSharry. [1707/23]

\*1135. To ask the Minister for Justice the methodology that is being used to select the destination, arrange travel and accommodate those seeking safe haven from the war in the Ukraine assuming that there is European Union coordination at some level (details supplied). — Marc MacSharry. [1708/23]

\*1136. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason for the apparent inferior figures among some European Union member states compared to Ireland's commitments in relation to an issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [1709/23]

\*1137. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times that members of An Garda Síochána seized knives in each of the past ten years in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [1729/23]

\*1138. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1735/23]

\*1139. To ask the Minister for Justice the current and or expected position in respect of an application for family reunification in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1738/23]

\*1140. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated full-year cost in each of the next three years if 1,200 new gardaí were recruited per year in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [1799/23]

\*1141. To ask the Minister for Justice if his officials have considered an application for citizenship by a person (details supplied) who was born in the United Kingdom but is married to an Irish citizen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [1893/23]

\*1142. To ask the Minister for Justice when a decision will be made on an appeal submitted by a person (details supplied) against the refusal of a family reunion visa in respect of their spouse who wishes to join them through their period of study for the completion of a PhD in the South East Technological University; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [2002/23]

\*1143. To ask the Minister for Justice when a decision will be made in relation to a family reunion visa in respect of the spouse and child of a person (details supplied); if he will give favourable consideration to allowing this person's spouse and child to join them for the duration of their PhD research work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [2005/23]



\*1144. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will discuss with the Garda Commissioner the challenges being faced by Gardai in Tallaght, Dublin 24 in respect of constant anti-social behaviour and attacks on Dublin Bus services in Tallaght west.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [2075/23]

\*1145. To ask the Minister for Justice the current processing times for citizenship applications to include the categories for EU nationals, international applicants and applications based on marriage to an Irish citizen; the additional resources that are being allocated to this section of his Department to reduce these processing times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [2103/23]

\*1146. To ask the Minister for Justice when it is expected that the new County Registrar for County Louth, based in Dundalk Courthouse, will be appointed. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [2109/23]

\*1147. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of safe homes only operational in December 2021 and December 2022, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [2146/23]

\*1148. To ask the Minister for Justice if an application for an EU3 permanent residence card by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed and expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [2155/23]

\*1149. To ask the Minister for Justice the options that are available to a person (details supplied) to have their spouse and child join them in this jurisdiction, whose application for family reunification was recently refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2225/23]

\*1150. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of refugee spaces for victims and survivors of domestic violence and gender-based violence currently being funded by his Department in each county in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [2308/23]

\*1151. To ask the Minister for Justice if the recruitment campaign for the additional Data Protection Commissioner posts will be advertised abroad; if not, if they will be advertised just within the State; when the posts will be advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [2340/23]

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

\*1152. To ask the Minister for Health the number of mother and babies who were discharged from maternity hospitals directly into homeless services in 2022, broken down by month and by region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1150/23]

\*1153. To ask the Minister for Health further to his response to questions on promised legislation on 30 November 2022 regarding the long-Covid clinic at the Mater Hospital, the current status of the clinic. — Denis Naughten. [62909/22]

\*1154. To ask the Minister for Health when the community neurorehabilitation team for CHO6 (details supplied) will be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [63143/22]

\*1155. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the issue of the drug cariban used in pregnancy to treat hyperemesis gravidarum (details supplied). — Gino Kenny. [63144/22]

\*1156. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to reports that some patients with cancer coming to Ireland from Ukraine, who were undergoing chemotherapy treatments in the Ukraine, could not continue these treatments due to their not being available in Ireland; the actions taken to rectify this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [63145/22]

\*1157. To ask the Minister for Health the amount that the State has paid under the treatment abroad scheme for patients to travel to other EU member states or the UK to have pharmacological treatments that were not reimbursed yet in Ireland, such as cellular therapies or gene therapies, in the years 2020 to 2022. — Jim O’Callaghan. [63146/22]

\*1158. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding that has been allocated to the early intervention psychosis national clinical programme in the HSE for developing three new early intervention in psychosis teams in 2023, as per Sharing the Vision in Budget 2023. — Mark Ward. [63154/22]

\*1159. To ask the Minister for Health when the staff at a facility (details supplied) will be awarded the pandemic recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [63155/22]

\*1160. To ask the Minister for Health when staff at a facility (details supplied) will receive their pandemic bonus payment. — Louise O’Reilly. [63157/22]

\*1161. To ask the Minister for Health the entitlements that are available for children under seven years of age in terms of early intervention healthcare such as dental checks, hearing tests, eye tests and general medical check-ups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [63158/22]

\*1162. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is appropriate that ambulances are coming from as far away as Rathkeale in response to emergency calls from patients in Limerick city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [63162/22]

\*1163. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the services and specialists available in Ireland for persons diagnosed with EDS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [63163/22]

\*1164. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of funding provided to long-Covid clinics, per clinic, including details of funding spent on the long-Covid clinic itself and any funding that was spent on other, non-long-Covid related expenses in tabular form. — Paul Murphy. [63164/22]

\*1165. To ask the Minister for Health if he can confirm whether St. Vincent’s has officially agreed to take on long-Covid clinic patients from the Mater Hospital should the clinic there need to close due to a lack of funding provided (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [63165/22]

\*1166. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time GPs operating in each county for the years 2012 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [63172/22]

\*1167. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make the drug ozempic available on the drugs payment scheme (details supplied). — Gino Kenny. [63185/22]

\*1168. To ask the Minister for Health if he will define the term ‘blue-light’ distance when used in the context of maternity service, in particular the provision of home birth supports; if this is a term used by the National Ambulance Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [63188/22]

\*1169. To ask the Minister for Health when the review and or investigations into water births will be completed; the date on which water births will be facilitated for those home-birthing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [63189/22]

\*1170. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the studies, analysis and evidence used to support the decision of the HSE to limit, due to safety concerns, all home-birth services outside a 30-minute blue-light distance from their nearest maternity service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [63190/22]

\*1171. To ask the Minister for Health the counties in which the HSE home birth service is provided; if County Wicklow is one of the counties where the service is fully available; if there has been any reduction in the availability of this service recently and or if any changes to the services are proposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [63191/22]

\*1172. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide approval for a patient (details supplied) to be fitted with chrome cobalt palate free dentures. — Robert Troy. [63212/22]

\*1173. To ask the Minister for Health the date by which workers employed by organisations (details supplied) will be paid the pandemic recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [63219/22]

\*1174. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [63243/22]

\*1175. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details in relation to the recruitment drive by the National Ambulance Service for qualified paramedics (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [63261/22]

\*1176. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update regarding the establishment of the promised inquiry on the historical licensing and prescribing of sodium valproate; when he expects that the inquiry will be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [63262/22]

\*1177. 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. — Bríd Smith. [63263/22]

\*1178. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [63265/22]

\*1179. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [63268/22]

\*1180. To ask the Minister for Health the number of external Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council-registered qualified paramedics who applied for positions with the National Ambulance Service; the number of successful candidates since 2016, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [63271/22]

\*1181. To ask the Minister for Health if there are adequate numbers of Irish sign language interpreters to provide services for persons with hearing difficulties in hospital; the process involved in securing an Irish sign language interpreter for inpatients and outpatients; the way that such interpreters are sourced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [63276/22]

\*1182. To ask the Minister for Health when the routine eye examinations and glasses for persons with medical cards under the community ophthalmic services scheme fee increase will come into effect; the amount of an increase that there will be; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63295/22]

\*1183. To ask the Minister for Health the proposed start date for the implementation of the proposals in the National Clinical Programme for Ophthalmology; and the start date for the transfer of care of children aged 8+ years to local private optometrists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63305/22]

\*1184. To ask the Minister for Health if funding is in place for the development of the community model for eye care, which covers cataract assessment, paediatrics and macular disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63306/22]

\*1185. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting time for access to ophthalmology services in respect of each HSE division; the total number that are currently waiting for an appointment in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63307/22]

\*1186. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the establishment of the promised inquiry on the historical licensing and prescribing of sodium valproate; when he expects the inquiry to be established given that families are anxiously waiting for the announcement of the sodium valproate inquiry by the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [63311/22]

\*1187. 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 status of discussions between the HSE and his Department to improve access to services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [63312/22]

\*1188. To ask the Minister for Health if money raised from the sale of Dundrum Hospital is earmarked for services; if so, the services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [63313/22]

\*1189. To ask the Minister for Health the State investment that was given toward the construction of a facility (details supplied) in County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [63314/22]

\*1190. To ask the Minister for Health the State investment that was given toward the renovation of a specialist intellectual disability service at a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [63315/22]

\*1191. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a primary medical certificate for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63316/22]

\*1192. To ask the Minister for Health if the proposed 96-bed medical ward block at Wexford General Hospital is at a detailed design stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [63323/22]

\*1193. To ask the Minister for Health if he has had any further contact with the HSE in respect of the future use of the lands of the former nursing home at Crooksling; if he will appreciate the widespread interest regarding the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [63327/22]

\*1194. To ask the Minister for Health if he will identify the beneficial owners of two properties (details supplied) in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [63329/22]

\*1195. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a child (details supplied) who has been referred to see a neurologist at Temple Street Children's Hospital and has yet to receive an appointment date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [63331/22]

\*1196. To ask the Minister for Health if access to a local GP will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63332/22]

\*1197. To ask the Minister for Health when consistent access and visitation will be facilitated between persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63338/22]

\*1198. To ask the Minister for Health if the decision will be reviewed to not award all or the majority of the costs to be reimbursed to a person (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [63343/22]

\*1199. To ask the Minister for Health if an emergency medical card will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63344/22]

\*1200. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who, following a referral one year ago to the orthopaedic unit at University Hospital Limerick, has yet to receive an appointment date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [63351/22]

\*1201. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE region in the country that has the lowest ratio of whole-time equivalent clinicians as per 100 children of any children's disability network team; if he will outline the ratio; the way that it compares to the ratio in north Tipperary and in south Tipperary, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63363/22]

\*1202. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who are currently on a waiting list to be seen by a psychologist in the south Tipperary children's disability network team; the total number of patients that the children's disability network team has in south Tipperary; the staffing levels that are in place in the south Tipperary children's disability network team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63364/22]

\*1203. To ask the Minister for Health if all sections of all Acts passed in the past ten years have been commenced; the number of sections that are outstanding; the number of Acts that have review periods; if the reviews have taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [63384/22]

\*1204. To ask the Minister for Health if the Saolta group accepts the serious consequences to a hospital (details supplied) if the withdrawal of college trainees occurs on 1 July 2023 due to a failure in compliance to the national clinical programme for anaesthesia towards training accreditation from the College of Anaesthesiology of Ireland, and the knock-on effect concerning adequate on-call cover for acute emergency services, especially maternity services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [63408/22]

\*1205. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on HSE national funding through the national clinical programme and acute hospitals for four new consultant anaesthesiology posts at a hospital (details supplied) supported by the Saolta Group in April 2022 to allow the recommended on-call rota cover of two consultants and two NCHDs; the reason that the hospital is an outlier and has not been prioritised like similar model 3 hospitals in Sligo and Letterkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [63409/22]

\*1206. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the staffing complement at the CAMHS facility in Drogheda, County Louth covering south Louth and east Meath as of 1 December 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [63411/22]

\*1207. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in counties Louth and Meath who are on a waiting list for their first appointment with CAMHS locally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [63412/22]

\*1208. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists, speech and language therapists and clinical psychologists in post as of 1 December 2022 at the south Louth and east Meath CAMHS service in Drogheda, County Louth; the HSE's plans to fill any vacant positions; the alternative supports that the HSE is prepared to provide to children who require specialist supports through the aforementioned disciplines in cases in which such posts are vacant; if the HSE plans to engage contractors in these specialist areas in the interim to provide the necessary professional supports to young people in the area who are clients of the local CAMHS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [63413/22]

\*1209. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a process through which a person can be allocated a GP in order for the person to avail of combined care in circumstances (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [63416/22]

\*1210. To ask the Minister for Health when he intends to publish the report into the secondment of the former Chief Medical Officer to a position in Trinity College Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [63417/22]



\*1211. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63422/22]

\*1212. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will assist a person (details supplied) to find and register with a GP service providing maternity care where the person has been unable to find a GP with capacity to take on any new patients. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63424/22]

\*1213. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update regarding the establishment of an inquiry into the licensing and prescribing of sodium valproate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [63429/22]

\*1214. 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 services within their communities following a diagnosis; if he will provide an update on engagement between the HSE and his Department to improve access to services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [63430/22]

\*1215. To ask the Minister for Health if advice will be provided in relation to matters raised by a person (details supplied) regarding the provision of respite care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [63454/22]

\*1216. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 450 of 27 September 2022, if the necessary administrative and operational changes have been made to the fair deal scheme in order that some income from renting out the family home can be deemed exempt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [63457/22]

\*1217. To ask the Minister for Health if the temporary inflation payment scheme will be extended past December 2022 given that fuel costs are expected to remain at heightened levels in the coming months and given that nursing homes are bound by HIQA regulations relating to temperature and adequate lighting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63461/22]

\*1218. To ask the Minister for Health if he will conduct an independent review of the national gender service and of related healthcare capacity in the State to unwind the reliance on outsourcing to gender health services in Britain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [63466/22]

\*1219. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that are currently waiting for an appointment in CAMHS; the number that were waiting circa July 2020; the average waiting times per CHO in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [63467/22]

\*1220. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young people that are currently waiting for an appointment with an organisation (details supplied); the number that were waiting circa July 2020 the average waiting times per CHO in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [63468/22]

\*1221. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that are currently waiting for an appointment in primary care psychology; the number that were waiting circa July 2020; the average waiting times per CHO in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [63469/22]

\*1222. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults that are currently waiting on an appointment in primary care psychology; the number that were waiting circa July 2020; the average waiting times per CHO in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [63470/22]

\*1223. To ask the Minister for Health the avenues that are available to qualified non-EEA citizens to apply for roles in the HSE in order to apply for a critical skills work permit; if non-EEA applicants can contact the HSE for extra support and advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [63473/22]

\*1224. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a child (details supplied) has waited for 24-months for their developmental check; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [63474/22]

\*1225. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the current situation regarding the HPV vaccination programme and in particular catch-up clinics that specifically target males under 25-years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [63475/22]

\*1226. To ask the Minister for Health the method used to decide the discretionary medical card applications which are assessed before others; if applications for patients with conditions that require intensive and immediate treatment, such as cancer, are being prioritised by the primary care reimbursement service; and if not, if they could be in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [63481/22]

\*1227. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will be transferred from Letterkenny University Hospital to the Mater Public Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [63486/22]

\*1228. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place to recruit more neurologists given the unacceptable and potentially-dangerous length of time that patients are forced to spend on waiting lists (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [63487/22]

\*1229. To ask the Minister for Health if the attention of his Department has been drawn to reports that neurologists in private practice have closed their lists to new patients such is the extent of the backlog; his plans to rectify this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [63488/22]

\*1230. To ask the Minister for Health Ireland's position in the EU in terms of waiting list length and the numbers waiting for a specialist consultation as a proportion of the population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [63489/22]

\*1231. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons aged under 65 years who are inappropriately living in nursing homes that have been successfully moved out of nursing homes and onto a rehabilitation pathway towards independent living during 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [63492/22]

\*1232. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new admissions of persons under 65 years to nursing homes in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [63493/22]

\*1233. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment for speech and language therapy in the medical centre, Ballyminion, Longford will issue to a person (details supplied). — Sorca Clarke. [63496/22]

\*1234. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting time for speech and language therapy appointments in County Longford. — Sorca Clarke. [63497/22]

\*1235. To ask the Minister for Health the number of speech therapists assigned to County Longford; if that number is sufficient to meet demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [63498/22]

\*1236. To ask the Minister for Health if advice will be provided on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to dermatology services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [63510/22]

\*1237. To ask the Minister for Health if financial and other supports will be made available to those who have been adversely affected by the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [63512/22]

\*1238. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that the urgent review of the business case provided by a person (details supplied) in relation to the long-Covid Clinic at the Mater Hospital is provided for, given that it is now approaching the end of December, and that this is the deadline for the closing of the clinic at the hospital without a positive response in terms of funding this clinic by the HSE. — Paul Murphy. [63521/22]

\*1239. To ask the Minister for Health when a full complement of therapists will be provided for a school (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [63525/22]

\*1240. To ask the Minister for Health the date that the external audit of temporary assistance payments scheme to nursing homes was received by the NTPF; the cost of this audit to date; the findings of the audit; if it has been received by his Department; if so, the date which it was received; if he will publish this audit in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [63527/22]

\*1241. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department have provided him with the details of the proposed inquiry into the historical licensing and use of Sodium Valproate; and if so, when he intends to bring a Memo for Government on this issue. — Sorca Clarke. [63529/22]

\*1242. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 640 of 13 December 2022, if there is a timeline for a resolution from the engagement between his Department, the HSE and the NTPF and an organisation (details supplied) on allowing public system patients awaiting cancer surgeries to be treated at private hospitals. — Marian Harkin. [63538/22]

\*1243. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions that his Department is taking to secure dental services for medical card holders in counties Roscommon and Galway; the services that are available to patients who cannot find a local dentist to avail of dental treatment services scheme; when the current scheme will be replaced with a fit for purpose scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [63539/22]

\*1244. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental practices in counties Roscommon and Galway which have ceased providing medical card services to persons with disabilities in the

past five years; the medical card dental services that are currently available to adult persons with disabilities; the provision that is in place for those whose local dentist withdraws from the provision of medical card services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [63540/22]

\*1245. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental practices in counties Roscommon and Galway which have ceased providing medical card services in the past five years; the medical card dental services currently available to medical card users; the provision that is in place for those whose local dentist withdraws from the provision of medical card services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [63541/22]

\*1246. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that his Department is taking to secure dental services for medical card holders in County Tipperary; the services that are available to patients who cannot find a local dentist to avail of dental treatment services scheme; when the current scheme will be replaced with a fit for purpose scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [63542/22]

\*1247. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental practices in County Tipperary which have ceased providing medical card services to persons with disabilities in the past five years; the medical card dental services that are currently available to adult persons with disabilities; the provision that is in place for those whose local dentist withdraws from the provision of medical card services in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [63543/22]

