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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

1. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement that he has had to date with the operators of the NCT service regarding long wait times for tests and proposed changes to work practices; when backlogs will be addressed; if he has met with trade unions in relation to the concerns of workers in the NCT service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2408/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that he is taking to ease the concerns of residents in north County Dublin in the Dublin Airport flight path who have had a substantive increase in aircraft noise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [2369/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that he will take to ensure the safety of public transport workers and passengers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2409/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that he will take to address the difficulties that persons are having in obtaining an appropriate date on which to put their vehicle through the NCT. — Catherine Murphy. [2608/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will instruct the NTA to meet with residents and representatives in the Ballyfermot area to discuss the service on the new G spine and specifically the collapse of services in the lower Ballyfermot area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [2375/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans he has to improve road safety at the N22 junctions between Ballincollig and Macroom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [2053/23]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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 in a position to make a decision on that report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [1222/23]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. To ask the Minister for Transport his proposed timeline to publish the strategic rail review. — Matt Carthy. [1795/23]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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 given the significant rise in electric vehicles on the roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [62764/22]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the provision of refreshments on trains. — Thomas Gould. [2357/23]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

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

106. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans for reforming public procurement legislation to allow the procurement system to be used in a more strategic way. — Mairéad Farrell. [63831/22]

107. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount that was returned unspent by the Department of Defence from 2022; if any of this money was from pay savings due to the significantly under strength Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [2528/23]

108. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to increase construction sector capacity, in order to better deliver on the targets of the National Development Plan. — Mairéad Farrell. [63832/22]

109. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the steps that are being taken to implement the right to work from home in the civil service; the systems that are in place to ensure that there is no resultant diminution of the output of the civil service; the way that the impact on civil servants and the output of the civil service is being monitored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [2614/23]

110. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason that the Department of Rural and Community Development was only allocated voted capital and current expenditure of only €331 million or 0.45 % of the overall voted allocation in 2022, at a time when regional

and rural infrastructure is creaking at the seams and many rural services are subpar or non-existent when compared to urban areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [2526/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

111. 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]

112. 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]

113. 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]

114. 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]

115. 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]

116. 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]

117. 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]

118. 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]

119. 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]

120. 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]

121. 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]

122. 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]

123. 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]

124. 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]

125. 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]

126. 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]

127. 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]

128. 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]

129. 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]

130. 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]

131. 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]

132. 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]

133. 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]

134. 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]

135. 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]

136. 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]

137. 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]

138. 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]

139. 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]

140. 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]

141. 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]

142. 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]

143. 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]

144. 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]

145. 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]

146. 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]

147. 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]

148. 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]

149. 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]

150. 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]

151. 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]

152. 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]

153. 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]

154. 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]

155. 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]

156. 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]

157. 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]

158. 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]

159. 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]

160. 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]

161. 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]

162. 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]

163. 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]

164. 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]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*165. To ask the Minister for Transport if he and or the National Transport Authority have taken and or will take into consideration the latest Census population data in the context of the provision of public transport and the capacity of same; and if current public transport strategies will be amended to take account of new population data from the Central Statistics Office. — Catherine Murphy. [2595/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for Transport if the local link in County Cavan could be extended to Crosskeys which is eight kilometres away to accommodate 21 Ukrainian refugees (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [62390/22]

*167. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans and strategies that are being introduced to reduce waiting times in the Cavan driving test centre that are presently running into 9 April 2023 which is five months to apply for a test (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [62391/22]

*168. To ask the Minister for Transport if a solution has been found to facilitate the transfer of Shannon Heritage sites to the responsibility of Clare County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [59143/22]

*169. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagements that his Department had with a company (details supplied) following the launch of its Vision 2041 Masterplan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [62781/22]

*170. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can clarify whether the Government has abandoned targets for 1 million private EV on the roads by 2030; the way that targets for cuts to emissions in transport will be reached; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [62727/22]

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Government has formally abandoned targets for one million private electric vehicles on the roads by 2030; if so, the way that he plans to reach the targets for cuts to emissions in transport; if he will re-examine proposals for free public transport in view of such a change in Government transport climate policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [62711/22]

*172. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a schedule of updates for the development of new vehicular and or pedestrian bridges in Celbridge, Newbridge and Clane in County Kildare. — Catherine Murphy. [2481/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to introduce measures to promote the use of electric bikes in order to encourage commuters to use this mode of transport instead of private petrol and diesel motor cars; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [2487/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Transport the budget allocated for active travel spending in 2023; the estimated number of kilometres of new cycling infrastructure that this will deliver in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2493/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport the top six Dublin Bus routes by passenger number in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2494/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driving test date can be provided for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2500/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport the average and median waiting times in each NCT centre in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2505/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the number of persons waiting to sit their driving test in most centres around the country including Limerick; if additional instructors will be hired to alleviate this backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [2530/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport the degree to which it is expected to grant access for motor commuters to Dublin city in the future given the future indicative parking charges; if this is likely to impact on productivity given the necessity to compete with the modern pace of activity and life; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2569/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which it is intended to provide high-quality road transport such as motorways in those areas throughout the country currently without such services, having particular regard to the economic needs of such areas and the need to compete for investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2570/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which north Kildare rail commuters can expect enhanced and improved services in the future given the demographic trends and the need for the public to have confidence in the transport system in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2571/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which new roads are proposed from County Dublin via Confey, Leixlip, County Kildare, and other parts of north Kildare, with particular reference to ensuring that local residents are accommodated in every way possible given that their established travel routes are being interrupted; when the works will commence and conclude; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2572/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress to date in the electrification of the Dublin-Maynooth rail line, with particular reference to the towns likely to expect an enhanced service; the extent of the parking arrangements currently proposed; if such arrangements can be improved in line with local requests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2573/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport the current commuter train passenger levels throughout north Kildare, with particular reference to the need to ensure maximum efficiency, capacity and

quality of service with the least overcrowding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2574/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport when it is expected to commence construction works on the electrification of Maynooth rail line; if Kilcock can be included in the proposals at this stage given the extent to which this is being sought after; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2575/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent of the proposals to enhance and improve the Hazelhatch/Sallins commuter rail services in the near future; if electrification still remains an objective in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2576/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport the total receipts from public road-side parking in Dublin city in a single year; the extent to which such receipts have varied over the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2577/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which it might be possible to improve safety factors on the M50 and M4 given the level of traffic congestion on these routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2578/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport the degree to which safety factors continue to be a feature of major roads such as M9, M7, M1 and the main route to Derry and the northwest; the extent to which the plans are in place to address such issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2579/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that are being taken to alleviate the current long waiting lists for applicants who apply for a driving test; the status or success of the online portal service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2640/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport if a review is currently being undertaken of the disabled drivers and disabled passengers (tax concessions) scheme; if so the status of that review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2641/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport the waiting times for B category vehicle driving tests at all testing centres in County Tipperary in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [2667/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons awaiting B category driving test in each testing centre in County Tipperary in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [2668/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to delays in obtaining a driving test for B category vehicles in County Tipperary; if additional driver testers resources will be allocated to each driving test centre in County Tipperary in order to clear the backlog of those waiting for B category driving tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [2669/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of full-time equivalent and part-time driver testers available in each testing centre in County Tipperary who are available to test those

completing B category driving tests in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [2670/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a status update in relation to the proposed greenway Collooney to Bellaghy given that Transport Infrastructure Ireland has assumed responsibility for the development of all greenways. — Marc MacSharry. [2674/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport if work by his Department has been lost with the transfer of responsibility to TII or if his Department intends to progress the project using this knowledge gather to advance the project, given that over €350,000 in public money has already been spent on feasibility, preliminary works, public consultation and landowner consultation for the Collooney-Bellaghy Greenway. — Marc MacSharry. [2675/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline that TII is working towards for the delivery of the Collooney-Bellaghy Greenway. — Marc MacSharry. [2676/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport the methodology that is being used by TII to prioritise the chronology of the delivery of greenways. — Marc MacSharry. [2677/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is a ring-fenced multi annual budget within TII for the development of greenways; and if so, the amount that it is. — Marc MacSharry. [2678/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that he is taking to improve the recruitment and retention of staff in NCT centres. — Holly Cairns. [2687/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*202. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which he and his Department are managing the taxation of biofuels; if he is planning on changing policy in this regard going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56966/22]

*203. To ask the Minister for Finance the impact of the change in the benefit-in-kind regime for company cars from 1 January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [2486/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider extending the renter's tax relief credit to other renters (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [2507/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Finance the responsibility that a banking institution has in relaying to a customer that their mortgage required home insurance premium is due to increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [2508/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that VAT was added to products for the alleviation of flu and flu-like symptoms given the escalating cost-of-living and the surge in flu and Covid symptoms this time of the year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [2529/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Finance if measures can be introduced to reduce the red tape associated with importing goods for personal use from non-EU countries into Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [2559/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Finance when the medical criteria for the primary medical certificate are expected to be updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2642/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reconsider the benefit-in-kind changes introduced in Budget 2023; if any separate arrangements or grants have been made available for those in the taxi industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2644/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Finance if a special needs' assistant is not a qualifying or eligible profession for flat-rate expense allowances; if so, the reason that this is the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2681/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will adjust the tax credit for renters to include students renting in a 'rent-a-room' or 'digs' type arrangement. — Holly Cairns. [2683/23]

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

*212. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he can account for spending a record of 21.5% increase in taxation revenues in 2022 (from €68.41 billion in 2021 to €83.13 billion in 2022) when it comes to delivering rural infrastructure and critical services across our regions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [2527/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the measures that he and his Department are taking to decrease the cost of building materials, which is having a very negative impact on the construction industry and consumer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56965/22]