\*1248. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental practices in County Tipperary which have ceased providing medical card services in the past five years; the medical card dental services that currently available to medical card users; the provision that is in place for those whose local dentist withdraws from the provision of medical card services in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [63544/22]

\*1249. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions that his Department is taking to secure dental services for medical card holders in County Galway; the services that are available to patients who cannot find a local dentist to avail of the dental treatment services scheme; when the current dental treatment services scheme will be replaced with a fit for purpose scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [63545/22]

\*1250. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental practices in County Galway which have ceased providing medical card services to persons with disabilities in the past five years; the medical card dental services that are currently available to adult persons with disabilities; the provisions in place for those whose local dentist withdraws from the provision of medical card services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [63546/22]

\*1251. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental practices in County Galway which have ceased providing medical card services in the past five years; the medical card dental services that are currently available to medical card users; the provisions in place for those whose local dentist withdraws from the provision of medical card services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [63547/22]

\*1252. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a child (details supplied) was moved from Meath primary care unit to Louth primary care unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [63548/22]

\*1253. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a child (details supplied) has not received any appointments in the past three years for their autism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [63549/22]

\*1254. To ask the Minister for Health when families affected as part of the south Kerry CAMHS review and identified as being a family that will receive redress, will receive payment from the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [63573/22]

\*1255. To ask the Minister for Health when families affected as part of the south Kerry CAMHS review and identified as being a family that will receive redress, will receive detailed communications regarding the implementation of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [63574/22]

\*1256. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who received a preliminary team assessment in place of a full assessment of needs; of those who received a PTA which was found to not satisfy the statutory right to an assessment of needs; the number of children who have subsequently received a full assessment of needs; the number who have been offered a full assessment of needs; if he will provide a breakdown of the number of children who received a PTA by CHO area; the number who have been offered a full AON by CHO; the number who have received a full AON by CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [63577/22]

\*1257. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will reconsider the request to transfer the care of a person (details supplied) to an alternative team in an area in order for the person to access required disability services. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63580/22]

\*1258. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will reconsider the request to transfer the care of a person (details supplied) to an alternative team in an area in order for the person to access required disability services. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63581/22]

\*1259. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will reconsider the request to transfer the care of a person (details supplied) to an alternative team in an area in order for the person to access required disability services. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63582/22]

\*1260. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will reconsider the request to transfer the care of a person (details supplied) to an alternative team in an area in order for the person to access required disability services. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63583/22]

\*1261. To ask the Minister for Health if the care of a person (details supplied) in relation to a particular disability service will be transferred to a team in an area in order to enable the person to access the required service. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63584/22]

\*1262. To ask the Minister for Health if women who have hyperemesis gravidarum and are prescribed cariban by their general practitioner which will be funded from 1 January 2023, will receive cariban free of charge, as per the funding for Women's Health Initiatives in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [63585/22]

\*1263. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the former health centre in Delgany, County Wicklow; if it is proposed to sell the building; if any meetings have been held with Wicklow County Council with regards to the acquisition of the building by the local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [63590/22]

\*1264. To ask the Minister for Health when Section 38 health workers who are due their pandemic bonus payment can expect to receive same. — Cathal Crowe. [63611/22]

\*1265. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that his Department will take to address the fact that applications to CORU for registration by key healthcare workers are taking three years to process (details supplied); the reason that CORU will not provide updates on the status of such applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [63612/22]

\*1266. To ask the Minister for Health if terminal cancer patients are automatically entitled to a medical card and free medical treatment for their cancer care. — Kathleen Funchion. [63613/22]

\*1267. To ask the Minister for Health when the promised community neuro-rehabilitation teams for each CHO area, currently only two out of nine initiated, which will allow persons living with acquired conditions such as stroke and brain injury to leave hospitals more quickly to continue their recovery at home, reducing the need for longer term care, will be in place, particularly in CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [63620/22]

\*1268. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that he has made in the establishment of a national hearing plan, as recommended by the World Health Organisation. — Mary Lou McDonald. [63626/22]

\*1269. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a timeframe for the addition of adult ADHD services in HSE area CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63631/22]

\*1270. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details in respect of the approval process for Oxycontin and drugs containing oxycodone by the HPRA; if the guidance has changed since it was first approved on the Irish market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63635/22]

\*1271. To ask the Minister for Health the number of opioids licensed for use in Ireland that have been dispensed as part of a public drug scheme or in a HSE hospital, psychiatric facility or primary care setting and by a private GP from 2011 to date in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63636/22]

\*1272. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether clinical guidance and licensing guidance should be reviewed on oxycontin in the context of litigation in other countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63637/22]

\*1273. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of new medications licensed in the State for dealing with depression, stress and anxiety medications since 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63638/22]

\*1274. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe to move the HPV programme from a two-dose programme to a single dose programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63639/22]

\*1275. To ask the Minister for Health the way that it is intended to monitor the HPV programme for effectiveness in view of the intention to move the HPV programme from a two-dose programme to a single dose programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63640/22]



\*1276. To ask the Minister for Health when the HPV programme will be reviewed for clinical effectiveness in view of the intention to move the HPV programme from a two-dose programme to a single dose programme; if it is intended to return to a two-dose programme should this prove negative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63641/22]

\*1277. To ask the Minister for Health the way that is it intended to reach the 90% coverage rate for the HPV vaccine given that NIAC has advised that this is essential for an effective single-dose programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63642/22]

\*1278. To ask the Minister for Health the way that the move of the HPV programme from a two-dose programme to a single dose programme may affect the target date for the elimination of cervical cancer in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63643/22]

\*1279. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an appointment in Beaumont Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [63649/22]

\*1280. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions that his Department is taking to secure the dental services for medical card holders in County Wexford; the services that are available to patients who cannot find a local dentist to avail of dental treatment services scheme; when the current DTSS will be replaced with a fit-for-purpose scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [63652/22]

\*1281. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental practices in County Wexford which have ceased providing medical card services to persons with disabilities in the past 36 months; the medical card dental services that are currently available to adult persons with disabilities; the provision in place for those whose local dentist withdraws from the provision of medical card services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [63653/22]

\*1282. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental practices in County Wexford which have ceased providing medical card services in the past 36 months; the medical card dental services that are currently available to medical card users; the provision in place for those whose local dentist withdraws from the provision of medical card services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [63654/22]

\*1283. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of sessions that are currently operating at Wexford General Hospital for dental services under anaesthesia per week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [63655/22]

\*1284. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with special needs who are currently waiting for dental treatment under anaesthesia at Wexford General Hospital; the number of children with special needs who are waiting 24, 36 and 48 months and longer, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [63656/22]

\*1285. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults with special needs who are currently waiting for dental treatment under anaesthesia at Wexford General Hospital; the number of adults with special needs who are waiting 24, 36 and 48 months and longer, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [63657/22]

\*1286. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists by local electoral area in County Wexford at present who are contracted to provide dental services under the dental treatment services scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [63658/22]

\*1287. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions that his Department is taking to secure dental services for medical card holders in the services that are available to patients who cannot find a local dentist to avail of the dental treatment services scheme; when the current DTSS will be replaced with a fit-for-purpose scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [63659/22]

\*1288. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental practices in Waterford city and county which have ceased providing medical card services to persons with disabilities in the past three years; the medical card dental services that are currently available to adult persons with disabilities; the provision in place for those whose local dentist withdraws from the provision of medical card services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [63660/22]

\*1289. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental practices in Waterford city and county which have ceased providing medical card services in the past three years; the medical card dental services that are currently available to medical card users; the provision in place for those whose local dentist withdraws from the provision of medical card services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [63661/22]

\*1290. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions that his Department is taking to secure dental services for medical card holders in Galway city and county; the services that are available to patients who cannot find a local dentist to avail of dental treatment services scheme; when the current DTSS will be replaced with a fit-for-purpose scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [63664/22]

\*1291. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental practices in Galway city and the rest of County Galway which have ceased providing medical card services to persons with disabilities in the past ten years; the medical card dental services that are currently available to adult persons with disabilities; the provision in place for those whose local dentist withdraws from the provision of medical card services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [63665/22]

\*1292. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental practices in Galway city and the rest of County Galway which have ceased providing medical card services in the past ten years; the medical card dental services that are currently available to medical card users; the provision in place for those whose local dentist withdraws from the provision of medical card services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [63666/22]

\*1293. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 194 of 23 November 2022, if the next-of-kin of the residents of the centre (details supplied) have, with consent from their relatives been invited to all integrated care-plan meetings for their relatives since January 2021; if the next-of-kin have been informed of the purpose of an integrated careplan meeting and shown a copy of the completed form; the number of integrated careplan meetings that have taken place for the residents since January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [63668/22]

\*1294. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE universal guidelines on bras, prostheses and wigs will be published; the funding to be allocated for the implementation of the guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63669/22]

\*1295. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons undergoing radical radiotherapy treatment who commenced treatment within 15 working days of being deemed ready to treat by the radiation oncologist not including palliative care patients in each of the months from 1 January 2019 to date in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63670/22]

\*1296. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons who attended prostate rapid access clinics; the number and proportion who attended within the recommended ten working days each quarter between 1 January 2015 to date in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63671/22]

\*1297. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of all prostate cancer diagnoses made as a result of a person's attendance at a prostate rapid access clinic in each of the years 2015 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63672/22]

\*1298. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons who attended lung rapid access clinics; the number and proportion who attended within the recommended 20 working days each quarter between 1 January 2015 to date in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63673/22]

\*1299. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of all lung cancer diagnoses made as a result of an individual's attendance at a lung rapid access clinic in the years 1 January 2016 to 30 November 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63674/22]

\*1300. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons who attended symptomatic breast disease clinics; the number and proportion who attended each quarter for each of the pathways, urgent recommended two weeks and non-urgent 12 weeks between 1 January 2015 to date in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63675/22]

\*1301. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of all breast cancer diagnoses made as a result of a person's attendance at symptomatic breast disease clinics in each of the years 1 January 2015 to 2022 and date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63676/22]

\*1302. To ask the Minister for Health if a service provided by the HSE in Crumlin, Dublin 12 could be restored (details supplied); and the reason for its removal from the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [63680/22]

\*1303. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the current neurofibromatosis clinic has been left understaffed and underfunded, that it is now closed to new patients, and with an inability to access treatment of serious import to children, their health and families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [63681/22]

\*1304. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that there will be a designated neurofibromatosis clinic at the new children's hospital; if he will ensure that this designated neurofibromatosis clinic will have the full complement of specialisms to include consultant dermatology, neuropsychiatry, psychology and associated teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [63682/22]

\*1305. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which access to the current neurofibromatosis clinic will be restored for all children in Ireland living with neurofibromatosis and therefore requiring its care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [63683/22]

\*1306. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the condition of neurofibromatosis and medical centres to treat children with the condition do not receive the State's attention and funding of other neurological conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [63684/22]

\*1307. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will supply a date by which the lack of appropriate staff and diagnostic equipment at the neurofibromatosis clinic at CHI Tallaght will be resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [63685/22]

\*1308. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the current neurofibromatosis clinic is without a resident specialist dermatologist, neuro-psychiatrist and psychologist given that these specialisms are deemed integral to the need and treatment of children with the condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [63686/22]

\*1309. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will allow the current neurofibromatosis clinic to accept an OCT machine privately-funded and fundraised by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [63687/22]

\*1310. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that there is no current pathway from paediatric to adult care for persons aged 16 years and above with neurofibromatosis; the date on which such a pathway will be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [63688/22]

\*1311. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the issue surrounding gender-affirming care wait times; and if members of the trans community will be consulted about this issue. — Francis Noel Duffy. [63696/22]

\*1312. To ask the Minister for Health the figures for recorded community acquired pressure sores and hospital acquired pressure sores in Tallaght University Hospital for the years 2015 to 2020. — Francis Noel Duffy. [63697/22]

\*1313. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite a speech therapy appointment for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [63701/22]

\*1314. To ask the Minister for Health if he will reinstate staff to speech therapy services in County Longford (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [63703/22]

\*1315. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of dentists and dental technicians in County Kildare who accept medical card patients in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [63711/22]

\*1316. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of dentists and dental technicians in County Offaly who accept medical card patients in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [63712/22]

\*1317. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting time for applications for a medical card; the number of persons awaiting a decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [63714/22]

\*1318. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the shortage of home care provision by the HSE in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [63723/22]

\*1319. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of dentists and dental technicians in County Laois who accept medical card patients in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [63731/22]

\*1320. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine the application for home care supports for a person (details supplied) who has had a leg amputated and is in need of assistance in their home but has been told that they must be of 65 years to avail of HSE supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [63733/22]

\*1321. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether there should be an awareness campaign to deter vaping in public spaces, such as in bars and nightclubs; the steps that he is taking to deter persons from doing so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [63790/22]

\*1322. To ask the Minister for Health if a response will issue to a query raised by a person (details supplied) in relation to supports for visually impaired people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [63818/22]

\*1323. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he remains focused on enabling rehabilitation and methadone treatments for those who have been adversely affected by drugs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63820/22]

\*1324. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to roll-out Covid vaccines to children under five years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [63827/22]

\*1325. To ask the Minister for Health when the Covid bonus will be paid to healthcare staff (details supplied) who have been waiting for almost a year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [63833/22]

\*1326. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63838/22]

\*1327. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be considered for disability services in Bantry, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63841/22]

\*1328. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time for NEDOC in Meath to attend to a patient in view of the fact that parents in south County Meath seeking a doctor or a on call service for ill children have been referred to as far away as Castleblaney, County Monaghan, 85 kilometres away, due to the lack of capacity in the NEDOC service in Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [63842/22]

\*1329. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that are being taken to support Ukrainians currently in State-provided accommodation, access to appropriate GP care (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [63843/22]

\*1330. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time for NEDOC to see a patient in the various NEDOC hubs of counties Meath and Westmeath in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [63845/22]

\*1331. To ask the Minister for Health if steps are being taken to secure a supply of the drugs rivotrol and zarontin for the treatment of epilepsy-related seizures, given the current international shortage of these pharmaceuticals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [63853/22]

\*1332. To ask the Minister for Health if the appropriate official within the mental health services can contact a person (details supplied) with respect to their views on the provision of mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [63856/22]

\*1333. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons awaiting a psychologist report for MHID services in each of the CH08 areas; the current expected waiting time for an assessment; if he plans to expand services within this area in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [63857/22]

\*1334. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that no physiotherapy services have been established in the Cahir primary care centre in County Tipperary; if he will list all of the public physiotherapy services that are available in south Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [63859/22]

\*1335. To ask the Minister for Health the way that those who qualify for free nappies for their children can access the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [63860/22]

\*1336. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [63861/22]

\*1337. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 5 of 8 December 2022, if he will outline the 35 recommendations from the Maskey Report to improve service delivery; the 17 national and local actions that have been implemented; if he will provide a timeline for the remainder of the actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [63863/22]

\*1338. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE review of CAMHS in north Kerry is expected to be completed; when the review commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [63864/22]

\*1339. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the 237 whole-time equivalent public health nurse vacancies by CHO; the number of these that were filled by CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [63865/22]

\*1340. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the National Community Nursing Oversight Group; when it was established; the professionals that are involved in the group; the



process for their appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [63866/22]

\*1341. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a monthly limit on the number of nappies that can be supplied for children and or adults with disabilities by a public health nurse. — Thomas Gould. [63876/22]

\*1342. To ask the Minister for Health when facilities will be provided at a clinic (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [63877/22]

\*1343. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for surgery. — Michael Creed. [63880/22]

\*1344. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 612 of 6 December 2022, when the person (details supplied) will be moved to a suitable facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63881/22]

\*1345. To ask the Minister for Health when a child will be seen for therapies (details supplied); and the dates for same. — Sean Sherlock. [63884/22]

\*1346. To ask the Minister for Health if any consideration has been given to fast track the medical registration of Ukrainian health care professionals in order to ensure that any available doctors and nurses are in a position to assist in our health staff recruitment crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [63887/22]

\*1347. To ask the Minister for Health the options that are available for a medical card holder to get a new dentist when their previous dentist has stopped taking medical card holders as patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [63892/22]

\*1348. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the rules in relation to children who require after-hours Caredoc or Shannon Doc services but have been told that they cannot be treated or seen without a negative antigen test (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [63895/22]

\*1349. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the large cohort of frontline staff in healthcare settings under Section 39 who provide a service on behalf of the HSE who still remain excluded from qualifying for the pandemic special recognition payment; the person or body that decided the eligibility criteria; the methodology that was used in deciding to exclude this cohort of Section 39 frontline staff from the payment; the reason that no independent centralised appeals mechanism was put in place; if his attention has been drawn to the number of this particular cohort that are excluded from the payment; if he will direct his Department and the HSE to conduct research and analysis through engagement with the various representative bodies and organisations to determine the number of this cohort that are involved in order to rectify the situation; if so, the timeline for when the research will be conducted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Kirby. [63896/22]

\*1350. To ask the Minister for Health the amounts paid from his Department or other bodies funded by his Department to a company (details supplied) for services in the past two years; if these contracts have any provision for extra payments based on performances and so on; the way that an employee who is assessed as fit to work by the company can appeal or seek alternative opinions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [63903/22]

\*1351. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline in detail the hospitals that will benefit from a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [63904/22]

\*1352. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a wheelchair for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63905/22]

\*1353. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the delays in CDNT appointments in County Tipperary due to staffing issues; if his Department has plans in place to resolve these issues and to recruit more staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [63906/22]

\*1354. To ask the Minister for Health when a full homecare package as required in the case of a person (details supplied) will be reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63907/22]

\*1355. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has plans in place for those who are under 12 years of age who wish to receive a Covid-19 booster; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [63909/22]

\*1356. To ask the Minister for Health when the pandemic recognition payment of €1,000 will be paid to a person (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [63912/22]

\*1357. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 306 of 15 December 2022, if he will confirm that the registration of residential services with HIQA are done on a self-assessment basis by private providers, as set out in HIQA guidelines on definition of designated centres in June 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [63923/22]

\*1358. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which a child (details supplied) can access GP services when the local GP states that they cannot accept them onto their list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63927/22]

\*1359. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the inquiry for the drug sodium valproate; when he intends it to be established; the terms of reference; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [63928/22]

\*1360. 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. — Mairéad Farrell. [63929/22]