*214. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when he intends to sign and approve the 3% pension increase, backdated to 1 July 2022 for the over 15,000 pensioners (details supplied) as approved by the company some months ago. — Frankie Feighan. [2468/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to the meeting between the community surrounding Lough Funshinagh and the Minister of State with responsibility for the OPW on 10 November 2022, the steps that have been taken to date and the engagements with other State actors to progress a planning solution for the ongoing flooding and threat to homes and farmyards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2545/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which the utilisation of reform is likely to continue with consequent benefit to the Exchequer and the consumer over the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2580/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he expects to introduce reform as a means of ensuring greater value to the consumer in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2581/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which each Government Department and those bodies under their aegis have observed the principles of

reform as means of ensuring value for money; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2582/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the Government Departments that fared worse in efforts to ensure reduced costs through the medium of reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2583/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which public expenditure has been affected by international events; the way that such fluctuations can be ameliorated in the short and medium term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2584/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which public expenditure targets remain in line with expectations and are likely to do so in the coming year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2585/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which public procurement can be improved in line with reforms and the achievement of value for money while speeding up public procurement issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2586/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he continues to recognise the challenges faced through public procurement, with particular reference to the necessity to eliminate delays while maintaining best practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2587/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which his Department continues to measure the impact of inflation which might affect his Department's ability to maintain good practice and at the same time ensuring that efficiencies and reforms continue in such a way as to be of most benefit to the economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2588/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which he expects all Government projects to continue to be completed on time and within budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2589/23]

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

*226. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which provision is being made to ensure that the hotel and leisure industry is adequately prepared for the tourist season, both in terms of staff and accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2560/23]

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

*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when his Department will provide clarity on the amount of funding to be made available to Louth County Council to

acquire homes under the tenant-in-situ scheme; when the resources will be allocated to the local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2469/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a schedule for the development of social and affordable housing on public land banks in County Kildare in 2023 and 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [2482/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to change the bands for social housing to better reflect the reality of the housing market (details supplied). — Martin Browne. [2502/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a foreshore licence will issue to a sports club (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2522/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the European Commission has confirmed that the croí cónaithe cities scheme is in line with EU state aid rules; and if not, if he will provide an update on his Department's engagement with the Commission. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2539/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications revised, the number of applications approved and the number of contracts signed under the croí cónaithe cities scheme; and the number of units in each application and in each category broken down by local authority area. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2540/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant property refurbishment grant applications received by each local authority under the croí cónaithe (towns) fund for both towns and rural areas respectively; the corresponding number of applications approved in each instance; if he will consider extending the grant to allow for the letting of property in light of the current housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2546/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current position in relation to the delivery of the outer relief road, including bridges, realignments and other road improvements in Maynooth, County Kildare; the extent to which such projects are progressing given the urgent necessity for such works, that funding was made available almost ten years ago, and that the need has greatly increased in the interim; if he will urge an acceleration of the proposals in early date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2590/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which agreement and approval has been reached and made in respect of the implementation of road and bridge replacement and improvement works in Celbridge, County Kildare; the extent to which proposals continue to be advanced in line with expectations given the urgency of the need for same; when works will commence and be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2592/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current position in regard to the implementation of the proposals for the alleviation of traffic congestion including the provision of an outer relief road at Naas, County Kildare; the extent to which the project is expect to proceed in line with the wishes of the local community and vast majority of public

representatives; the status of the proposals at present, with particular reference to the need to set the proposals in motion in early date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2593/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of instances that a Statutory Instrument (details supplied) has been invoked; the locations of the developments concerned in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [2680/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on introducing regulations concerning the use of rock-breaking equipment. — Holly Cairns. [2685/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when persons affected by developments, under the invoking of a Statutory Instrument (details supplied) can view plans of such developments which would be their right under normal planning procedures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [2688/23]

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

*240. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a foreign birth certificate will issue for a person (details supplied) who applied in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [2450/23]

*241. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the foreign birth registration for a child (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [2472/23]

*242. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if new passports can continue to be posted to applicants from Northern Ireland; the reason that these applicants are now been asked to travel and collect these passports from locations in the Republic of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [2492/23]

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

*243. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the amount owed to members of the Army Ranger Wing arising out of pay reviews in 2010 and 2014; and if he will provide a timeline on when these moneys will be paid. — Ged Nash. [2459/23]

*244. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on the future use of the Curragh Camp, Newbridge; and his plans to utilise the approximately 800 bed spaces at the camp. — Catherine Murphy. [2480/23]

*245. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when the decision was taken to withdraw permission for family members of serving Defence Forces personnel to use the Defence Forces training centre swimming pool at the physical education centre in the Curragh; the reason that this decision was made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [2655/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*246. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that are being taken to deal with the shortage of teachers of home economics in Dublin; if she will give consideration to allowing those currently working in home economics teaching roles who do not have the full teaching qualifications but have other level eight degrees such as certain chefs, the opportunity to undertake on the job training or part-time college courses in order that they can become fully-qualified while continuing their teaching work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2523/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Education the number of applications received by the State Examinations Commission seeking access to the deferred sitting of the Leaving Certificate exams in 2022; the number of applications refused; the associated reasons for refusal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [2454/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Education the number of applications approved by the State Examinations Commission for access to the deferred sittings of the Leaving Certificate exams in cases in which students were deemed to have experienced a medical incident or emergency during their original Leaving Certificate exam paper; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [2455/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Education the number of pupils who have places in special ASD classes in the State that are currently refusing to attend school; and the process to free-up spaces in such cases to allow for other pupils who are entitled to a place to avail of the unused places. — Paul Kehoe. [2463/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Education the projected time scale for the commencement of a tender for a school (details below); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [2471/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a schedule of the planned school developments in County Kildare, to include new schools, upgrades to existing schools, school closures and the impact of same on capacity numbers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [2475/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Education if she will conduct a capacity review of post-primary schools in Clane and Prosperous, County Kildare. — Catherine Murphy. [2476/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the school transport policy; if she will set out her plans to make changes to the scheme ahead of the 2023-2024 school year; and if she will remove the lottery-based system and replace it with a needs-based model of service. — Catherine Murphy. [2477/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to review social, personal and health education including relationships and sexuality education; if any proposed changes will take account of the many types of families that are now in existence including blended families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [2489/23]

*255. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an bhfuil sí ar an eolas faoin tuarascáil atá réitithe le tamall anois ag Ollscoil na Gaillimhe do CNCM ar an gcomhairliúchán a bhí ar siúl faoi na sonraíochtaí Gaeilge don ardteistiméireacht, nó ar chuir CNCM cóip di chuici; an bhfuil sé i

gceist í a fhoilsiú go poiblí; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [2499/23]

*256. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an bhfuil sí ar an eolas faoin tuarascáil atá réitithe le tamall anois ag Sealbhú do CNCM ar an gcomhairliúchán luaithe a bhí ar siúl faoi na sonraíochtaí nua Gaeilge don teastas sóisearach, nó ar chuir CNCM cóip di chuici, an bhfuil sé i gceist í a fhoilsiú go poiblí; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [2503/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Education the commencement date for the new school building project for a school (details supplied) in County Donegal; the date that her Department has given the building company by which it must start the construction phase of the school building; the envisaged completion date for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2506/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Education the number of post-primary schools awaiting approval for a school gym from her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [2511/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that a school (details supplied) was refused funding application for a school gym; the procedure by which the school can lodge an appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [2512/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify the situation regarding the minor works grant for schools in the 2023 calendar year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [2548/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify the situation regarding the payment of the next tranche of the Covid cleaning grant to schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [2549/23]

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

*262. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the landlord of the building which houses the Enniscorthy Intreo office (details supplied) ever applied for any funding to carry out any work to upgrade the building prior to and during Covid-19; if so, the funding that was applied for; the work that was carried out; and the person or body that signed off on same. — Paul Murphy. [2535/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the person in her Department that visited the Enniscorthy Intreo office (details supplied) to check its suitability for employees and clients to be in the building; and if no one inspected the suitability of the building, the reason. — Paul Murphy. [2536/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the person from her Department that inspected the building to check the ventilation system and the non-availability of hot water for workers to wash their hands in the building housing the Enniscorthy Intreo office (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [2537/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if any representatives from her Department verbally voiced any concerns in relation to the safety of employees in the building housing the

Enniscorthy Intreo office during and at the start of Covid-19, guaranteeing the duty of care owed to workers (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [2538/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the welfare entitlements of non-EU/EEA refugees coming to Ireland and being placed in communities by the Red Cross under the community scheme of the Department of Justice; if there is an entitlement to jobseeker's allowance for those available for work, disability allowance for those with a disability, child benefit for children and domiciliary care allowance where the terms of the scheme are fulfilled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2543/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an exceptional needs' payment or similar payment will be made available to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2567/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will make carer's allowance a qualifying payment for the fuel allowance. — Sean Sherlock. [2659/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applicants for the fuel allowance in the year 2022 to 2023; and the number approved and disallowed per county in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [2660/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will facilitate persons living on offshore islands to remotely sign on for jobseekers' payments. — Holly Cairns. [2686/23]