\*1361. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to ensure that the opening hours of the minor injuries unit at Monaghan Hospital are extended to include weekends in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [63932/22]

\*1362. To ask the Minister for Health when a medical card application will be processed for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [63933/22]

\*1363. To ask the Minister for Health when a local family GP can be sourced for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63944/22]

\*1364. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update regarding the establishment of the promised inquiry on the historical licensing and prescribing of sodium valproate; when he expects the inquiry will be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [63946/22]

\*1365. 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. — Ciarán Cannon. [63947/22]

\*1366. To ask the Minister for Health the provision that is being made in 2023 to fund waiting list initiatives for child orthodontic work; and if new categories will gain access to the option of private treatment. — Richard Bruton. [63948/22]

\*1367. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be allocated an appointment. — Sean Sherlock. [63956/22]

\*1368. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that the issues in supply of ConvaTec Combihesive Natura REF (GB) S7247 57MM (Flanges used for Stomas) are resolved without delay (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [63961/22]

\*1369. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied with the strategy adopted by the HSE in terms of correspondence with individuals whose personal information was hacked from HSE databases; if his attention has been drawn to reports that the communication which is issued to these individuals did not contain a phone number or email where further information could be obtained from the HSE; if he understands the reluctance of these individuals to create a new online account with the HSE which requires further personal documentation; if he will initiate a review of these procedures with the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [63963/22]

\*1370. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any supports available for businesses that provide sensory experience for persons with disabilities and mental health issues. — Robert Troy. [63965/22]

\*1371. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that contracts have not been awarded by the HSE to two dentists (details supplied) in order for them to offer services to medical card holders in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [63967/22]

\*1372. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the freestyle libre sensor is not covered on the medical card; if consideration will be given to this for a person (details supplied); the reason that this is not automatically covered by the medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [63979/22]

\*1373. To ask the Minister for Health the projected completion date for the Killarney Community Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [63980/22]

\*1374. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the development of a helipad (details supplied); if there is a timeline for completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [63981/22]

\*1375. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [63993/22]

\*1376. To ask the Minister for Health his future plans for the provision of private maternity care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [64001/22]

\*1377. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cases and the total amount paid out in compensation for screening errors, perceived and actual, relative to the CervicalCheck screening programme in each of the years 2017 to 2022 and to date in 2023; the number of women who were successfully treated having been identified through the screening programme; if he will provide figures for the reduction of cervical cancer since the programme began; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [64003/22]

\*1378. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will issue for surgery for a person (details supplied).; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1000/23]

\*1379. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to integrate any planned virtual home hospital services with community care services and GP services to facilitate supported early hospital discharge of patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [1018/23]

\*1380. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to develop and scale-up virtual home hospital services within the HSE for early supported discharge, particularly for respiratory illness in order to relieve winter stress on the hospital services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [1019/23]

\*1381. To ask the Minister for Health if he will set out a clear timeframe for the payment of the pandemic bonus to all eligible frontline healthcare workers, both in the public and private sectors, who faced additional risks in the performance of their duties during the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [1020/23]

\*1382. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that the health technology assessment dossier covering kaftrio in combination with ivacaftor for the cohort of 35 children aged 6 to 11 years with certain mutations in the cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator gene which was submitted to the National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics on 21 December 2022 moves as expeditiously as possible, with appropriate input from the patient community thereby giving access to this life changing drug for these vulnerable children at the earliest opportunity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [1024/23]

\*1383. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be given a date for an operation in Beaumont Hospital given that they have been waiting for five years for this operation and their mobility has deteriorated. — Chris Andrews. [1025/23]

\*1384. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that are being taken by the HSE to ensure that there is no loss of accreditation of a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [1031/23]

\*1385. To ask the Minister for Health when approval of posts at a location (details supplied) will be forthcoming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [1032/23]

\*1386. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a review (details supplied); if he will outline the requirements identified for a facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [1033/23]

\*1387. To ask the Minister for Health the steps which are being taken to decant services from the St. Brigid's Hospital Campus in Ballinasloe; if he will outline the remaining services on the site; the steps that are being taken to relocate such services; the timeline involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1066/23]

\*1388. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered implementing mandatory Covid-19 tests for inward visitors from China to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1076/23]

\*1389. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the review of the framework for smaller hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [1084/23]

\*1390. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the pilot project involving Mallow General Hospital whereby some ambulance patients are treated in Mallow General Hospital instead of at an emergency department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [1085/23]

\*1391. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the progress in delivering the primary care centre in Lucan; the services that may be provided there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [1087/23]

\*1392. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the progress in delivering the primary care centre in Clondalkin; the services that may be provided there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [1088/23]

\*1393. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the progress in delivering the primary care centre in Citywest; the services that may be provided there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [1089/23]

\*1394. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the documentation that he has received from the HSE relating to overcrowding in all Irish hospitals from 1 November 2022 to 4 January 2023. — Sean Sherlock. [1092/23]

\*1395. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospitalisations for children and older adults afflicted with respiratory syncytial virus infection, recorded by hospital and month from September to February in each of the years 2019 to 2022 as a whole as well as data to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [1093/23]

\*1396. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a timeline of when works are due to commence on the development of a helipad at the Cork University Hospital site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1096/23]

\*1397. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to expand the reimbursement for the freestyle libre continuous glucose monitoring sensor to over-21's under the HSE's community

funded scheme for aids and appliances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1101/23]

\*1398. To ask the Minister for Health the way that his Department is addressing inequalities in the uptake of the continuous glucose monitoring sensors between under 21 years of age and over 21 years age groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1102/23]

\*1399. To ask the Minister for Health the action that his Department is taking to provide reimbursement of required medicines for women with gestational diabetes to help protect both the mother and baby; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1103/23]

\*1400. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to the introduction of a national diabetes patient register considering the lack thereof has made it difficult for policy makers and academics to understand the impact of tools used to help diabetes patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1104/23]

\*1401. To ask the Minister for Health the contact that he has had with the HSE regarding the overcrowding crisis in hospitals; and if he will provide any written correspondence on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [1118/23]

\*1402. To ask the Minister for Health if a timeline can be provided for the delivery of a dialectical behavioural therapy team for the mid-west region (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [1127/23]

\*1403. To ask the Minister for Health if he will sanction the development of an elective only hospital for the mid-west region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [1128/23]

\*1404. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the position of access to kافتrio for the 35 excluded children with cystic fibrosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [1134/23]

\*1405. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to increase the income threshold for medical cards for people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1137/23]

\*1406. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 559 of 15 November 2022, if he will provide a breakdown of the payments agreed by the HSE to each of the companies and individuals involved in renovations and adaptations of Glenwood House, Carrigaline, since its purchase by the HSE in January 2021 to date in tabular form; the names of those companies and individuals, alongside relevant costings; if he will provide details of any tendering process involved in the commissioning of those works on Glenwood House by the HSE; the funding sources for each of these works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1143/23]

\*1407. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the HSE's use of Glenwood House as a mental health facility, two years after its purchase (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1144/23]

\*1408. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 196 of 23 November 2022, the date that, according to the HSE a change in service requirements was identified by CHO4 Mental Health Services for Glenwood House necessitating a full refurbishment of the property for



future accommodation use as a community residence on a permanent basis (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1145/23]

\*1409. To ask the Minister for Health if any potential conflicts of interest among HSE managers were made known to the CHO4 chief officer in respect of contracts of any kind offered by the HSE or in respect of any purchases made by the HSE during the years 2019 to 2022; if such declarations have been made, the number that were made during the timeframe in question in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1146/23]

\*1410. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residents placed in a mental health facility (details supplied) in County Laois on 30 December 2019, 30 December 2020, 30 December 2021, and 30 December 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1147/23]

\*1411. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE's intentions with regard to the use of a location (details supplied) as a mental health facility; if the HSE plans to use the location as a community mental health residence into the future; if so, the number of service-users who will be placed there; the extent of the HSE's engagement with residents and their families regarding future plans for the location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1148/23]

\*1412. To ask the Minister for Health his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to the hyperemesis gravidarum drug, cariban, for pregnant women in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [1151/23]

\*1413. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount of monies provided by the HSE to dentists under the dental treatment services scheme contracts for services provided to medical card holders by county in each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1152/23]

\*1414. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive the pandemic recognition payment. — Chris Andrews. [1157/23]

\*1415. To ask the Minister for Health the current position in relation to private dental practices which no longer offer services to medical card holders; if there has been any further update on this service being resumed in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [1163/23]

\*1416. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive their reimbursement under the cross-Border directive scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [1165/23]

\*1417. To ask the Minister for Health the counties in CHO8 which have an 'access officer' assigned to oversee and ensure that those with a disability have easy access to all services. — Brian Stanley. [1166/23]

\*1418. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the disposal of land by the Department of Education to his Department to provide a primary health care centre in Collinstown, Dublin 22; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1169/23]

\*1419. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the strategic assessment report for the new emergency department at Beaumont Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1174/23]

\*1420. To ask the Minister for Health if the indexation-up of outstanding amounts under the fair deal scheme is being reviewed in view of the fact that the rate of inflation is now far in excess of interest rates and the cost to the State of funding the outstanding amounts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [1181/23]

\*1421. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the issuing of the final pandemic bonus payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1185/23]

\*1422. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide this Deputy with the Children's Disability Network Team Staff Census and Workforce Review 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [1186/23]

\*1423. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to extend the enhanced travel and subsistence scheme for student nurses and midwives to student doctors also known as medical students, who face the same costs in relation to meals, subsistence, scrubs purchase, laundering and travel to placement sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [1197/23]

\*1424. To ask the Minister for Health if, as part of the Government's commitment to retaining doctors in Ireland, a medical intern doctor job will be made available to every eligible graduating doctor in an Irish medical school in 2023 similar to that which was offered during the Covid-19 pandemic. — Richard Bruton. [1198/23]

\*1425. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the HSE pension for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [1201/23]

\*1426. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent vacant nursing posts at Naas General Hospital as of 4 January 2023; and when these vacancies will be filled in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [1204/23]

\*1427. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost to fund four additional contingency clinics to tackle the wait list for surgery through specialised small units and enable general access to pelvic physiotherapy when required. — Catherine Murphy. [1206/23]

\*1428. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to address the urgent need to recruit additional staff for children's disability network teams in order to address lengthy waiting lists for early intervention in the north Dublin area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [1232/23]

\*1429. To ask the Minister for Health the role that Nenagh Hospital can play in meeting the demand for emergency department treatment given the record number of presentations to UHL recently. — Martin Browne. [1237/23]

\*1430. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that he is taking and intends to take to enable Shannondoc to meet the demand for its services as witnessed over the Christmas period; the measures that he is taking to ensure that it is accessible in a timely manner, enabling it to take pressure off UHL's emergency department; his views on the issues that people have experienced recently when trying to contact Shannondoc; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [1238/23]

\*1431. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and when the person can expect an appointment. — Barry Cowen. [1243/23]

\*1432. To ask the Minister for Health if the supplementary medications and treatment required for chronic Lyme disease will be covered by the general medical scheme and the drug treatment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [1244/23]

\*1433. To ask the Minister for Health if he is in a position to indicate a start date from which free GP care will be extended to those under eight years of age. — Richard Bruton. [1250/23]

\*1434. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a date for an outpatient appointment at the orthopaedic clinic in Cavan and Monaghan hospital given the discomfort that they are currently experiencing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1251/23]

\*1435. To ask the Minister for Health when the Covid bonus will be paid to those persons who were in employment with an employer (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [1253/23]

\*1436. To ask the Minister for Health when the pandemic bonus will be paid to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1269/23]

\*1437. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects HSE staff to be assigned to the important and necessary role of access officer in HSE facilities across County Offaly, falling within the remit of CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [1276/23]

\*1438. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive their full provision of care hours following their allocation of a full homecare package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1278/23]

\*1439. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental practices in counties Louth and Meath respectively who are/were in the dental treatment services scheme in each of the years 2019 to 2022 and on 1 January, 2023; if he will provide an update on the status of his stated plans to review the DTSS; the timeline for completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [1281/23]

\*1440. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a status update on the provision of podiatry services at the HSE Boyne primary care centre and at the Community Services Building, Dublin Road, Dundalk respectively; the number of persons on a waiting list for the service at these locations; the number of staff engaged at these locations on podiatry services; the number of vacant posts related to the services; if he will outline the plans to fill any such vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [1282/23]

\*1441. To ask the Minister for Health when the next round of booster Covid vaccinations will be available for the over-70s who have received their second booster in recent months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1284/23]

\*1442. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the new regional health areas which determine the introduction of community neurorehabilitation in CHO9; when these regional health areas that are expected to be implemented; the action he will take to ensure all CHO areas will receive community neurorehabilitation teams once the RHAs are finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1285/23]

\*1443. To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite care facilities and the numbers of places within each, for children with disabilities in each county in tabular form; his proposals to increase the number of facilities and or places within each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1287/23]

\*1444. To ask the Minister for Health the reasoning behind the decision to fund the Hyperemesis gravidarum drug cariban for three months of pregnancy only; if there are plans to extend for the duration of pregnancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1290/23]

\*1445. To ask the Minister for Health if a decision has been agreed upon to provide the appropriate resources to the accident and emergency department in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, identified in the HSE review of the closure of the accident and emergency department in Navan Hospital; if the review will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1291/23]

\*1446. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new persons approved for HSE homecare support hours who are currently awaiting delivery of support hours in County Wexford; the number of current clients approved for additional homecare support hours awaiting allocation of those additional hours in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [1295/23]

\*1447. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved HSE homecare hours provided per month in County Wexford; the number of HSE homecare hours at present being delivered in County Wexford; the number of clients per months in receipt of homecare hours in County Wexford; the numbers of approved HSE homecare support hours waiting allocation in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [1296/23]

\*1448. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the status of plans to reimburse pregnant people for the costs of the Hyperemesis Gravidarum drug Cariban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1297/23]

\*1449. To ask the Minister for Health when fibronectin tests will be available to expectant mothers at UHK; when approval was given for this; if and when a supplier (details supplied) has provided a price for this; if the price is agreeable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1298/23]

\*1450. To ask the Minister for Health the amount his Department pays to sponsor a television programme (details supplied); the length of time the contract is for; the amount paid to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1299/23]

\*1451. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who presented to emergency departments with self-harm and or intentional poisoning by CHO area in each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1300/23]

\*1452. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who arrived at emergency departments with suicidal thoughts in each of the years 2017 to 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1302/23]

\*1453. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that died by suicide in each of the years 2017 to 2022, by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1303/23]

\*1454. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will be given for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1304/23]

\*1455. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults who have presented to the HSE looking for treatment for eating disorders who received specialist inpatient treatment in a dedicated eating disorder service in each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1315/23]

\*1456. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons, if any, working in his Department who have a qualification in the area of genomics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1323/23]

\*1457. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to the publication of reimbursement levels, costs of procedures and hospital charges to enable patients to make informed decisions prior to seeking medical treatment abroad under the EU Cross-Border Directive on Healthcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1324/23]

\*1458. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that the right to reimbursement under the EU Cross-Border Directive on Healthcare is based solely on the care and treatment received, regardless of where the patient receives such treatment within the EU/EEA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1325/23]

\*1459. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that the treatment and care received in another EU/EEA country must be of the same or similar standard as that would be received in the home country under the EU Cross-Border Directive on Healthcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1326/23]

\*1460. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that the right to reimbursement for treatment and care received under the EU Cross-Border Directive on Healthcare is automatic and does not require further approval by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1327/23]

\*1461. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a breast cancer treatment (details supplied) which is already licensed by the European Medicines Agency; if he expects this product to be reimbursed under the medicine access scheme; the timeline for a decision on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [1334/23]

\*1462. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of the former employees of a nursing home (details supplied) who are eligible to receive the pandemic bonus payment, yet have not received the payment due to the closure of the nursing home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [1337/23]

\*1463. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions that are in place to ensure that those employees who worked throughout the pandemic in care facilities which closed in late 2022 will receive their pandemic bonus payment (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [1364/23]

\*1464. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a decision on their award appeal for the pandemic special recognition payment submitted in September 2022; the reason for the delay in a decision being provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1368/23]

\*1465. To ask the Minister for Health if special schools are included in the HSE's schools vaccination programme; if so, if all three vaccines under the schools vaccination programme are administered in special schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1376/23]

\*1466. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions that are put in place if a particular special school does not offer the HSE's vaccination programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1377/23]

\*1467. To ask the Minister for Health the national breastfeeding guidance that is in place in non-maternity adult acute hospitals; the steps that he will take to ensure support to breastfeeding patients in non-maternity adult acute hospitals with regard to prescribing practices and nursing care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1379/23]

\*1468. To ask the Minister for Health the date for the opening of the 12 stepdown beds in Abbeylax Hospital, County Laois, for the use of patients who have been discharged from acute hospitals. — Brian Stanley. [1384/23]

\*1469. To ask the Minister for Health if he will direct the National Ambulance Service to put a second ambulance in place in Tuam, County Galway, on a full 24/7 basis to deal with the demand in Tuam and the catchment area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [1387/23]

\*1470. To ask the Minister for Health the status of paramedics in the HSE who are categorised as support staff rather than having the same employment status and rights as health staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [1388/23]

\*1471. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on when staff in private and voluntary nursing homes will receive the pandemic bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [1390/23]

\*1472. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make equipment and medications for sleep apnoea available on the long-term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [1392/23]

\*1473. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an orthopaedic appointment in Letterkenny University Hospital; if they are on the urgent or routine list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [1393/23]

\*1474. To ask the Minister for Health if an assurance will be given that the day care centre at Abbeylax Hospital will remain on the site where it is operating successfully. — Brian Stanley. [1394/23]

\*1475. To ask the Minister for Health if he has examined a submission from Children's Health Ireland to provide a chest-bracing service for children under the public healthcare system as of January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1397/23]

\*1476. To ask the Minister for Health the status on the progress on a new accident and emergency department at Beaumont Hospital in Dublin, as of January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1398/23]



\*1477. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons attending the adult diabetes service in the University of Limerick Hospitals Group; and the number who attended more than once in each of the years 2019 to 2022, in tabular form. — Joe Carey. [1400/23]

\*1478. To ask the Minister for Health the frequency with which the adult diabetes clinic in the University of Limerick Hospitals Group is run; the number of speciality diabetes clinics that are run, for example, a young adult clinic, type 1 adult clinic, type 2 clinic, a diabetes podiatry clinic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [1401/23]

\*1479. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the new accident and emergency department for Beaumont Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [1406/23]

\*1480. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [1407/23]

\*1481. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has conducted any analysis with respect to the impact of the rollout of universal access to GPs for under sixes and over on the ability of persons to book an appointment for their local GP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1411/23]

\*1482. To ask the Minister for Health if he has engaged with representatives of an association (details supplied) in an effort to address the crisis in access to dental and orthodontic care that has emerged in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1412/23]

\*1483. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the three-year review of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 should be completed and published; the engagements that he has had with the independent head of the review during 2022 and to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1413/23]

\*1484. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the patient transportation that is available for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [1437/23]

\*1485. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with diabetes who were funded for the Dexcom G6 continuous glucose monitoring CGM sensors by the HSE; and the number who were over 21 years of age in 2020 and 2021, in tabular form. — Cathal Crowe. [1442/23]

\*1486. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with diabetes who were funded for the Dexcom G7 continuous glucose monitoring CGM sensors by the HSE; and the number who were over 21 years of age in 2020 and 2021, in tabular form. — Cathal Crowe. [1443/23]

\*1487. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with diabetes who were funded for the Medtronic continuous glucose monitoring CGM sensors by the HSE; and the number who were over 21 years of age in 2020 and 2021, in tabular form. — Cathal Crowe. [1444/23]

\*1488. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with diabetes who were funded for Freestyle Libre flash glucose sensors by the HSE; and the number who were over 21 years of age in 2020 and 2021, in tabular form. — Cathal Crowe. [1445/23]

\*1489. To ask the Minister for Health if he will urgently move to re-open St. Brigid's Hospital, Carrick-on-Suir to reduce pressures from the acute services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [1446/23]

\*1490. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a person (details supplied) is waiting on a procedure at Beaumont Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [1449/23]

\*1491. To ask the Minister for Health the number of appeals that have been received in his Department for the HSE pandemic bonus payment; the timeline for a decision on these; and the reason that certain grades in the vast majority of CHO areas have received this payment while the same grade in other CHO's have been refused. — Robert Troy. [1450/23]

\*1492. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Freestyle Libre 2 application for HSE reimbursement through the national framework application process; when it will be added to the CGM devices available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [1451/23]

\*1493. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times that the adult diabetes clinic takes place in University of Limerick Hospitals Groups; the speciality diabetes clinics, such as a young adult diabetes clinic, type 1 adult clinic, type 2 clinic, a diabetes podiatry clinic that take place in the University of Limerick Hospitals Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [1452/23]

\*1494. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the plan to create a population-based community neurorehabilitation team in CHO2 or the associated new regional health area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [1454/23]

\*1495. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail the spending that a hospital made to a company (details supplied) for each month in 2022, in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [1458/23]

\*1496. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department is accepting the recommendations of the Expert Review Body on Nursing and Midwifery; if he will provide a timeline for the implementation of each of those recommendations; and if he will report on the implementation of the recommendation for the extension of the qualification allowance CNM3 grade in particular; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [1459/23]

\*1497. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the Report of the Expert Review Body on Nursing and Midwifery; if backdated pay will be provided in respect of relevant recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [1460/23]

\*1498. To ask the Minister for Health if a community neurorehabilitation team will be provided to HSE area CHO6; his views on the need for the establishment of community neurorehabilitation teams in each CHO, as recommended in the National Neurorehabilitation Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [1461/23]

\*1499. To ask the Minister for Health the specific delegated functions that have been transferred to Ministers of State appointed in December 2022, in tabular form; and the date of transfer. — Sean Sherlock. [1472/23]

\*1500. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the way that the Government is actively addressing the serious shortage of penicillin-based antibiotics along with a significant number of additional high-level drugs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1486/23]

\*1501. To ask the Minister for Health when he intends to implement the key recommendations of the Report of the Expert Review Body on Nursing and Midwifery 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [1487/23]

\*1502. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding allocated to Cork City Council under a funding stream (details supplied); and the way that organisations can apply for same. — Thomas Gould. [1490/23]

\*1503. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a child (details supplied) who is awaiting a CAMHS assessment in Limerick for over one year and has been advised that it will be a further year before they are assessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [1493/23]

\*1504. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the work that is being undertaken by his Department with respect to the reported shortage of medicines within the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1498/23]

\*1505. To ask the Minister for Health the name of the company or organisation or persons that were contracted to provide media training to him from 1 January 2021 to date; the costs incurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1509/23]

\*1506. To ask the Minister for Health the number of eligible frontline workers who have yet to receive the pandemic bonus payment; and the number who have received the payment in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [1518/23]

\*1507. To ask the Minister for Health if a residential care place will be approved for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [1519/23]

\*1508. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time consultant plastic surgeons working in Roscommon University Hospital in each of the years 2020 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [1530/23]

\*1509. To ask the Minister for Health the funding and staffing resources that would be required to increase the opening hours of the complex menopause clinic at Galway University Hospital from one afternoon per week to three full days per week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [1531/23]

\*1510. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the provision of free medication for women suffering from hyperemesis gravidarum (details supplied). — Martin Browne. [1538/23]

\*1511. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the dental clinic in Navan is being closed down; the reason that the four dental clinic surgeries in Navan are being replaced with only two surgeries in Dunshaughlin; the reason that there are no special needs dental services in County Meath; and the reason that first, fourth and sixth class children are not being called for dental appointments in the county anymore. — Peadar Tóibín. [1540/23]

\*1512. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite a medical appointment for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1573/23]

\*1513. To ask the Minister for Health if his officials have submitted their report regarding the north inner city drug and alcohol task force to him; and when he intends to publish it. — Mary Lou McDonald. [1574/23]

\*1514. To ask the Minister for Health if a full paediatric dental service has been restored at Roscommon University Hospital. — Denis Naughten. [1575/23]

\*1515. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 673 of 29 November 2022, if his attention has been drawn to delays in processing applications by Ukrainian dentists to the Dental Council of Ireland; the number of staff who are working in this new registration process for Ukrainian dentists; the average time to process an application through this new process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [1577/23]

\*1516. To ask the Minister for Health if the recent decision to transport patients via ambulance directly to the medical assessment unit in Ennis General Hospital instead of University Hospital Limerick, subject to certain criteria, is a temporary or permanent measure; if additional resources will be provided to Ennis General Hospital on foot of this decision; if this measure will be extended to Nenagh General Hospital and St. John's Hospital, Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [1578/23]

\*1517. To ask the Minister for Health if additional measures will be taken in 2023 to address patient safety concerns in University Hospital Limerick (UHL), as outlined in a HIQA report; the steps being taken to reduce trolley numbers in UHL; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [1579/23]

\*1518. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to provide a model 3 hospital in the UL Hospitals Group region; if so, if he will provide details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [1580/23]

\*1519. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made on recruiting a permanent consultant ophthalmologist post for County Galway who will provide a service at the Tuam primary care centre; the progress that has been made on the recruitment of clinical optometry staff for Galway; when the integrated primary care eye team for County Galway will be fully in place to address the current acute capacity issues in community ophthalmology in County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [1595/23]

\*1520. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an updated timeline for when the remaining healthcare workers can expect to receive their Covid recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1600/23]

\*1521. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 13 of 8 December 2022, if a timeline will be provided for the review of the community ophthalmic services medical treatment scheme; if interest groups will be allowed to make submissions as part of this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [1603/23]

\*1522. To ask the Minister for Health the number of pandemic recognition payments made to HSE employees in each of the months April to December 2022 and to-date in January 2023; the

number of payments outstanding in this category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1616/23]

\*1523. To ask the Minister for Health the number of pandemic recognition payments made to Section 38 employees in each of the months April to December 2022 and to-date in January 2023; the number of payments outstanding in this category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1617/23]

\*1524. To ask the Minister for Health the number of pandemic recognition payments made to support staff employed by HSE Section 38 employers in each of the months April to December 2022 and to-date in January 2023; the number of payments outstanding in this category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1618/23]

\*1525. To ask the Minister for Health the number of pandemic recognition payments made to private nursing home staff in each of the months April to December 2022 and to-date in January 2023; the number of payments outstanding in this category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1619/23]

\*1526. To ask the Minister for Health the number of private insurance patient forms that were completed on admission to University Hospital Limerick in each of the years 2019 to 2022; the number of claims that were processed in respect of these forms to health insurance companies in those years the number that have been closed out and the number outstanding, respectively; and the total number of admissions to the Hospital in each of those years. — Patrick O'Donovan. [1620/23]

\*1527. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the Government's plan to attract much needed GPs into the country notwithstanding the existing plan to train 350 GPs per year by 2026; the additional resources that are being provided to encourage GPs back into the system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1621/23]

\*1528. To ask the Minister for Health the assistance that is available to persons who are in receipt of social protection payments and who are paying for IVF treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [1622/23]

\*1529. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details on the way that he and his Department are actively engaging with the providers of the North East Doctor on Call service to address the major pressures on the current service which is leaving many persons unable to access out of hours GPs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1625/23]

\*1530. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown for each of the nine HSE regional capital and estates offices (details supplied) to carry out the delivery of the HSE Capital Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [1630/23]

\*1531. To ask the Minister for Health when the healthcare workers outside of HSE staff will be paid the €1,000 pandemic recognition payment; if there is a schedule of payments and list of eligible places of work available for the Kerry area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [1632/23]

\*1532. To ask the Minister for Health if the staff who worked throughout the pandemic providing meals on wheels to the public at centres (details supplied) are entitled to the €1,000 pandemic recognition payment; and if so, when will this be paid. — Danny Healy-Rae. [1633/23]

\*1533. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the establishment of the promised inquiry on the historical licensing and prescribing of sodium valproate; when the inquiry will be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1643/23]

\*1534. 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 for anyone affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1644/23]

\*1535. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 303 of 15 December 2022, the number of appeals received with regard to the pandemic recognition payment; the number of appeals upheld; the number of appeals dismissed; the number of appeals outstanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1645/23]

\*1536. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene in the case of a person (details supplied) and instruct the HSE's environmental health section to take urgent attention to eradicate the rat infestation in this property. — Chris Andrews. [1667/23]

\*1537. To ask the Minister for Health if a cancer support centre (details supplied) in County Tipperary will be approved for Section 39 funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [1669/23]

\*1538. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to adding Kennedy's disease to the list of medical conditions covered by the long-term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [1670/23]

\*1539. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a date for their surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1671/23]

\*1540. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to reports that the increase in the pension in Budget 2023 is pushing some pensioners slightly over the threshold for a medical card, thereby leaving them worse off; if he will increase the threshold for medical cards proportionally with the increase in his Department's budget to ensure that this does not happen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1683/23]

\*1541. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to reports that the increase in the pension in Budget 2023 is pushing some pensioners over the threshold for a medical card; if he will take steps to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1684/23]

\*1542. To ask the Minister for Health the status of each operational primary care centre per county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1685/23]

\*1543. To ask the Minister for Health if he will incentivise overtime work within the public health service; if he will consider making overtime pay for nurses tax free; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1686/23]

\*1544. To ask the Minister for Health when frontline workers in private nursing homes in County Carlow will receive their €1,000 pandemic payment. — Kathleen Funchion. [1690/23]



\*1545. To ask the Minister for Health the supports that his Department will put in place to help parents and patients of a dental practice (details supplied) that has closed or have been left without a service and are unable to access another service; if he will request the Dental Council to provide assistance and advice on the way to claim back money paid for treatments that were not provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [1693/23]

\*1546. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 591 of 6 December 2022, the number of trainee peer support workers per CHO each year since 2017; the plans for trainee peer support workers for each CHO in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1694/23]

\*1547. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect to receive an appointment in Beaumont Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [1695/23]

\*1548. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 725 of 4 October 2022, if he will publish the report into the abandoned secondment of a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay in doing so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [1704/23]

\*1549. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that his Department has made in the recruitment and or appointment of a dedicated official in his Department with responsibility for coordinating rare disease policy; if he will provide an update on the current plans to fill this position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [1711/23]

\*1550. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an updated national rare disease plan as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [1712/23]

\*1551. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 195 of 23 November 2022, when senior mental health management in Cork CHO 4 were offered their first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine relative to when long-stay residents aged over-65 years in St. Stephen's Hospital, Glanmire, and the Owenacurra Centre, Midleton, were offered their first-dose vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1716/23]

\*1552. To ask the Minister for Health if the decision-making regarding vaccine sequencing to staff and patient cohorts by HSE managers will form part of the State's inquiry into its handling of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1717/23]

\*1553. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 638 of 5 October 2021 and 691 of 29 November 2022, the reason that the HSE is not yet clear if a property that it is purchasing in Midleton, County Cork, for the purpose of residential mental health placements will accommodate three or four residents even at the 'sale agreed' stage of the purchase; the way in which the HSE can reconcile its contention that the Owenacurra Centre had to close partly due the fact that its premises fell "significantly short of Government's Climate Action Plan requirements" with reports that it is now investing in a property in a part of Midleton that is at significant risk of flooding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1718/23]

\*1554. To ask the Minister for Health the current average wait time for the accident and emergency department at Mayo University Hospital and University Hospital Galway. — Peadar Tóibín. [1723/23]

\*1555. To ask the Minister for Health the current bed capacity at Mayo University Hospital and University Hospital Galway. — Peadar Tóibín. [1724/23]

\*1556. To ask the Minister for Health the last time that the Saolta Hospital Group conducted a bed capacity analysis for University Hospital Galway and Mayo University Hospital; the findings of that analysis; the recommendations of that analysis; if he will provide details of any capacity targets that were identified in the process; if the analysis generated a report or document; and if he will provide a copy of the report or document. — Peadar Tóibín. [1725/23]

\*1557. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of additional beds that were delivered in Mayo University Hospital and University Hospital Galway in each of the past ten years in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [1726/23]

\*1558. To ask the Minister for Health if each CHO has started conducting exit interviews for staff leaving the service; when these were started in each CHO; the early indicators of the reasons that persons are leaving the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1740/23]

\*1559. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that he will instruct the Commission for Public Service Appointments to conduct an immediate audit on the recruitment of qualified paramedics for the National Ambulance Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1741/23]

\*1560. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to setting an annual qualified paramedic recruitment target that is filled by ranking all applicants and taking from the highest rank down until the target is reached, without omitting eligible candidates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1742/23]

\*1561. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that a system will be put in place to ensure adequate capacity in the National Ambulance College for successful candidates to the National Ambulance Service to commence any induction and training required within 90 days of the campaign closing, in order that no successful candidates are left waiting on the panel indefinitely; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1743/23]

\*1562. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to putting in place a time limit of 90 days for the time that successful candidates can be left on a panel before a formal job offer is made in the National Ambulance Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1744/23]

\*1563. To ask the Minister for Health the support that is given to new-entry qualified paramedics as per the National Ambulance Service workforce support policy, education and competency assurance framework; if there are any plans to update this framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1745/23]

\*1564. To ask the Minister for Health if he will investigate the reason that the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council is awarding qualifications to the paramedics and advanced paramedics

that are not able to pass a competency assessment based on PHECC guidelines and training standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1746/23]

\*1565. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the National Ambulance Service uses an induction programme in lieu of competency assessments for Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council-registered EMTs and does not apply a similar process to PHECC-registered paramedics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1747/23]

\*1566. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the National Ambulance Service does not accept Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council-qualified paramedics onto an induction programme where any policy or educational gaps can be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1748/23]

\*1567. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to instructing the National Ambulance Service to undertake an independent review of the bank of questions used as part of the MCQ assessment, given the low success rates in campaigns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1749/23]

\*1568. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of persons aged 75 years or more in each of the six hospital groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1750/23]

\*1569. To ask the Minister for Health the annual expenditure from all sources for each of the six acute hospital groups, broken down by individual hospital group per 1,000 of population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1751/23]

\*1570. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of acute hospital beds in each of the six hospital groups; the proportion of these that are dedicated to specialised national services, such as neurosurgery, in each of the six groups broken down by individual hospital group per 1,000 of population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1752/23]

\*1571. To ask the Minister for Health the total staffing level in each of the six acute hospital groups (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1753/23]

\*1572. To ask the Minister for Health the change in the budgetary allocation and expenditure of each of the six hospital groups in the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1754/23]

\*1573. To ask the Minister for Health the change in the total bed numbers and single-room bed numbers in each acute hospital group over the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1755/23]

\*1574. To ask the Minister for Health the change in the total staff in each acute hospital group over the past two years (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1756/23]

\*1575. To ask the Minister for Health the total annual number of acute hospital, medical and surgical, emergency and elective, and day-case, discharges overall and per hospital consultant in each of the six groups over the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1757/23]

\*1576. To ask the Minister for Health the national policy or strategy on single-room accommodation in acute hospitals in regard to preventing the spread of hospital-acquired infection and prevention of deaths resulting therefrom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1758/23]

\*1577. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for bone density scans for patients at each hospital in the Saolta group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1771/23]

\*1578. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect to receive an appointment for cognitive behavioural therapy in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [1774/23]

\*1579. To ask the Minister for Health the level of spending on new medicines and extension indications by the HSE in 2022; if the €30 million allocation was spent in full; if any unspent allocations were returned to the Exchequer by the HSE or diverted to other expenditure areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1775/23]

\*1580. To ask the Minister for Health when nursing home facilities can make additional applications to the HSE pandemic bonus scheme on behalf of former employees who are no longer employed at a facility. — Robert Troy. [1786/23]

\*1581. To ask the Minister for Health the facilities and specialists that a GP can refer a person to by each CHO, in cases in which the person believes they have ADHD and wish to be diagnosed and appropriately treated by a psychiatrist and get access to medication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1787/23]

\*1582. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons who attended the emergency department at Portlaoise Hospital in 2022; and the monthly breakdown of same. — Brian Stanley. [1788/23]

\*1583. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients attending each of the emergency departments in the State in 2021 and 2022. — Brian Stanley. [1789/23]

\*1584. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE speech and language therapists working in Cashel Hospital in the years 2020 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased. — Alan Kelly. [1804/23]

\*1585. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in County Tipperary awaiting an appointment for cardiology services by wait times in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [1805/23]