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

*271. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures that are in place to clear the backlog of IPAS payments to accommodation providers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [2516/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps that are being taken by the International Protection Accommodation Service to protect the safety and security of residents and staff at a location (details supplied); if such measures are also being rolled out at all other international protection accommodation service locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [2465/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to provide additional accommodation for international protection applicants; if it is proposed to provide new accommodation at a location (details supplied) for such applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [2490/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide the necessary resources to a community childcare facility (details supplied) in Lisdoonvarna, County Clare, in order to provide additional space to cater for a dramatic increase in demand for childcare services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [2524/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when payment will be made in relation to a property (details supplied) where Ukrainian refugees are

housed as payment has not yet issued for the months of October, November and December 2022 although payment was meant to issue monthly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2541/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of properties housing Ukrainian refugees; the number where payment has not yet been made for October 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2542/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his proposals for childcare professionals in their 50s who have a level 5 qualification with up to six years practical experience who now are required to obtain a level 6 qualification to remain in the service; if he will give recognition for years of service and allow progression to level 6 without having to undergo a third level degree course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [2622/23]

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

*278. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there are plans to make SUSI grant supports available to those who have obtained stamp 4 residence permits via the regularisation of the long-term undocumented persons' scheme. — Joe Flaherty. [2473/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there are plans to make SUSI grant supports available to those who have obtained stamp 4 residence permits via the regularisation of the long-term undocumented persons scheme. — Joe Flaherty. [2474/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the current number of dieticians who are due to graduate from third level education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2495/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will give consideration to a proposal (details supplied) to establish a panel of expertise to oversee work on setting up a new veterinary school. — Cathal Crowe. [2497/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if serious consideration will be given to a proposal (details supplied) in relation to the €1,000 fee reduction for undergraduate students in view of the huge additional cost incurred in repeating or changing courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2504/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when he expects the worry-free period product campaign to be expanded to cover all ETB and voluntary institutions. — Cathal Crowe. [2513/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason that corrective lenses are not permitted for candidates on plumbing apprenticeships when they fail the colour vision test; if his Department will consider allowing corrective lenses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [2639/23]

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

*285. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide details in tabular form of the number of recruits who have joined An Garda Síochána since recruitment opened in 2013 to date; the number of recruits who did not complete training during that period as well as the number of serving gardaí who have retired during the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2458/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Justice if the case of a person (details supplied) who has been denied temporary protection will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [2510/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who were prosecuted under the Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person Act 1997 in each of the years 2019 to 2022; if a breakdown of the actual offence can be listed in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [2514/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will consider the establishment of a rapporteur for domestic, sexual and gender-based violence to monitor Ireland's compliance with its domestic and international legal obligations under the Istanbul Convention and implementation of the Third National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence. — Mary Lou McDonald. [2557/23]

*289. To ask the Minister for Justice when he will establish a network of family contact centres to enable supervised meetings or handovers of children between parents who are no longer together or where domestic abuse has occurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [2558/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Justice when a person (details supplied) will be eligible to apply for citizenship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2561/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Justice when the application for citizenship will be granted in the name of a person (details supplied); when a decision is likely to issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2564/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Justice if all issues relating to the case of a person (details supplied) have been clarified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2568/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*293. To ask the Minister for Health when agency nurses (details supplied) will receive the pandemic bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2451/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Health if speech and language therapy sessions will be commenced by 30 April 2023 in the case of the son of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2452/23]

*295. To ask the Minister for Health the maximum number of personal assistance hours that can be provided to a person per week under the scheme. — Mary Lou McDonald. [2453/23]

*296. To ask the Minister for Health the budget allocated by his Department to the personal assistant scheme for people with disabilities for the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 inclusive; and the personal assistant scheme budget allocated to each CHO area for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 inclusive in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [2460/23]

*297. To ask the Minister for Health when he will address the deficit in the personal assistant scheme funding as identified by community healthcare organisations. — Mary Lou McDonald. [2461/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Health his response to the shortfalls identified in the ESRI Research Bulletin Personal Assistance Services in Ireland: A Capability Approach to Understanding the Lived Experience of Disabled People published on 2 December 2022. — Mary Lou McDonald. [2462/23]

*299. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 918 of 8 November 2022, if he will provide a breakdown of all costs associated with the removal of a row of trees outside Cork University Hospital on 22 October 2022; the names of the companies or persons that were commissioned for each of these services, including the arborist assessment, the tree-removal works, the clearance of the timber and the tree-planting assessment and any other associated costs in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2466/23]

*300. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 918 of 8 November 2022, the details of any tendering process that may have applied to the assessment of trees for removal outside Cork University Hospital on 22 October 2022, and to the tree-removal works subsequently contracted by the HSE for that date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2467/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in issuing Covid recognition payments; when he expects outstanding payments to be made to agency healthcare assistants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [2470/23]

*302. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a schedule of planned upgrade works to Naas General Hospital, including but not limited to the Lakeview unit; and if funding has been provided for these developments. — Catherine Murphy. [2478/23]

*303. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the number of GPs providing services on behalf of the HSE in counties Kildare, Meath, Laois and Wicklow. — Catherine Murphy. [2479/23]