\*1586. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in County Tipperary awaiting an appointment for neurology services by wait times in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [1806/23]

\*1587. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on waiting lists who are awaiting first contact with their children's disability network team nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1813/23]

\*1588. To ask the Minister for Health the average time spent on waiting lists for children awaiting first contact with their children's disability network team nationwide, broken down to indicate the

number of children awaiting longer than 18 months, 12 months and 6 months in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1814/23]

\*1589. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE staff per specialty currently working in each children's disability network team in County Wicklow; the number of vacancies in each; if he will provide a timeline for vacancies to be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1815/23]

\*1590. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE psychiatrists currently in CAHMS in County Wicklow; the number of vacancies available; the timeline for filling them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1816/23]

\*1591. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for CAHMS services in County Wicklow; the number of children on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1817/23]

\*1592. To ask the Minister for Health when a nursing home worker (details supplied) can expect their Covid recognition payment. — Pa Daly. [1823/23]

\*1593. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a recruitment campaign (details supplied) for qualified paramedics who are registered with the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council includes competency-based assessments; the reason that applicants to a similar recruitment campaign for intermediate care operatives do not have to undergo competency-based assessments, despite both campaigns requiring candidates to be on the practitioner-level PHECC register; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [1828/23]

\*1594. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to reports of issues with the multiple-choice question stage of a recruitment campaign for qualified paramedics (details supplied); his views on same; the engagements that he has had with the National Ambulance Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [1830/23]

\*1595. To ask the Minister for Health if a recruitment agency (details supplied) has been contracted to supply paramedic cover for the National Ambulance Service; if so, if he will provide details of this arrangement; the number of agency staff who have been employed to date; the number of staff that his Department intends to employ through this agency recruitment campaign; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [1831/23]

\*1596. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the registration status of applicants to the National Ambulance Service who fail competency-based questions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [1832/23]

\*1597. To ask the Minister for Health the treatments that are available at the accident and emergency department or the minor injuries unit at Roscommon Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1840/23]

\*1598. To ask the Minister for Health the treatments that are available at the accident and emergency department or the minor injuries unit at Monaghan Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1841/23]

\*1599. To ask the Minister for Health the treatments that are available at the accident and emergency department or the minor injuries unit at Nenagh Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1842/23]

\*1600. To ask the Minister for Health the treatments that are available at the accident and emergency department or the minor injuries unit at Ennis Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1843/23]

\*1601. To ask the Minister for Health the treatments that are available at the accident and emergency department or the minor injuries unit at Bantry Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1844/23]

\*1602. To ask the Minister for Health the treatments that are available at the accident and emergency or minor injuries unit at Mallow Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1845/23]

\*1603. To ask the Minister for Health the treatments that are available at the accident and emergency or minor injuries unit at Dundalk Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1846/23]

\*1604. To ask the Minister for Health the treatments that are available at the accident and emergency or minor injuries unit at Ballinasloe Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1847/23]

\*1605. To ask the Minister for Health the treatments that are available at the accident and emergency or minor injuries unit at Clonmel Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1848/23]

\*1606. To ask the Minister for Health if ambulances are permitted to bring patients to the accident and emergency or minor injuries unit at Roscommon Hospital; the circumstances in which this is permitted; the number of times that this occurred in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1849/23]

\*1607. To ask the Minister for Health if ambulances are permitted to bring patients to the accident and emergency or the minor injuries unit at Monaghan Hospital; the circumstances in which this is permitted; the number of times that this occurred in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1850/23]

\*1608. To ask the Minister for Health if ambulances are permitted to bring patients to the accident and emergency or the minor injuries unit at Nenagh Hospital; the circumstances in which this is permitted; the number of times that this occurred in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1851/23]

\*1609. To ask the Minister for Health if ambulances are permitted to bring patients to the accident and emergency or the minor injuries unit at Ennis Hospital; the circumstances in which this is permitted; the number of times that this occurred in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1852/23]

\*1610. To ask the Minister for Health if ambulances are permitted to bring patients to the accident and emergency or the minor injuries unit at Bantry Hospital; the circumstances in which this is



permitted; the number of times that this occurred in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1853/23]

\*1611. To ask the Minister for Health if ambulances are permitted to bring patients to the accident and emergency or the minor injuries unit at Mallow Hospital; the circumstances in which this is permitted; the number of times that this occurred in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1854/23]

\*1612. To ask the Minister for Health if ambulances are permitted to bring patients to the accident and emergency or minor injuries unit at Dundalk Hospital; the circumstances in which this is permitted; the number of times that this occurred in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1855/23]

\*1613. To ask the Minister for Health if ambulances are permitted to bring patients to the accident and emergency or minor injuries unit at Ballinasloe Hospital; the circumstances in which this is permitted; the number of times that this occurred in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1856/23]

\*1614. To ask the Minister for Health if ambulances are permitted to bring patients to the accident and emergency or minor injuries unit at Clonmel Hospital; the circumstances in which this is permitted; the number of times that this occurred in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1857/23]

\*1615. To ask the Minister for Health the in-patient services and inpatient surgical services that are available at Roscommon Hospital; the number of days that a patient can remain at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1858/23]

\*1616. To ask the Minister for Health the in-patient services and inpatient surgical services that are available at Monaghan Hospital; the number of days that a patient can remain at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1859/23]

\*1617. To ask the Minister for Health the inpatient services and inpatient surgical services that are available at Nenagh Hospital; the number of days that a patient can remain at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1860/23]

\*1618. To ask the Minister for Health the inpatient services and inpatient surgical services that are available at Ennis Hospital; the number of days that a patient can remain at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1861/23]

\*1619. To ask the Minister for Health the inpatient services and inpatient surgical services that are available at Bantry Hospital; the number of days that a patient can remain at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1862/23]

\*1620. To ask the Minister for Health the inpatient services and inpatient surgical services that are available at Mallow Hospital; the number of days that a patient can remain at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1863/23]

\*1621. To ask the Minister for Health the inpatient services and inpatient surgical services that are available at Dundalk Hospital; the number of days that a patient can remain at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1864/23]

\*1622. To ask the Minister for Health the inpatient services and inpatient surgical services that are available at Ballinasloe Hospital; the number of days that a patient can remain at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1865/23]

\*1623. To ask the Minister for Health the inpatient services and inpatient surgical services that are available at Clonmel Hospital; the number of days that a patient can remain at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1866/23]

\*1624. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update in relation to drug reimbursement for the lifesaving cystic fibrosis drug kaftrio; the reason that some young patients aged six to 11 years are still excluded from the reimbursement scheme; if he will intervene at this stage to ensure that the drug is made available to all cystic fibrosis patients currently in urgent need of it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [1867/23]

\*1625. To ask the Minister for Health when construction of the Tullow primacy care centre, serving Tullow, Rathvilly and Hacketstown, will commence; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [1868/23]

\*1626. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide statistics on excess mortality rates in Ireland for each of the years 2019 to 2022; if there is a clear and significant increase in excess mortality, if he intends to initiate an investigation into the causes of these excess deaths; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [1870/23]

\*1627. To ask the Minister for Health if an application for the fair deal scheme can be reassessed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1891/23]

\*1628. To ask the Minister for Health if the eligibility criteria for the drug known as saxenda under the drugs payment scheme will be widened in order that patients who meet two of four criteria (details supplied) will meet the requirements of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1895/23]

\*1629. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that staff in dental practices have not yet been eligible for the HSE Covid bonus payment; and if he has plans to rectify this matter. — Robert Troy. [1900/23]

\*1630. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a person (details supplied) has been waiting so long for surgery in St. James's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [1901/23]

\*1631. To ask the Minister for Health if he is in receipt of the independent review of the legislation on Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018. — Neasa Hourigan. [1907/23]

\*1632. To ask the Minister for Health when an application for the special recognition pandemic payment award will be processed for staff at a nursing home (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [1908/23]

\*1633. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration is being given to extending access to paxlovid to groups at the highest risk of serious illness or death from Covid-19, without the need for a positive Covid-19 test or symptoms of Covid-19; if his attention has been drawn to the decision

in France to change the criteria for prescribing paxlovid (details supplied); his views on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [1914/23]

\*1634. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements that will be in place, if any, to offer significantly reduced or free car parking in the National Children's Hospital for families bringing children to hospital for frequent or prolonged stays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1931/23]

\*1635. To ask the Minister for Health the number of annual inpatient cases that attended the Mater Hospital for cancer services in the years 2019 to 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1932/23]

\*1636. To ask the Minister for Health if dentists who are struck off in the UK are permitted to practise in Ireland; the vetting procedures followed by the Dental Council of Ireland prior to registering dentists who are qualified abroad; if dentists are required to practise under the same name by which they have registered with the Dental Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [1934/23]

\*1637. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for an MRI scan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1936/23]

\*1638. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who are waiting for pain management at University Hospital Galway; the length of time that they have been waiting; his plans to address the crisis in waiting times for pain management in Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [1940/23]

\*1639. To ask the Minister for Health when a young child (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive a date for an assessment of need; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [1942/23]

\*1640. To ask the Minister for Health if and when cataract surgery will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1943/23]

\*1641. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in accessing the CAMHS service in Galway city and county; the urgent action that is being taken to provide a quality service to young persons in the county who require these services urgently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1947/23]

\*1642. To ask the Minister for Health when the senior dietitians that were promised on 24 June 2022 for the diabetic clinic at Portlaoise Hospital will be appointed; if he will further confirm that funding is in place to fund these posts; the stage that recruitment is at; and the likely timeline to have them in place. — Brian Stanley. [1948/23]

\*1643. To ask the Minister for Health when the allocated home support hours will be delivered in full on a weekly basis to a person (details supplied); if additional hours can be allocated including night-time support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1950/23]

\*1644. To ask the Minister for Health the number of emergency capital works projects completed and the costs associated in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [1953/23]

\*1645. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the HSE's engagement with an operator (details supplied); the services that the operator provides; and the duration of any contract with the operator. — Pa Daly. [1962/23]

\*1646. To ask the Minister for Health the status of speech therapy for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [1964/23]

\*1647. To ask the Minister for Health when free IVF services will be provided; the reason with the delay in rolling this out; if these services will be means-tested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1965/23]

\*1648. To ask the Minister for Health the action that he will take in 2023 to address the long waiting lists and ensure that children with autism spectrum disorder receive the necessary supports for early intervention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1982/23]

\*1649. To ask the Minister for Health if dentists in County Kerry are taking on patients with medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1983/23]

\*1650. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that there are charges of up to €179 per week charged to patients who have been more than 30 days in hospital and are discharged to community hospitals when that would not be charged if they remained in hospital or were transferred to a private nursing home under the transitional care funding for convalescent beds in private nursing homes; if he intends abolishing such charges in community hospitals in the interest of equity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1984/23]

\*1651. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received a letter from Clare County Council regarding a notice motion and resolution passed at the January meeting of Clare County Council (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [1985/23]

\*1652. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated or actual number of automated external defibrillators in Ireland; the corresponding figure for the numbers which are public accessible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1986/23]

\*1653. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of automated external defibrillators registered with the National Ambulance Service; the number of cardiac first responder groups in Ireland; the number of trained cardiac first responder volunteers by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1987/23]

\*1654. To ask the Minister for Health the number of incidents that cardiac first responder groups/members were notified of in each of the past 12 months; the corresponding number of incidents that cardiac first responder groups/members attended; the corresponding number of times that a cardiac first responder member provided CPR and defibrillation to cardiac arrest victims before an ambulance arrived; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1988/23]

\*1655. To ask the Minister for Health the strategy and supports that are being implemented or proposed, to enable communities to respond and improve the survival rate of cardiac arrest victims; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1989/23]

\*1656. To ask the Minister for Health the specific additional funding provided to each hospital group and each CHO under the winter initiative 2022-2023; the funds drawn down to date by

hospital group and CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1990/23]

\*1657. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which the HSE service plan for 2023 was approved; the funding provided in the 2023 service plan to address acute hospital bed capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1991/23]

\*1658. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent vacant nursing posts in Kerry University Hospital as of 11 January 2023; when these vacancies will be filled in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2006/23]

\*1659. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent consultants in emergency medicine who are based in Kerry University Hospital in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; if there are plans to further increase this number; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2007/23]

\*1660. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for audiology appointments in primary care in CHO4 by age category and time waiting in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2008/23]

\*1661. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the backlog in re-registering Irish doctors seeking to return to work in Ireland; and if steps will be taken to urgently clear the backlog in view of the urgent needs at present. — Richard Bruton. [2011/23]

\*1662. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [2021/23]

\*1663. To ask the Minister for Health if he has any plans to expand access to paxlovid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2052/23]

\*1664. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that intravenous antibiotics cannot be administered in nursing homes and or community hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2062/23]

\*1665. To ask the Minister for Health the location of the chronic disease ambulatory care hubs in CHO2; the location of the hubs servicing County Roscommon; when these hubs will become operational; the current status of staff recruitment for such hubs in CHO2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2063/23]

\*1666. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent podiatrists working in CHO2 in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2064/23]

\*1667. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the development of the National Rehabilitation Hospital regional rehabilitation unit at Roscommon University Hospital; the current status of the design process for the unit; when planning permission will be sought from Roscommon County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2065/23]

\*1668. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends increasing or providing new rural allowances or other financial incentives for medical professionals to take-up posts in rural areas in view of the

difficulty in getting medical professionals to locate to rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2070/23]

\*1669. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if he will consider amending the eligibility criteria for this treatment on the drug payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2066/23]

\*1670. To ask the Minister for Health the actions that are being taking to rectify the areas of non-compliance identified by the Mental Health Commissions report (details supplied) into the child and adolescent mental health service in Merlin Park University Hospital, Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2104/23]

\*1671. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 508 of 15 November 2022, if he finds it acceptable that the advice contained within the reply was incorrect (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [2114/23]

\*1672. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 300 of 14 December 2022, when both workstreams will be completed; when the report will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2116/23]

\*1673. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the recruitment of the youth mental health lead as announced in Budget 2023; when the role is expected to be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2124/23]

\*1674. To ask the Minister for Health if he will amend the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 to give full recognition to athletic therapists (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [2125/23]

\*1675. To ask the Minister for Health if the drug, phesgo, is available to patients in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [2130/23]

\*1676. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the appointment of a chief pharmaceutical officer; if his Department is engaging with an organisation (details supplied) regarding this role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [2138/23]

\*1677. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the efficacy of the new standard operating procedures for assessment of needs since 2020; if this has been reviewed; if new standard operating procedures are being considered; if so, if he will outline these; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2149/23]

\*1678. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the review process of the role of radiation therapists; when the recommendations will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2156/23]

\*1679. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the civil registration office for the registrar of births, deaths, and marriages in Thurles, County Tipperary is now closed; the reason the Health Service Executive is not providing this service to the people of Thurles; the solutions that have been put in place to have the civil registration office reopen in Thurles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [2157/23]



\*1680. To ask the Minister for Health if an urgent ophthalmology appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2167/23]

\*1681. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for assessment of needs, psychology, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, and dietetics; the average waiting time for each of these services per CHO in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2168/23]

\*1682. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to implement all 16 recommendations of the workforce advisory group on home carers and nursing home health care assistants in 2023; if he will provide a timeline for the implementation of each recommendation; the progress that has been made to date in implementing these recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2181/23]

\*1683. To ask the Minister for Health the proposed professions which have yet to be regulated by CORU; the timeline for the regulation of each profession; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2182/23]

\*1684. To ask the Minister for Health the process by which professions who are currently unregulated by CORU can apply for recognition of their field; if there is a means by which representative bodies can formally request consideration of their profession for regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2183/23]

\*1685. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration is being given to regulation by CORU of athletic therapists; if so, the steps that are being taken to advance this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2184/23]

\*1686. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) from County Donegal can expect to receive an appointment date from the Mater Private Hospital, Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2186/23]

\*1687. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Donegal is on the urgent or routine waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2187/23]

\*1688. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 602 of 13 December 2022, the cost of accommodating the telemedicine clinic in CHO4, including the expenses for travel for quarterly appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2188/23]

\*1689. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to reports that the Health Service Executive is not meeting its obligations as set out in section 18 of the Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) Act 2013 and that this failure is leading to shortages in supply of commonly-used generic pharmaceutical products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [2190/23]

\*1690. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider a legislative measure, even on a temporary basis, to reduce the 180-day decision timeframe as set out in section 18 of the Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) Act 2013 for commonly-used generic pharmaceutical products to

address the current acute shortage of such drugs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [2191/23]

\*1691. To ask the Minister for Health if a rebate or grant is available to parents who avail of private orthodontic treatment for their children in time-sensitive situations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [2194/23]

\*1692. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to amend the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 to categorise athletic therapists as a profession regulated by CORU, considering their specialisation in the field of neuromusculoskeletal medicine related to physical activity in sporting, recreational and working environments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2201/23]

\*1693. To ask the Minister for Health the amount that was spent in 2022 on private ambulances to transfer patients from Nenagh General Hospital to nursing homes, when they were being discharged from the hospital; the breakdown of the locations from which these ambulances travelled from originally in order to transfer these patients from Nenagh Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [2203/23]

\*1694. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times in County Kerry for HSE dental appointments for children from 0 to 18-years-of-age, cross tabulated with the available age cohorts in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [2215/23]

\*1695. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the availability of concerta methylphenidate in Ireland. — Pa Daly. [2245/23]

\*1696. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the new HSE guidelines in the treatment of ADHD; the role of adult ADHD clinics; when he anticipates the clinics being fully operational; and the length of the current waiting list for such clinics. — Pa Daly. [2246/23]

\*1697. To ask the Minister for Health when an application for the fair deal scheme will be processed for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [2248/23]

\*1698. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that are being taken to increase the supply of home care workers to meet the level of approval of hours for home care by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2257/23]

\*1699. To ask the Minister for Health the total budget per month and the amount spent per year on paediatric aids and appliances by an organisation (details supplied) in CHO4 in each of the years 2020 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2292/23]

\*1700. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for aids and appliances for those under 18 years of age in CHO4; the length of time that they have been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2293/23]

\*1701. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline his engagement with gynaecological experts and down syndrome groups to develop specialist gynaecology services for individuals with down syndrome. — Holly Cairns. [2294/23]

\*1702. To ask the Minister for Health the number of autistic individuals with an intellectual disability who are currently listed as active CAMHS patients in each CHO in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [2295/23]