*304. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent positions allocated to the children's disability network team in Clonmel; the number of those positions vacant and the number of children attached to the team as of 31 December 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [2483/23]

*305. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent positions allocated to the children's disability network team in Nenagh; the number of those positions vacant and the number of children attached to the team as of 31 December 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [2484/23]

*306. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent positions allocated to the children's disability network team in Cashel; the number of those positions vacant and the number of children attached to the team as of 31 December 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [2485/23]

*307. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that the Health Products Regulatory Authority is providing data on adverse drug reactions in a timely manner to the European Medicines Agency, given there appears to be a difference between the number of adverse drug reactions on the HPRA website in regard to certain drugs (details supplied) and the number of adverse drug reactions recorded on the relevant EMA database; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [2488/23]

*308. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent nurses working in the National Rehabilitation Hospital as of 6 January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2491/23]

*309. To ask the Minister for Health if he has plans in place to ensure non-medical card patients are not left without a GP when their GP retires (details supplied). — Martin Browne. [2501/23]

*310. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Donegal was referred to another hospital for cancer treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2509/23]

*311. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite a residential service for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [2517/23]

*312. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the establishment of the inquiry into the historical licensing and prescribing of sodium valproate; the timeline that he is working towards in establishing this inquiry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2518/23]

*313. To ask the Minister for Health the services that are available to bereaved parents and families upon the loss of a child; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that families are being directed to bereavement services in other jurisdictions due to a lack of domestic services; his plans to expand domestic services such as counselling for bereaved parents and families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2519/23]

*314. To ask the Minister for Health if he has plans to develop an occupational therapy unit in Ennis General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2520/23]

*315. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that hips cannot be x-rayed in the local injuries unit of Ennis General Hospital; if he plans to better resource the hospital in order that it has the capacity to undertake same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2521/23]

*316. To ask the Minister for Health the number of radiographers working at University Hospital Limerick in the years 2020, 2021 and 2022; if this number will increase to alleviate

the waiting times in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [2531/23]

*317. To ask the Minister for Health the resources that will be made available to implement the new protocol that would allow the National Ambulance Service to bring certain patients to the medical assessment unit, Nenagh; the needs that he foresees Nenagh as needing to address this new demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [2532/23]

*318. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that will be taken to address the backlog caused by the cancellation of inpatient and outpatient appointments in the UL Hospitals Group as a result of reductions in scheduled care following the declaration of a major internal incident at University Hospital Limerick on 2 January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [2533/23]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 629 of 17 May 2022, if he will ensure that the current supports available for young people are drawn together under a national student mental and emotional strategy and helpline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2544/23]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health the actions that he has taken since April 2022 to ensure the recommencement of reports by the HSE pursuant to section 13 of the Disability Act 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [2551/23]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health the number of therapists working in children's disability network teams that are responsible for undertaking assessment of needs' determinations; the number of these therapists who also undertake assessment of needs' determinations in a private capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [2552/23]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1664 of 26 April 2022, if the initial pilot for the national information management system for the children's disability network teams has been developed and initiated; the timeframe for this pilot phase to be complete; the timeframe for the results of the pilot to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [2553/23]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time to fill a staff grade therapy post from the point that the vacancy arises; the average length of time to fill a staff grade therapy post from the point of offer of employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [2554/23]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health if each of the 91 CDNTs have established a family forum; the number of these family forums that have held a meeting with their children's disability network manager; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [2555/23]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health if a family representative group has been established in each of the nine community healthcare organisations; if a children's disability network governance group has been established in each CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [2556/23]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be reimbursed in respect of procedures that they availed of under the Cross- Border Directive, given that the

procedures took place in Spain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2562/23]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which efforts have been successful towards resolving the difficulties in providing the appropriate new medicine kafrtio for the 35 children who directly greatly benefit from its use and whose parents are extremely concerned at the long, drawn-out nature of the discussions with the drug firm (details supplied); if immediate steps will be taken to resolve the impasse in early date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2563/23]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health if a prosthesis will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2566/23]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the funding for a centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2596/23]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered making the cystosponge test for oesophageal cancer diagnosis available in Ireland; if he will outline any plans to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [2597/23]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health the average patient experience time to admission via an emergency department for all patients, State-wide and for each location for December 2022; the average for patients aged under 75 and 75 plus, State-wide and for each location; the number of patients who attended and were admitted below the average; the number waiting longer than the average in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2598/23]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health the average patient experience time to admission via an emergency department for all patients, State-wide and for each location for December 2019; the average for patients aged under 75 and 75 plus, State-wide and for each location; the number of patients who attended and were admitted below the average; the number waiting longer than the average in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2599/23]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health the average patient experience time to admission via an emergency department for all patients, State-wide and for each location for January 2023 to date; the average for patients aged under 75 and 75 plus, State-wide and for each location; the number of patients who attended and were admitted below the average; the number waiting longer than the average in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2600/23]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health the average patient experience time to admission via an emergency department for all patients, State-wide and for each location for the full year of 2022 and for each month; the average for patients aged under 75 and 75 plus, State-wide and for each location; the number of patients who attended and were admitted below the average; the number waiting longer than the average in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2601/23]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health the average patient experience time to admission via an emergency department for all patients, State-wide and for each location for the full year of 2019