\*1703. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for home care packages; the number who are experiencing delayed discharge from hospital due to a delay in accessing home care; and the extent of the waiting lists for home care packages by CHO and LHO in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [2296/23]

\*1704. To ask the Minister for Health if he will immediately work with the HSE in CHO4 to put in place a plan to ensure that none of the acute mental health unit beds in Bantry General Hospital are closed. — Holly Cairns. [2297/23]

\*1705. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 322 of 10 November 2022 and 574 of 6 December 2022, the service developments that took place between 8 June and 15 June 2017 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2299/23]

\*1706. To ask the Minister for Health if the Commission for Public Service Appointments was informed by the HSE in advance of the recruitment of psychologists to posts within the Cork Adult Mental Health Services and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services' local interviews and appointments by transfer (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2300/23]

\*1707. To ask the Minister for Health the total funding for HSE dental services in the past five years in CHO4; the number of children awaiting dental services in CHO4, broken down per LHO; their waiting times; the number of orthodontists available to the HSE in this area; the criteria that are being applied that determine whether a child qualifies for HSE-funded orthodontic treatment; the number waiting for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2301/23]

\*1708. To ask the Minister for Health if he will immediately ensure that all persons who require a medication (details supplied) are reimbursed regardless of whether the prescription comes from a consultant, an NCDH, or a GP. — Holly Cairns. [2302/23]

\*1709. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details on the current availability of adult ADHD services in each LHO in CHO4. — Holly Cairns. [2303/23]

\*1710. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the HSE proposals to limit home birth services for women and pregnant people living within 30 minutes of a maternity hospital. — Holly Cairns. [2304/23]

\*1711. To ask the Minister for Health when all outstanding Covid recognition payments will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [2314/23]

\*1712. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider reviewing the reimbursement of the anti-nausea drug pyridoxine, doxylamine commonly known by the brand name cariban for those who are pregnant; if he will consider making it available for non-consultant doctors to prescribe to any pregnant persons suffering nausea; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [2315/23]

\*1713. To ask the Minister for Health if the unfortunate experience and delay of a person (details supplied) in getting their hip operation will be resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2318/23]

\*1714. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that sub-clause 7.2.2 of the 2021 IPHA Framework Agreement which requires off-patent brands to 40% of the ex-factory price of that medicine is not consistently applied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [2330/23]

\*1715. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made by the Health Service Executive's corporate pharmaceutical unit regarding a reimbursement application submitted fourteen months ago by a company (details supplied) for a commonly-used generic antibiotic, nitrofurantoin, prescribed for urinary tract infections. — Mary Lou McDonald. [2331/23]

\*1716. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the 2021 IPHA Framework Agreement does not include a dedicated reimbursement mechanism for older commonly-used generic drugs for which the pricing framework is not applicable due to the significant number of years since the drugs' patent has expired. — Mary Lou McDonald. [2332/23]

\*1717. To ask the Minister for Health if he will meet with an association (details supplied) to discuss updating the dental treatment service scheme and upcoming legislation affecting their sector; if so, when he expects to do so; if he will respond to correspondence from the association in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [2333/23]

\*1718. To ask the Minister for Health when he anticipates that he will be able to accommodate to the meeting request made to his office by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2334/23]

\*1719. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on the dermatology waiting lists in Galway University Hospital; the number who have been on the list for between one and two years and for more than two years; the possible effect on long-term outcomes by the delay in treatment; the steps that are being taken to reduce these waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2339/23]

\*1720. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has considered the case for making the flu vaccine free to accelerate its take-up at this time of acute pressure. — Richard Bruton. [2370/23]

\*1721. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the FEMPI changes which were introduced affecting the income of pharmacists; if there is a process in place for considering the restoration of such changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [2371/23]

\*1722. To ask the Minister for Health when the report of the Heredity Cancer Model of Care will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2372/23]

\*1723. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update with respect to the progression of the new community nursing development in St. Mary's Hospital, Dublin Rd, Drogheda; when the project is expected to be completed; if he will supply any other relevant information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2381/23]

\*1724. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the annual funding for the aids and appliances for persons who are blind or vision impaired in each CHO in the years 2020, 2021 and 2022. — Holly Cairns. [2428/23]

\*1725. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the National Standardised List of Community Funded Aids and Appliances and Prescribing Criteria, including the list of all aids and appliances on the list; if there is a specific category for persons who are blind or vision impaired; and if so, the aids and appliances that are included for this category. — Holly Cairns. [2429/23]

\*1726. To ask the Minister for Health if he will immediately cease the practice of preliminary team assessments as a waitlist measure to address the long delays in the assessment of needs' process. — Holly Cairns. [2430/23]

\*1727. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to ensure that there are clear and compulsory communication channels between the HSE and families concerning postmortems, especially in perinatal cases. — Holly Cairns. [2431/23]

\*1728. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to ensure that no human organs or tissue are retained during or after postmortems without the expressed permission of the deceased person's next-of-kin. — Holly Cairns. [2432/23]

\*1729. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to improve recruitment to the National Ambulance Service. — Holly Cairns. [2433/23]

\*1730. To ask the Minister for Health the funding or provision of equipment that is available for persons who have been medically assessed as requiring mobility scooters. — Holly Cairns. [2434/23]

\*1731. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to address the shortages of ambulances in Cork south west. — Holly Cairns. [2435/23]

\*1732. To ask the Minister for Health the average response time of ambulances in west County Cork; the number of ambulances that are ordinarily based at each location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2442/23]

\*1733. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paramedics who are assigned to ambulance services in west County Cork; and the optimum number of paramedics that should serve that area. — Holly Cairns. [2443/23]

\*1734. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that all individuals with diabetes are provided medical equipment to monitor their sugar levels free-of-charge. — Holly Cairns. [2444/23]

\*1735. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline his engagement with family members representing service users with physical and intellectual disabilities in a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2445/23]

\*1736. To ask the Minister for Health the current state of feeding eating / drinking / swallowing impairments FEDS pathways for assessment and treatment in CHO4. — Holly Cairns. [2446/23]

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

\*1737. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to increase TAMS grants on calf feeders, in recognition of the promotion of dairy calf to beef; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63138/22]

\*1738. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to increase TAMS grants on calf sheds, in recognition of the promotion of dairy calf to beef; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63139/22]

\*1739. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of live lambs and the quantity of sheep meat in tonnage that were imported from UK per month during the 2022 calendar year in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63140/22]

\*1740. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of live sheep that were exported from Ireland per month in the calendar year of 2022; the destinations in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63141/22]

\*1741. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will clarify the way that the export of slurry from farm holdings is facilitated under the new nitrates' derogation arrangements; if he will outline a rationale for the proposed changes in this specific regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [63160/22]

\*1742. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current situation regarding access to inshore waters by large boats; the initiatives, if any, which he proposes to reinstate protection measures in these waters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [63161/22]

\*1743. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the checks that are in place to ensure that pet dogs and other animals that are entering Ireland do not pose a risk of rabies or other diseases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [63215/22]

\*1744. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when legislation will be in place removing the requirement for planning permission on ash plantations below ten hectares in size which are being replaced by conifers following the completion of environmental assessment by the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63228/22]

\*1745. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the clearance grant element of the ash dieback RUS is being retained in the new forestry programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63229/22]

\*1746. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total area of Ash dieback RUS received by his Department which remain unapproved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63230/22]

\*1747. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the cost to Greyhound Racing Ireland of sponsoring a competition (details supplied) and a final on a television station on 17 and 24 September 2022, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [63241/22]



\*1748. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the rate of grant available to farmers who are clearing a forest with ash dieback under the new forestry scheme; the person or body that decides the rate of grant to be paid to an affected farmer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63245/22]

\*1749. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a survey has been done on sites affected by ash dieback to ascertain whether the soil is infected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63246/22]

\*1750. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the plans that are in place to compensate the landowner if their land's soil is infected on a plantation containing ash dieback; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63247/22]

\*1751. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there has been a survey done on lands containing hen harrier where there are different levels of forestation growth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63248/22]

\*1752. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the level of funding that exists for the ecosystem's services payments in the new forestry programme under biodiversity grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63249/22]

\*1753. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of Coillte lands that are currently in forestry production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63250/22]

\*1754. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has plans to grant-aid the cutting of trees on roadsides that are infected with ash dieback for road safety reasons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63251/22]

\*1755. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current membership number of an organisation (details supplied); the length of membership of each member; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63252/22]

\*1756. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider dropping the obligation for the replanting of forestry as part of the new forestry programme, in order to encourage afforestation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63253/22]

\*1757. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will reopen applications for tranche 1 of the ACRES scheme given that this is a new scheme and some applicants did not have an opportunity to prepare and submit their application on time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [63275/22]

\*1758. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers from County Mayo, who are affected through no fault of their own known as the forgotten farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [63298/22]

\*1759. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [63342/22]

\*1760. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider overhauling the current grants regime in order that farmers can bank the money they receive year by year and

not face recoupments going back up to five years in relation to money that is long spent; if his attention has been drawn to the stress that these recoupments are placing on farmers and the fact that changes to schemes can ensure that a farmer's payments are withheld if they do not reach targets, as opposed to recouped over many years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [63365/22]

\*1761. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the continuing and historic delays in issuing passports to foals born in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63368/22]

\*1762. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the stud book rules are not being adhered to by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63369/22]

\*1763. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether the time has come to outsource the issuing of passports to foals in order for breeders to be able to sell their stock in the same calendar year (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63370/22]

\*1764. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if all sections of all Acts passed in the past ten years have been commenced; the number of sections that are outstanding; the number of Acts that have review periods; if the reviews have taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [63375/22]

\*1765. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to a reported breach of the Animal Health and Welfare Regulations 2019 (details supplied); and if he will ensure that an investigation is carried out in relation to same. — Paul Murphy. [63394/22]

\*1766. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 147 of 9 November 2022, the status of the engagement with Coillte with a view to increasing the pension payments for retired workers, considering that their pensions have not been increased for many years and some have had no increase since they retired; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [63446/22]

\*1767. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to the ACRES scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63448/22]

\*1768. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason that the areas of the Ballyboy, Cregaclare Turlough, Ballyboy, Ardahan, County Galway, are excluded from the ACRES scheme given that they are areas of important ecological value; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [63472/22]

\*1769. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason that a farmer is not eligible for the new sheep improvement scheme in circumstances (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [63482/22]

\*1770. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider expanding the new ACRES scheme (details supplied) in order to include more applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [63550/22]

\*1771. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to intensive pig and poultry farms given the detrimental impact that intensive farming can have on animal welfare and that Ireland's ammonia emissions have not met EU limits for seven out of the past nine years (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [63594/22]

\*1772. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of reports of breaches of the sale and supply of pets regulations that his Department has received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [63598/22]

\*1773. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications received under the ACRES scheme; the number of applications rejected due to late application; if the application date will be extended due to the administrative burden involved with applying; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [63634/22]

\*1774. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on recent progress with the Food Vision strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [63718/22]

\*1775. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of times that he has visited County Kildare since the Government took office; the locations that he visited in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [63725/22]

\*1776. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63732/22]

\*1777. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the sustainability of the private forestry sector given the shortage of licences available to the sector since 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [63772/22]

\*1778. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of hectares of afforestation applied for in each year since 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [63773/22]

\*1779. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of the forestry budget for 2022 which will be spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [63774/22]

\*1780. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of times in 2022 that he or his Department officials met a private sector forestry association (details supplied) that demonstrated outside Government buildings in November 2021 over its concerns regarding private forestry licence output; the dates of those meetings; the participants; the agenda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [63775/22]

\*1781. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of hectares of afforestation licensed by his Department; the total number of hectares of Coillte felling licences that have been licensed by his Department in each of the years since 2015, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [63776/22]

\*1782. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Coillte has any harvesting rights to the forests which it will be managing for the private investment fund with whom it is in negotiations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [63777/22]

\*1783. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason that the State forestry company, Coillte, is becoming a manager for private investment companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [63778/22]

\*1784. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of times during the term of the Government that he or his Department officials met with Coillte in relation to the State company merging with investment institutions to reengage in afforestation; the dates of those meetings; the participants; the agenda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [63779/22]

\*1785. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the rules changed in order that Coillte can receive forestry grants or premiums either directly or indirectly through any joint venture with institutional investment funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [63780/22]

\*1786. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he or his Department officials have engaged with the European Commission regarding the joint venture between Coillte and investment funds as discussed during a Joint Oireachtas meeting in December 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [63781/22]

\*1787. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are any employees of Coillte that are directly or indirectly involved in an organisation (details supplied) in either a personal or professional capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [63782/22]

\*1788. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when his attention was drawn to the discussions between Coillte and an organisation (details supplied) regarding a proposed joint venture; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [63783/22]

\*1789. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if any of his officials, including the assistant secretary, met with Coillte to discuss any potential joint venture between Coillte and an organisation (details supplied) before appearing before the Joint Oireachtas Committee for Agriculture on 29 January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [63784/22]

\*1790. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if licensing output by his Department for 2022 will negatively affect employment in the private sector as licence targets were not reached, and also impact positively on Coillte if their licence target has been exceeded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [63785/22]

\*1791. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his officials participated in discussions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [63788/22]

\*1792. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Coillte appointed legal advisors to assist in the proposed new arrangement with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [63789/22]

\*1793. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of RUS licences issued in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63791/22]

\*1794. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the experience of ash dieback amongst farmers and their dissatisfaction with existing support schemes will have impacted negatively on farmer participation in afforestation, thus reducing planting levels in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63792/22]

\*1795. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the proposed new joint venture between Coillte and institutional investment companies will be entitled to avail of the ash dieback RUS scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63793/22]

\*1796. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the area of afforestation planted by the private sector and by Coillte, respectively each year since 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63794/22]

\*1797. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the weekly average number of afforestation licences issued for 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63795/22]

\*1798. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the target number of hectares of forestry to be planted in 2022; the final number reached in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [63808/22]

\*1799. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the delivery of forestry licence targets in 2022 for both Coillte and the private forestry sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [63810/22]

\*1800. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is a policy within his Department to restore farmer confidence in afforestation or to increase afforestation levels through joint ventures between the State's forestry company and large-scale institutional investment funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [63811/22]

\*1801. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he instructed Coillte to become involved in afforestation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [63812/22]

\*1802. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if any proposed arrangement between Coillte and a company (details supplied) requires Ministerial approval or approval from the competition authority or any other regulatory body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [63813/22]

\*1803. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the attention of the director of forestry was drawn to the proposed new arrangement between Coillte and a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [63814/22]

\*1804. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of afforestation licences that have been issued during the term of the Government; the number of afforestation licences currently in the backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [63822/22]

\*1805. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review the decision to refuse an appeal under the BEAM scheme in the name of a person (details supplied) given that they could not reduce the herd due to TB; and if the decision can be overturned on compassionate or force majeure grounds. — John McGuinness. [63837/22]

\*1806. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his future plans to provide funding to an initiative (details supplied) following a submission from an organisation in recent weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [63846/22]

\*1807. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has been informed as to which party initiated the discussions between Coillte and a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [63870/22]

\*1808. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on any proposed joint venture with the State forestry company Coillte and UK based investment funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [63871/22]

\*1809. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of times that his officials have met with Coillte regarding any proposed new arrangement with a company (details supplied); when these meetings took place; the persons who attended the meetings; if minutes of the meetings were taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [63872/22]

\*1810. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined given that they are being billed by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63879/22]

\*1811. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 672 of 13 December 2022, when the scheme for forgotten farmers will be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [63908/22]

\*1812. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide correspondence to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [63945/22]

\*1813. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of times that he and or officials from his Department met with Coillte in relation to forestry licences in 2022; the dates of those meetings; the participants; the agenda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63969/22]

\*1814. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of Coillte felling licences issued during the term of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63970/22]

\*1815. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the weekly average number of Coillte felling licences issued in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63971/22]

\*1816. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the terms of the agreement between Coillte and an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63972/22]



\*1817. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the attention of the Secretary General of his Department was drawn to the discussions between Coillte and an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63973/22]

\*1818. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will engage with Coillte with a view to increasing the pension payments for retired workers, given that their pensions have not been increased for many years, and that for some, pensions have not increased since they retired; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [63989/22]

\*1819. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when decisions will be made on applications to the decommissioning scheme for fishing vessels arising from Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1007/23]

\*1820. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1012/23]

\*1821. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of calves that have been exported to Northern Ireland from the Republic on an annual basis over the past twenty years. — Paul Murphy. [1069/23]

\*1822. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of calves that have been imported from Northern Ireland to the Republic on an annual basis over the past twenty years; and if those calves originate from Northern Ireland or in England, Scotland or Wales. — Paul Murphy. [1070/23]

\*1823. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on a query (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [1080/23]

\*1824. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the assistance that will be provided to the estimated 16,000 farmers who were unable to participate in the agri-climate rural environmental scheme; if these most vulnerable low-income farmers will receive a gap payment in 2023 given that these farmers will be unable to afford a year without support payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [1083/23]

\*1825. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the cut-off dates for his proposed scheme for “forgotten farmers”; if he will outline the definition of a forgotten farmer as proposed by his Department; the current status of the proposed scheme; if it will involve the reallocation of farm entitlements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1097/23]

\*1826. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the measures under Budget 2023 to address the group of farmers known as “forgotten farmers” will be implemented; if the farmers affected were consulted in the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [1136/23]

\*1827. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a person who has been willed a farm holding as a sole beneficiary but probate has not yet been completed can participate in the ACRES scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [1138/23]

\*1828. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an employer (details supplied) still has an obligation to fully compensate crew for all their service on a vessel, in cases in which the vessel changed ownership subsequent to the completion of 90-days by the fisher in 2020 and 2021; if the current employer still has an obligation to pay the compensation to the fisher; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [1177/23]

\*1829. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of hospitality staff, cleaning and betting staff that work at Leopardstown, Fairyhouse, Punchestown and Curragh Racecourse at event days throughout 2022, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [1208/23]

\*1830. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of hospitality staff, cleaning staff, betting staff and so on, that work at Shelbourne Park greyhound stadium at each event day throughout 2022, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [1209/23]

\*1831. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the tonnage of pigmeat per county that was imported into Ireland in 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1260/23]

\*1832. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the information that his Department has on swine fever hot zones across Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1261/23]