and for each month; the average for patients aged under 75 and 75 plus, State-wide and for each location; the number of patients who attended and were admitted below the average; the number waiting longer than the average in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2602/23]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who left an emergency department post-registration but pre-admission in the month of December 2022, by hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2603/23]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who left an emergency department post-registration but pre-admission in the month of December 2019, by hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2604/23]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who left an emergency department post-registration but pre-admission in the month of January 2023 to date, by hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2605/23]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who left an emergency department post-registration but pre-admission in the month of the full year of 2022 and for each month, by hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2606/23]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who left an emergency department post-registration but pre-admission in the month of the full year of 2019 and for each month, by hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2607/23]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of patients who waited 0-6, 6-9, 0-9, and 9-24 and 24+ hours for admission via an emergency department for each emergency department in December 2022, in tabular form; the numbers for all patients and for patients aged over 60 years and for those over 75 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2609/23]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of patients who waited 0-6, 6-9, 0-9, and 9-24 and 24+ hours for admission via an emergency department for each emergency department in December 2019, in tabular form; the number for all patients and for patients aged over 60 years and for those over 75 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2610/23]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of patients who waited 0-6, 6-9, 0-9, and 9-24 and 24+ hours for admission via an emergency department for each emergency department in January 2023, to date in tabular form; the number for all patients and for patients aged over 60 years and for those over 75 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2611/23]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of patients who waited 0-6, 6-9, 0-9, and 9-24 and 24+ hours for admission via an emergency department for each emergency department in the full year of 2022, and for each month in tabular form; the number for all patients and for patients aged over 60 years and for those over 75 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2612/23]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of patients who waited 0-6, 6-9, 0-9, and 9-24 and 24+ hours for admission via an emergency department for each emergency department in the full year of 2019, and for each month in tabular form; the number for all patients and for patients aged over 60 years and for those over 75 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2613/23]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of presentations, registrations and admissions at each emergency department and the Statewide total for December 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2615/23]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of presentations, registrations and admissions at each emergency department and the Statewide total for December 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2616/23]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of presentations, registrations and admissions at each emergency department and the Statewide total for January 2023 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2617/23]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of presentations, registrations and admissions at each emergency department and the Statewide total for the full year of 2022 and for each month in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2618/23]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of presentations, registrations and admissions at each emergency department and the Statewide total for the full year of 2019 and for each month, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2619/23]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1066 of 8 November 2022, the number of patients who waited greater than 24 hours for admission via an emergency department for each month in each of the years 2017 to 2022, inclusive, by location in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [2620/23]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of all bed days for children admitted to hospital for mental health that were in CAMHS units up to the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2621/23]

*353. 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 the integrated care plan meetings and shown a copy of the completed form; the number of integrated care plan meetings that have taken place for the residents since January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2624/23]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 484 of 16 November 2021, 1715 of 19 January 2022, 169 of 9 February 2022, 186 of 23 March 2022, 720 of 17 May 2022, 1903 of 14 June 2022 and 565 of 13 December 2022, if the clinical directors of the west Cork, north Cork and south Lee HSE mental health catchment areas have agreed with CHO4 HSE senior management to accept out of area respite or long-stay referrals from east Cork into community residences under their clinical governance in the event that the centre (details

supplied) is closed; if so, if he will provide the dates for when any such agreements may have been made; the context in which such agreements were made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2625/23]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No 361 of 1 December 2022, the breakdown of the security costs associated with a facility (details supplied) in each of the years 2019 to 2022; if he will provide clear details on each of the component parts of those costs, including the duration of security presence in the facility per day for each of those years; if he will provide details of any tendering process that may have applied to the awarding of security contracts by the HSE for same in tabular; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2626/23]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting time for routine and urgent appointments, respectively referred to the breast clinic at Galway University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2627/23]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations in December 2022, by hospital group, hospital and by appointment type in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2629/23]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations in December 2019, by hospital group, hospital and by appointment type in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2630/23]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations in January 2023 to date, by hospital group, hospital and by appointment type in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2631/23]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations in December 2022, for children by hospital group and hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2632/23]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type in December 2019, for children by hospital group and hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2633/23]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type in January 2023 to date, for children by hospital group and hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2634/23]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type for the full year of 2022 and for each month, by hospital group and hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2635/23]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, for the full year of 2019 and for each month, by hospital group and hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2636/23]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, for children for the full year of 2022 and for each month, by hospital group and hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2637/23]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, for children for the full year of 2019 and for each month, by hospital group and hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2638/23]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed discharges in January 2023 to date by location in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [2645/23]