\*1833. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the tonnage of pigmeat per county that has been imported into Ireland from identified hot zones since 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1262/23]

\*1834. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that are taken by his Department on foot of complaints or allegations around damage caused by herbicide or pesticide spraying on farms; if inspectors routinely take soil or water samples to test for the presence of chemical following such complaints; if this does not occur at present, if it would be considered in the future; the actions that are taken on foot of a specific allegation of crop and insect damage from spraying activities (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [1277/23]

\*1835. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the level of biosecurity measures that are in place to prevent the importation of swine fever; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1279/23]

\*1836. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is concerned at the high number of deaths of horses at Punchestown racetrack (details supplied) and the level of horse deaths across Irish racetracks; the measures that he intends taking to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [1289/23]

\*1837. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason that island residents in the Aran islands with commercially-owned vehicles kept permanently on the mainland were not afforded free parking places in Ros a 'Mhíl harbour on the same basis that island residents with privately-owned vehicles were; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1355/23]

\*1838. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress made to date with the development of phase three of the marina at Ros a 'Mhíl harbour for which funding of €2

million was announced in 2022; the amount of this money that was expended in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1356/23]

\*1839. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of aquaculture licence appeals that are on hand for over one year by the Aquaculture Licences Appeal Board; the number on hand for more than three years; if he intends on reviewing the operation of the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board in view of the inordinate time that it is taking the board to make decisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1366/23]

\*1840. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 221 of 23 November 2022, the number of bovine animals greater than 36 months of age that were sold through Irish livestock marts in each of the years 2018 to 2022, by animal type and breed, that is, dairy or beef that were not slaughtered within 30 days of the date that they were traded in livestock marts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1375/23]

\*1841. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of peat and peat products that have been exported to Japan from 2011 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1409/23]

\*1842. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on reports that approximately 12,000 ha of forestry land will be sold to a UK-based firm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1414/23]

\*1843. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the specific delegated functions that have been transferred to Ministers of State appointed in December 2022, in tabular form; and the date of transfer. — Sean Sherlock. [1463/23]

\*1844. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the name of the company or organisation or persons that were contracted to provide media training to him from 1 January 2021 to date; the costs incurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1500/23]

\*1845. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the lime scheme will be rolled out; if any of the €40 million that was set aside for this scheme has been allocated; the current situation regarding this scheme for farmers in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [1520/23]

\*1846. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a pension payment will issue to a former Department employee (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [1536/23]

\*1847. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if TB compensation will be provided to a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1607/23]

\*1848. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a 2021 BEAM payment will issue to a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry following a successful appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1613/23]

\*1849. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views in relation to the decline in attendance at horse racing meetings during the recent festive period (details supplied); the reason for this decline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [1615/23]

\*1850. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has any strategy or plans to assist the redevelopment of the sugar beet industry. — Brian Stanley. [1648/23]

\*1851. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on concerns and proposals raised by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1766/23]

\*1852. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that are being taken to ensure that the Farmers Charter of Rights is being following in relation to on-farm inspections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [1781/23]

\*1853. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a food-related trade mission to Mexico will occur in Quarter 1 of 2023. — Alan Kelly. [1797/23]

\*1854. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports that are currently available to the equestrian sector to support equestrian activities for persons with physical and intellectual disabilities; and if he has any plans to introduce additional supports in this regard. — Robert Troy. [1824/23]

\*1855. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an ACRES application can be awarded to a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [1933/23]

\*1856. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagements that he has had with other Departments regarding the establishment of a new veterinary college; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1958/23]

\*1857. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if land acquired arising from the joint venture between Coillte and an organisation (details supplied) will be owned by the semi-state body; the ownership of any associated harvesting rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1959/23]

\*1858. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when his attention and that of his Department was first drawn to the joint venture between Coillte and an organisation (details supplied); his Department's interactions with Coillte in this regard; if he will instruct Coillte to stall the venture until a full public engagement on the matter is facilitated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1972/23]

\*1859. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the powers that he has to stall the joint venture between Coillte and an organisation (details supplied); if he will be using those powers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1973/23]

\*1860. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the stakeholders and composition of the working group established to examine issues under the Control of Dogs Act 1986; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [2013/23]

\*1861. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the first meeting of the working group established to review the Control of Dogs Act 1986 will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [2015/23]

\*1862. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he expects the working group established to review the Control of Dogs Act 1986 to submit its recommendations; if he can

commit to this work being completed as expeditiously as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [2017/23]

\*1863. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the terms of reference of the working group reviewing the Control of Dogs Act 1986; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [2019/23]

\*1864. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the figure of 4,150 given in a report (details supplied) for industry-supported full-time and part-time jobs consists of jobs in the greyhound racing industry only; the number of these jobs that are related to the activity of hare coursing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2083/23]

\*1865. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the figure of 10,361 given in a report (details supplied) for the total number of persons deriving economic benefit from the greyhound sector refer to those deriving economic benefit from the greyhound racing sector only; the number of the 10,361 given for the total number of persons deriving economic benefit from the greyhound sector that are related to the activity of hare coursing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2084/23]

\*1866. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the figure of €103.8 million per annum given in a report (details supplied) for the gross wage bill refer to wages earned by those involved in the greyhound racing industry only; the amount of the figure of €103.8 million for the gross wage bill that relates to the activity of hare coursing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2085/23]

\*1867. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the figure of €88.2 million given in a report (details supplied) for net incomes generated in the industry refers to net incomes generated by the greyhound racing industry only; the estimated amount of the figure of €88.2 million given for net incomes generated in the industry that relates to the activity of hare coursing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2086/23]

\*1868. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the figure of 6,211 owners given in a report (details supplied) refers to owners of greyhounds used in the greyhound racing industry only; the number of the 6,211 owners that relates to the activity of hare coursing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2087/23]

\*1869. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of individual greyhound pups born in Ireland during the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022, the breakdown of racing and coursing pups and the number of litters born in the same period. — Neasa Hourigan. [2094/23]

\*1870. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of dogs in the greyhound racing pool for each of the months January to December 2020, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [2095/23]

\*1871. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the advice given to greyhound owners on the website of an organisation (details supplied) that greyhound owners never place any greyhounds with anti-racing rehoming groups reflects the official policy of Rásaíocht Con Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2096/23]

\*1872. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a feasibility study of the proposed development works at Kilkenny Greyhound Stadium has been carried out; if so, the outcome of this study; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2097/23]

\*1873. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a feasibility study of the proposed development works at Shelbourne Park Greyhound Stadium has been carried out; if so, the outcome of this study; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2098/23]

\*1874. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of greyhounds killed and injured at Irish greyhound tracks during the period 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022, in tabular form, by the categories of racing, official trials, unofficial trials and sales trials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2099/23]

\*1875. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of greyhounds that were homed by an organisation (details supplied) in the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022, by directly and indirectly homed greyhounds and by coursing and non-coursing greyhounds in the directly homed number; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2100/23]

\*1876. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a greyhound (details supplied) was drug tested and checked by a veterinarian following his failure to leave trap six in the sixth race at Mullingar greyhound track on 18 December 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2101/23]

\*1877. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason that a person (details supplied) in County Cork has had a penalty on their 2022 BEEP payment; if he considers the penalty applied to be proportionate given the circumstances in this case including the fact that the applicant has been a beneficiary in previous years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [2102/23]

\*1878. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has concerns that the €200 million arrangement between an organisation (details supplied) and Coillte will push up land prices with the potential to adversely impact the ability of private foresters to compete in the market and will put the cost of land beyond the reach of farmers generally; if his attention has been drawn to reports that in countries such as Scotland, where similar arrangements are in place, that land prices have increased substantially according to a report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [2135/23]

\*1879. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when his attention was first drawn to the agreement between Coillte and an organisation (details supplied); if he engaged with Coillte when his attention was drawn to the arrangement; the outcome of any such meeting; if he engaged with farmers or farmers' organisations on the arrangement upon being informed of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [2136/23]

\*1880. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has any concerns that the availability of forest premia to private small-scale foresters will become diminished as a result of their availability to large scale funds such as an organisation (details supplied) upon the arrangement between Coillte and said organisation; his views on whether the forest grant scheme should focus on farmers and private Irish forestry owners; if he has given consideration to amending the forestry grant scheme to exclude or reduce the incentive for funds such as the organisation concerned to put



land out of the reach of such operators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [2137/23]

\*1881. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of funding that was allocated to each animal welfare organisation in 2022; the criteria on which the funding is granted and the amount awarded (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2200/23]

\*1882. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that he is taking to ensure the processing of forestry licences from private companies. — Holly Cairns. [2261/23]

\*1883. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that he is taking to support the inshore fishing sector. — Holly Cairns. [2262/23]

\*1884. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that he is taking to ensure that the Common Fisheries Policy supports inshore fishers. — Holly Cairns. [2263/23]

\*1885. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions that he is taking to address the Programme For Government commitment to ensure that inshore waters continue to be protected for smaller fishing vessels and recreational fishers and that pair trawling will be prohibited inside the six-mile limit. — Holly Cairns. [2264/23]

\*1886. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if, following a recent meeting that he hosted with farmers involved in the Burren life and Burren beo agri-environmental scheme, he will make adjustments to the new ACRES scheme or provide a separate funding scheme for Burren farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2335/23]

\*1887. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the alternative arrangements that will be made to ensure that there is a suitable slipway in Ros a'Mhíl for the roll-on roll-off cargo ferry at the Oileáin Árann to use now that the present slipway will be decommissioned as part of the development of the deep water pier in Ros a'Mhíl, as the roll-on roll-off service is vital for the islands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2341/23]

\*1888. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of hectares of forestry planted by farmers in each of the past 20 years; the reasons for the decline in planting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2343/23]

\*1889. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the call by a fishing representative organisation (details supplied) for fair access to restored and co-managed fishing grounds. — Holly Cairns. [2415/23]

\*1890. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of EU Brexit funding that has been made available to the in-shore fishing sector; his plans to provide further funding from EU Brexit funding to the sector; and to outline his engagement with in-shore fishing representative bodies on this matter. — Holly Cairns. [2416/23]

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

\*1891. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there has been any analysis undertaken of the cluster housing pilot scheme in Kilsheelan, County Tipperary; if there are other

cluster housing pilot schemes planned in the coming years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [1149/23]

\*1892. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the next round of Pobal community centres investment fund grants will be open; and if it will be open to non-community centres, specifically GAA clubs. — Louise O’Reilly. [63183/22]

\*1893. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63207/22]

\*1894. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the cane corso and malinois dog breeds will be considered as dangerous breeds that should be muzzled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63317/22]

\*1895. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [63350/22]

\*1896. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she intends to commit to the plans for a long-awaited community centre on the Tullow Road, Carlow; if her attention has been drawn to reports that the plans have been designed by the local authority and that a community consultation has taken place in an area that has one of the largest population densities in Carlow town and urgently requires proper amenities; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the plans have been ready for almost a year; when the Government will commit to matching the necessary funding; when the funding will be released; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [63353/22]

\*1897. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if all sections of all Acts passed in the past ten years have been commenced; the number of sections that are outstanding; the number of Acts that have review periods; if the reviews have taken place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [63387/22]

\*1898. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will direct her Department to bring a person (details supplied) to the courts for failing to display a registered number issued by the relevant local authority to the dog-breeding establishment under the Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010. — Joan Collins. [63405/22]

\*1899. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if Dublin City Council made an application under the town and village renewal scheme; and if so, if the council is eligible for same. — Paul McAuliffe. [63428/22]

\*1900. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if addiction services funded under Section 39 can avail of the community and voluntary energy support scheme in order to receive financial support to assist with escalating fuel costs. — Jim O’Callaghan. [63531/22]

\*1901. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide a feedback mechanism to communities and groups who failed to obtain funding under the town and villages renewal scheme, to ensure that applicants can learn the reason that their applications were not successful; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [63532/22]

\*1902. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide a report and or feedback on the recent unsuccessful application by an organisation (details supplied) to the town and village renewal scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [63651/22]

\*1903. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will initiate a public consultation process regarding dog control regulations with all stakeholders to include organisations that maintain a register of dog owners and breeders, associations representing particular breeds (details supplied) and qualified dog trainers and behaviourists and vets; if she will examine the laws and regulations in other European countries with a view to establishing best practice in the regulation of dogs and how to apply the findings in Ireland; if the regulations governing the importation of dogs will also be examined with a view to updating the current regulations; if a public awareness campaign relative to the consultation will be undertaken to encourage persons to make a submission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [63761/22]

\*1904. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will direct her Department to investigate registration issues in respect of a specific dog breeding establishment (details supplied) to ascertain whether unlicensed activity is being undertaken at same; the sanctions and enforcement her Department may be considering in respect of the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [63786/22]

\*1905. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason that an application by a community organisation (details supplied) under the town and village renewal scheme was unsuccessful; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [63797/22]

\*1906. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the stage 3 approval for the Stillorgan Library development will be given in view of the fact that the timeline for the development is dependent on the date of stage 3 approval to proceed to tender stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63897/22]

\*1907. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of approved applications on local improvement scheme waiting lists by county, separating ordinary/private roads from community roads in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [63917/22]

\*1908. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of local improvement scheme applications completed in each county in each of the years from 2016 to 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [63918/22]

\*1909. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she intends to include a measure under this year's CLÁR programme for improvements to parking and turning and other facilities on primary school grounds where the 80km speed limit applies to ensure the safety of pupils, staff and parents given that there are still schools in CLÁR areas that require such improvements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1002/23]

\*1910. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of carryover of the 2022 capital allocation agreed between her Department and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform from 2022 into 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1360/23]

\*1911. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of the original capital allocation to her Department in 2022 that was transferred to current expenditure in 2023 by way of supplementary estimate; the reason for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1361/23]

\*1912. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the underspend of the capital allocation to her Department in 2022, including transfers to current expenditure and deferral of the allocation to 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1362/23]

\*1913. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the grants or funding that were awarded by her Department or through schemes administered by her Department to an association (details supplied) in each of the years 2016 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1433/23]

\*1914. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has engaged with an association (details supplied) in relation to governance concerns raised by present and former members of its board and by many among its membership; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1434/23]

\*1915. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the specific delegated functions that have been transferred to Ministers of State appointed in December 2022, in tabular form; and the date of transfer. — Sean Sherlock. [1476/23]

\*1916. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the name of the company or organisation or persons that were contracted to provide media training to her from 1 January 2021 to date; the costs incurred; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1513/23]

\*1917. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when further information will be released regarding the 2023 community centres investment fund; if a timeline has been finalised for the fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1521/23]

\*1918. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if an application for funding by a community centre (details supplied) will be examined; and if the centre is entitled to any additional grant aid given the extenuating circumstances in this case. — Cathal Crowe. [1624/23]

\*1919. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will increase the amount of funding available to local authorities for the streetscapes and shop fronts scheme to meet the demand which the application process has identified and to ensure that all eligible businesses receive funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [1688/23]

\*1920. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason that the fast ferry service which is available to Tory Island, County Donegal will not accept the free travel pass which prohibits many older and disabled passengers from availing of the service to and from the Island; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [1887/23]

\*1921. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her attention has been drawn to reports that an anomaly in the community and voluntary sector energy support scheme is excluding many community and voluntary organisations from accessing the scheme (details supplied); if she has any plans to rectify the issues outlined in order that such organisations can be deemed eligible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [1892/23]

\*1922. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding avenues that are available through her Department which could assist a sporting organisation with the purchase of land, particularly where a club does not currently have a ground of its own and there is a proven need within an area. — Robert Troy. [1910/23]

\*1923. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she plans to open a new round of the Community Centre Investment Fund in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1927/23]

\*1924. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the development work on a project (details supplied); if the masterplan has been completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [1954/23]

\*1925. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if consideration will be given to measures to fund the restoration of surfaces for multi-use gaming areas and astro pitches under the CLÁR programme supporting outdoor community recreation facilities in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [1955/23]

\*1926. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development regarding the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) if she will advise the way the scheme will operate for 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [2169/23]

\*1927. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the person or body with whom responsibility lies to ensure that the attention of owners of restricted breeds of dogs is drawn to their obligations and responsibilities pursuant to relevant legislation governing these breeds; if there are any plans to introduce a system whereby an owner of a restricted breed is obliged to register as part of the process whereby dog licences are issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2254/23]

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I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 19 Eanáir, 2023  
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY,  
FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 19 JANUARY, 2023**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons who are awaiting a driving test appointment by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [1919/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Transport if discussions have taken place between his Department and transport services regarding safety and public order onboard their services. — Willie O'Dea. [2229/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the proposed N4 upgrade and bypass works for Carrick-on-Shannon, County Leitrim, and for the Eastern Garvogue Bridge scheme in Sligo town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [2387/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the payment of tolls in circumstances (details supplied); and the steps that can be taken to prevent same occurring in the future. — Paul Donnelly. [2342/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline his engagement with Local Link operators in the context of their increased role in providing rural public transport under Connecting Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [1945/23]

6. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider the establishment of a small capital grant for mountain and sub aqua rescue and recovery groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1835/23]

7. To ask the Minister for Transport his Department's views on the need to provide rail infrastructure to the north west; the current status and future plan for the all-island strategic rail review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [1917/23]

8. To ask the Minister for Transport when he expects the All-Ireland strategic rail review to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [1720/23]

9. To ask the Minister for Transport the action that is being taken to standardise NCT tests nationwide in order that there is not one county failing more than another; and if any steps are being taken to resource the service given that the next available dates in many centres are in August 2023. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2024/23]

10. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the Meath County Council draft appraisal for the proposed Julianstown bypass, which aims to deal with the relentless congestion experienced in the village; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1343/23]

11. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the provision of a bus service for Ennis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [1918/23]

12. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans that he has to improve the standard of urban cycle lanes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1838/23]

13. To ask the Minister for Transport the efforts that are being made to address the backlog in NCT centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [2144/23]

14. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the obligations on the Dublin Airport Authority to respond to reports of noise made by residents living in the environs of Dublin Airport and reports that responses are not being received from residents making noise complaints; the obligations in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [62765/22]

15. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagements that his Department has had regarding advancing the construction of a train station at Moyross, Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [2354/23]

16. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the introduction of battery electric train carriages to Irish rail lines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [1639/23]



17. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the progression of the Tipperary town bypass to be delivered under the National Development Plan as part of the N24 enhancement works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1924/23]

18. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the progress of the all-island strategic rail review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [2145/23]

19. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement that he has had with the DAA in relation to the serious issue that has arisen whereby planes taking off from the new north runway are using flight paths different to those submitted in the planning application for the runway; if he appreciates the need to address the legitimate noise concerns affected residents are now experiencing as a result; the plan that is being put in place to resolve this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2412/23]

20. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that he plans to take to curtail the issues experienced by taxi drivers arising with the PSV grant from 2022 lapsing due to heavy backlogs in the delivery of electric vehicles which will be delivered in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [2360/23]

21. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the Western Rail Corridor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [1719/23]

22. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration has been given to the establishment of an additional driving test centre in south Dublin, given that there are more than fourteen-thousand persons on the list to take a test for a driving licence in Tallaght. — Seán Crowe. [2214/23]

23. To ask the Minister for Transport the schemes that are available for rural roads which flood regularly and become impassable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [2353/23]

24. To ask the Minister for Transport if the BusConnects proposals due to be introduced in Dublin in 2023 will face delays as a result of driver shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [2374/23]

25. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which he continues to monitor transport costs and the contributory factors thereto, with a view to ensuring that any negative impact on the economy might be alleviated insofar as is possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2351/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will reconsider the Government opposition to the provision of free public transport given his statements effectively scrapping targets for 1 million EVs in the State by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2388/23]

27. To ask the Minister for Transport the action his Department is taking to reduce the NCT test wait time backlog, in view that the average wait time for an NCT test has now passed five months in 31 centres across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1951/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Transport if any discussions have taken place between his Department, Dublin Bus and the LUAS on public order and safety on their services. — Jim O’Callaghan. [2221/23]

29. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps which he intends to take to reduce traffic volumes in Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1839/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Transport if any consideration is being given to extending the Bus Éireann commuter fares outside of the Greater Dublin Area to financially assist those people commuting to Dublin from regions such as the northwest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [2386/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures which he is taking to provide park-and-ride facilities to reduce traffic congestion and emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1837/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Transport if any discussions have taken place regarding public order and safety with Dublin Bus, Bus Éireann and rail service providers, given the recent anti-social behaviour on public transport servicing Kildare north. — James Lawless. [2223/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department is exploring the impact of implementing a policy of free public transport fares; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [2251/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to increase capacity on public bus routes connecting the commuter towns of County Galway to Galway city. — Ciarán Cannon. [2358/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the Boyne Greenway project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [1570/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that are being taken by him to improve subsidised Bus Éireann and PSO services in 2023, including funding for more buses and a further reduction of fares; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1370/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Transport the discussions as of January 2023 that he and his Department have had with officials in Irish aviation in relation to lower emissions aircraft and overall emission reduction in the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [2363/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Transport if he receives regular reports on the performance of public transport services; if he will outline the successes and the challenges and the way that further progress can be made. — Richard Bruton. [2217/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on ongoing discussions between Bus Éireann and the National Transport Authority on proposals to deliver additional capacity on certain bus routes to cater for significant growth in usage; if route 109x Dublin-Kells-Virginia-Cavan is part of these discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [1591/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to reports of the difficulties that facing taxi drivers are facing accessing grants for electric vehicles due to the delay

in the delivery of new vehicles coupled with the failure to roll-over or extend the deadline for applications; the way that he intends to support the further rollout of electric vehicles in the taxi fleet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2413/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans he has to improve road safety at the N22 junctions between Ballinacollig and Macroom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [2053/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 11 of 10 November 2022, the progress on the roll-out of park-and-ride facilities in Galway; the details of any engagement that he has had with the park-and-ride development office with regard to the Draft Park and Ride Strategy: Galway City and Environs, and in particular with a view to ensuring the delivery of park and ride on the western side of the city as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1882/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Transport if any discussions have taken place with the Minister for Justice regarding safety and public order onboard transport services. — Jim O'Callaghan. [2220/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has examined the possibility of having access to the new N22 west of Macroom at Carrigaphooca, County Cork; the measures that would be necessary to bring that about; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [2054/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the progression of the Thurles inner relief road to be delivered under the National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1923/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has specific initiatives in place to facilitate vehicle-sharing platforms; and the role which he envisages they can play in a more sustainable transport strategy. — Richard Bruton. [2216/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the process or the steps required for a national road or motorway to be considered for the installation of noise barriers to mitigate the impact on local residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [1969/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans that are being put in place to tackle the severe shortage in driving test availability. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2023/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a progress report on the double-tracking of the rail line from Athenry to Galway city. — Ciarán Cannon. [2359/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has received the strategic assessment report from Cork County Council on the proposed upgrade options for the R624 access road to Cobh as part of the great island connectivity scheme; when he will be in a position to make a decision on that report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [1222/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update as of January 2023 on the measures that are being taken to reduce the waiting times at NCT test centres nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [2361/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the announced expansion of the Irish Rail fleet which he announced on 29 November 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [1569/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position in relation to the construction of the remaining section of the new N22 Baile Bhúirne to Macroom; if he can provide specific timelines regarding completion of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1874/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on ensuring that Castletownbere is classified as a larger town within the Connecting Ireland plan to ensure that the Beara peninsula is assigned the necessary scale of routes. — Holly Cairns. [2091/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has any plans to restrict the use of private jets in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [2379/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the practise in London where many different transport operators offer free travel for a person and a nominated partner or family member on the TfL network; his further views that such a policy would benefit recruitment of transport workers; if such a policy could be implemented in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [59901/22]

57. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine the impact that current driver schedules, pay and rosters are having in the retention and recruitment of drivers in Dublin Bus, a company (details supplied) and Bus Éireann, which is resulting in frequent cancellation of services across the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [2377/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on Project Bruce and plans to provide a sustainable funding stream for roads maintenance and repair as Ireland moves towards low and zero-emissions vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2414/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Transport when the eSPSV grant will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [2117/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that are being taken to address the wait time for driving tests at Skibbereen driving test centre as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [2057/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the northern distributor road in Cork city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [1968/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagements that his Department has had regarding the completion of all sections of the Coonagh, Knockalisheen Road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [2355/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress of the new National Cycle Manual; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [2439/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of cycling and walking officers employed by Dublin City Council who are funded by his Department; the number of outstanding vacancies for

such roles; and the actions that have been taken to ensure that such positions are filled. — Patrick Costello. [1996/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Transport his proposed timeline to publish the strategic rail review. — Matt Carthy. [1795/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will commit to engaging with Iarnród Éireann in respect of the urgent need to reopen the Dunleer train station in County Louth which lies between the main Drogheda and Dundalk stations, in order to reduce the significant number of commuters using vehicles in the mid Louth area for their daily commute and to provide much-needed choice to residents of the area at a time when the cost of living is greatly affecting commuters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1342/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a 2022 end-of year-report on the Connecting Ireland plan; the funding that was allocated and spent and the services that have been delivered; the funding that is allocated for 2023; the services that are expected to be delivered in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2411/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a comprehensive update on the transfer of Shannon Heritage run sites in County Clare from the patronage of the Shannon Airport Group to Clare County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2055/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Transport when he expects to make a decision on the Public Service Obligation application to operate a route to Amsterdam Schipol Airport, made by Shannon Airport Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2056/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has engaged with Irish Rail in relation to repairs necessitated to the Barrow Bridge owing to a bridge strike; if the company has advised him on the timeline for those repairs, including the processing of the relevant insurance claim, and future plans for the use of the Barrow Bridge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [1946/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the rollout of additional train carriages for the Dublin midwest area; when these will come into operation; if this can be updated in line with population growth for the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2213/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the Finglas to Killester cycle scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [2123/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the construction works at Kishogue train station; the reason the works were delayed; when the works are expected to be completed; when the station will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2212/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Local Link in Cavan could be extended to Crosskeys which is eight kilometres away to accommodate 21 Ukrainian refugees, comprised of adults, teenagers, infants and babies (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [2255/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the ongoing progress of the Cork metropolitan area transport strategy in the areas of road and rail infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [2273/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 33 of 10 November 2022, the status of the preparations for carrying out the promised feasibility study of light rail in Galway; the timeline for the feasibility study; the status of the specialist team tasked with assisting in the NTA in the updating of the Galway Transport Strategy; the membership of the specialist team; the terms of reference of the specialist team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1883/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Transport the action that is being taken to protect female bus drivers given the rise of anti-social behaviour and intimidation on bus routes. — John Lahart. [2271/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position in relation to the construction of the South Kerry Greenway; if he can provide specific timelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1873/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding that has been made available under Budget 2023 for the Clontibret-to-the-Border road scheme. — Matt Carthy. [1794/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the N25 Midleton to Youghal project including the Castlemartyr bypass; if he will provide a timeline for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [2274/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Transport if, plans have been made by his Department to address the virtual absence of operational public car charging points in County Donegal give the significant rise in electric vehicles on the roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [62764/22]

82. To ask the Minister for Transport the increase or decrease in the patronage of each of DART, Luas, Commuter and InterCity rail usage in 2022, compared to 2019; the services with the greatest percentage increase in patronage; the policies that he intends on following in 2023 in order to increase this patronage further; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1369/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to traffic concerns in Cork city due to a number of changes to road layout recently; and if he will engage with the local authorities to resolve these. — Thomas Gould. [2356/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which steps are ongoing to ensure the viability of the transport sector, notwithstanding any challenges from whatever source; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2352/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that have been taken to review all bus, rail, and tram infrastructure to ensure transport hubs are adequately resourced and accessible for persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [2362/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans and strategies that are being introduced to reduce waiting times in Cavan's driving test centre that are presently running into June 2023 which is a full five months' wait to apply for a test (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [2256/23]



87. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the provision of refreshments on trains. — Thomas Gould. [2357/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Transport the way that he plans to increase passenger numbers on public transport in line with the Climate Action Plan 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [1638/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that the NTA does not award routes to companies on the basis of lower labour costs in the future under its competitive tendering processes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [2378/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that he will take to ensure that Irish ports are equipped to deliver on off-shore wind targets; if he will outline State and other planned ports investments for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2410/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Transport the way that his target of removing one in five cars from the roads by 2030 is matched by the provision of an expanding and accessible public transport alternative in terms of capacity and funding; if free public transport is being considered as part of the plan to achieve this target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [2380/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the introduction of a looped bus service for Bray and Greystones, County Wicklow as proposed under BusConnects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [2132/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the route selection process for the N4 upgrade from Mullingar to Rooskey, given that additional funding was allocated to complete the route selection works and a decision on same was expected to be finalised before the end of 2022. — Joe Flaherty. [2029/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on any information that he has in relation to increased passenger numbers during the period of the reduced fares on public transport; the number of student Leap and young adult Leap cards that have been issued in the same timeframe; if he will consider the abolition of public transport fares given the increased use of public transport reported previously; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [2250/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures which he is taking to enhance the level of cover provided by the Irish Coast Guard service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1836/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Transport if the expansion of the DART+ service to Sallins and Newbridge is being considered, given that they are the main commuter towns in the area. — James Lawless. [2224/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has had discussions with Dublin Bus in relation to the suspension of services on the 27, 65b and 77a routes. — John Lahart. [2272/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Transport if the effectiveness of increased fines for parking on footpaths and cycle lanes is being reviewed by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [2438/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the value of extending an electrified train service to Wicklow town as included in the NTA's transport strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [2222/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details in respect of the newly launched local hackney pilot programme; the number of rural areas that this programme will operate in; if consideration will be given to extending the programme to other rural areas going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1952/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he expects to be in a position to continue to implement the National Development Plan in all of its aspects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2350/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the actions that he will take to ensure less cost overruns in major public works contracts going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [2280/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress that has been made in relation to flood-risk management at Annagassan and Termonfeckin in County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [2148/23]

104. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when he will publish legislation informed by the recent review of the operation of the Freedom of Information Act 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2205/23]

105. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the timeframe for the proposed development of the new Garda station in Portlaoise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [60253/22]

106. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will consider developing a scheme, separate to grants provided by SEAI, to support home help, home care and domiciliary carers who are car-dependent due to their work to purchase electric vehicles in order to support this sector and contribute to the Government's climate goals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [2437/23]

107. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the criteria which are applied for promotion relating to inter-departmental staff in the civil service; if any concerns have been identified for inter-departmental staff promotions within the civil service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [2275/23]

108. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an update on the selection of a contractor for the Glashaboy flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [2162/23]

109. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the total underspend of capital across all Departments, including capital allocations deferred to 2023; the steps that he intends on taking to ensure that the total capital allocation in this year's revised estimates volume is expended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1372/23]

110. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the total additional cost to the Exchequer in 2022 of the Inflation Co-Operation Framework in respect of the delivery of projects

under public works projects; if the framework will be reviewed in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2206/23]

*111.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the steps that he will consider to maximise the benefits of reform in the context of public expenditure, with particular reference to ensuring that any factors contributing to a challenge might be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2349/23]

*112.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the future use of a location (details supplied), following his visit to Drogheda in 2022 and his Department's constructive engagement on the matter; if he will provide details of Louth County Council's plan to develop the site to become a public realm for tourism and events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1345/23]

*113.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the current progress of the Report of the Review of Ireland's Statutory Framework for Standards in Public Office; when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2281/23]

*114.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the role that his Department has in ensuring the National Development Plan fulfils plans for expansion of acute, primary and community care in line with Sláintecare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2368/23]

*115.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of the new projects to be delivered in the northern and western region following the recent allocation of €217 million under the European regional development fund programme; the details of any engagement between his Department and the Northern and Western Regional Assembly in the development of the 2021 to 2027 programme, and in particular with regard to reducing regional inequality in Ireland as highlighted at EU level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1885/23]

*116.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an update on the review into the workings of the Freedom of Information Act 2014. — Peadar Tóibín. [1601/23]

*117.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount of money that has been spent and drawn down to deliver projects in County Cork heretofore; if he is satisfied that public expenditure on the capital side is sufficient to meet demands and requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [2163/23]

*118.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on the Gender Pay Gap Report 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [1637/23]

*119.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will report on the latest developments regarding the National Development Plan in respect to the northwest region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [2385/23]

*120.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will request that the OPW engages with the Courts Service regarding upgrade works (details supplied) for the former courthouse in Wicklow town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [2139/23]

121. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 90 of 28 April 2022, the status of the Coirib go Cósta flood relief works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1884/23]

122. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will outline plans under his consideration to reform ethics legislation; if so, a timeline for the implementation of those reforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2282/23]

123. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position regarding inflation-related cost increases to capital projects within the National Development Plan; if costings of such increases are available, if he will he provide same in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [2276/23]

124. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department has identified any complications with the transfer of the disability portfolio from the Department of Health to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth; if he will provide details of these complications; the Department to which the disability budget will be allocated in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [1590/23]

125. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the current position of the Glashaboy flood relief scheme; when work will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1915/23]

126. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he intends to renew the current national development plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [1721/23]

127. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the catchment and flood risk management plan under CFRAM for County Louth; the progress that has been made to date on the implementation of same; the funding that has been allocated to the scheme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [2147/23]

128. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will outline the delays associated with the Ministerial confirmation step for the Crossmolina flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [1722/23]

129. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will review the powers granted to the Standards in Public Office Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [2279/23]

130. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will publish a draft scheme of a new ethics bill in Q1 of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2204/23]

131. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans for 2023 for An Blascaod Mór; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1872/23]

132. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an update on the flood relief scheme in Bantry, County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [2093/23]

133. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount of funds that went unspent in 2022 per Government Department; if he will outline the process regarding the return of

such monies to his Department; the amount of funds that will be carried over and retained by each Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2346/23]

134. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on the delivery of key Project Ireland 2040 commitments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [1636/23]

135. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which reforms throughout the public sector remain in place to ensure accountability, collective responsibility and good value for money; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [2384/23]

136. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he intends to provide sanction to the Office of Public Works to make a payment to a centre (details supplied) that is not required under the public-private partnership contract in respect of activity carried out during the period of Covid restrictions. — Matt Carthy. [1967/23]

137. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of all current and proposed flood relief schemes in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [1920/23]

138. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to improve the delivery of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [2226/23]

139. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the allocation to Monaghan County Council in relation to flood alleviation measures in each of the years 2018 to 2022 and under Budget 2023. — Matt Carthy. [1966/23]

140. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Dáil Éireann passing a motion by the Labour Party on 12 October 2022 in support of pay increases for community and voluntary sector workers, if he and his Department will support any moves by the Department of Health, the Department of Social Protection, and other relevant Departments to deliver on the commitments listed in the motion; if he will support any moves in those Departments to provide for a standing forum and mechanism for collective bargaining on pay and conditions with recognised trade unions in the relevant sectors; if his Department has engaged with trade unions on this general matter since the passing of this motion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2207/23]

141. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department has undertaken any cross-cutting work on the operation of means tests across Government, and in particular the fairness and appropriateness of the diverse approaches. — Richard Bruton. [2208/23]

142. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will confirm whether the Government will take action in relation to Garda pensions, specifically those who have joined post-2013 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [60621/22]

143. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will detail his plans to reform ethics legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [2278/23]

144. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the role that his Department has in ensuring that the National Development Plan fulfils required climate actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2365/23]

145. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the further measures that his Department is considering in dealing with crippling rising interest rates which are greatly affecting thousands of households across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1344/23]

146. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the steps that he intends taking in 2023 to ensure that more civil servants are capable of providing services through the medium of Irish; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1371/23]

147. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an update on the review of Ireland's statutory framework for standards in public office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [1602/23]

148. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the annual cost to the Exchequer associated with the provisions of the Arterial Drainage Act 1945; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [2436/23]

149. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the current position of the Blackpool flood relief scheme; when work will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1916/23]

150. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the report of the Review of Ireland's Statutory Framework for Standards in Public Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [2277/23]

151. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 85 of 28 April 2022; the progress that has been made to date with respect of works to repair a property (details supplied); the works that remain uncompleted; the timetable for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [2227/23]

152. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of funding that was allocated for flood relief schemes by local authority in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [1921/23]

153. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide details of the discussions that his Department has had with the Department of Health and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth regarding the transfer of the disability portfolio; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [1589/23]

154. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has considered revisiting the current public sector pay given the real difficulties that are faced in staff retention issues which is having an impact on public services, particularly in health and education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [2252/23]