*368. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost in January 2023 to date by location in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [2646/23]

*369. To ask the Minister for Health the average patient experience time from admission to discharge in January 2023 to date by location in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [2647/23]

*370. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed discharges for the full year of 2022, by location by month in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [2648/23]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost in the full year of 2022, by location by month in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [2649/23]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health the average patient experience time from admission to discharge for the full year of 2022, by location and by month in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [2650/23]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed discharges for the full year of 2019, by location and by month in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [2651/23]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost in the full year of 2019, by location and by month in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [2652/23]

*375. To ask the Minister for Health the average patient experience time from admission to discharge for the full year of 2019, by location and by month in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [2653/23]

*376. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will sanction the provision of a neuro-rehabilitation team for CH07 for persons affected by neurological injury or disease, given that only two of the nine teams promised has been delivered (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [2654/23]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of clinical status 1 ECHO and clinical status 1 DELTA incidents responded to by a patient-carrying vehicle in 18 minutes and 59 seconds or less for the full year of 2022 by month, nationally and by ambulance region in tabular form; the average length of such response times nationally and by region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2656/23]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of clinical status 1 ECHO and clinical status 1 DELTA incidents responded to by a patient-carrying vehicle in 18 minutes and 59 seconds or less for the full year of 2019 by month, nationally and by ambulance region in tabular form; the average length of such response times nationally and by region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2657/23]

*379. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of clinical status 1 ECHO and clinical status 1 DELTA incidents responded to by a patient-carrying vehicle in 18 minutes and 59 seconds or less for January 2023 to date, nationally and by ambulance region in tabular form; the average length of such response times nationally and by region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2658/23]

*380. 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. — Danny Healy-Rae. [2666/23]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health the number of pandemic recognition payments made to non-HSE Section 38 Organisation 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. [2671/23]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent staff who have been recruited into the HSE since the beginning of 2022, in tabular form; and the number of staff who have retired or left the HSE in the same period. — Róisín Shortall. [2673/23]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff who left his Department in 2022, by grade and quarter in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [2679/23]

*384. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to retain and recruit recent nursing graduates to address the staffing shortage in the HSE. — Holly Cairns. [2684/23]

*385. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against medical, nursing, midwifery and other health and social care professionals across HSE hospitals and community healthcare facilities by each month in year 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2689/23]

*386. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against medical, nursing, midwifery and other health and social care professionals across HSE hospitals and community healthcare facilities to date in January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2690/23]

*387. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against medical, nursing, midwifery and other health and social care professionals across HSE hospitals and community healthcare facilities by each month in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2691/23]

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

*388. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the liming scheme announced in Budget 2023; when he expects the scheme to be rolled out; the operation of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [2464/23]

*389. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to visit each of the fishery harbours under the remit of his Department before end of Q1, 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2496/23]

*390. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update as to the agreements have now been reached following his recent meetings with the fishing industry in respect of the EU/Norway negotiations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2498/23]

*391. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a late application by a person (details supplied) under the 2023 fodder scheme can be accepted in light of circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [2550/23]

*392. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara cén uair a thosóidh obair ar an gcé dhomhainfharraige i Ros an Mhíl; cen tráth atá i gceist chun cur isteach ar shíneadh ama ar an gcead pleanála don ché; cén uair a rithfidh an cead pleanála amach; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2594/23]

*393. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications to the new agri-climate rural environment scheme in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [2661/23]

*394. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the provisions that have been made for over subscription to the new agri-climate rural environment scheme; the provisions that have been put in place by Government to cover the shortfall in payments and make sure all those who applied for the green scheme are retained and paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [2662/23]

*395. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when applicants to the agri-climate rural environment scheme will be notified if they are accepted in the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [2663/23]

*396. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the plans that have been put in place for applicants to the agri-climate rural environment scheme in County Wexford who may be deemed unsuccessful in their applications; if applicants will be excluded until 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [2664/23]

*397. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he accepts the fact that farmers need to know without delay if they are to set aside the lands that have been identified for the agri-climate rural environment scheme in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [2665/23]

*398. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the call by a fishing representative organisation (details supplied) to the differentiation of small-scale fishery products in the market through traceability, community-supported fisheries and direct, short-chain, marketing schemes, empowering fishing organisations to become price makers. — Holly Cairns. [2682/23]

*399. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether Coillte's plans for partnering with a company (details supplied) are in line with the plans committed to in

the National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [2441/23]

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

*400. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason that an organisation (details supplied) in County Tipperary has been refused access to grant funding of €2,000; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [2457/23]

*401. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 4 of 15 December 2022, the date on which the final draft policy for the islands was received by her; the date on which the policy for the islands will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [2672/23]