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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

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

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

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

4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on housing last met. — Mick Barry. [60885/22]

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

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

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

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

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

10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on progress of Housing for All. — Mary Lou McDonald. [61816/22]

11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Mick Barry. [1182/23]

12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [1567/23]

13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Mick Barry. [3278/23]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [3345/23]

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

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

17. To ask the Taoiseach the total number of actions in the 2021 Climate Action plan which have not been enacted to date; the numbers of high-impact actions which have failed to be enacted or that are delayed; the high-impact actions that remain to be enacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [62712/22]

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [2120/23]

19. To ask the Taoiseach to provide details of the Climate Action Plan progress report published by his Department. — Mick Barry. [3280/23]

20. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the work of the Climate Action Delivery Board. — Paul Murphy. [3408/23]

21. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the work of the Climate Action Delivery Board. — Bríd Smith. [3411/23]

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

23. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Mick Barry. [1184/23]

24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [1568/23]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will outline the work that has been carried out to establish an inquiry into the State’s handling of the Covid-19 which he announced in January 2023; the timeline for this inquiry; and the scope and nature of the inquiry. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [1880/23]

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Covid-19 will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [1881/23]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Alan Dillon. [2028/23]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [2119/23]

29. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [3346/23]

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

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

32. To ask the Taoiseach when the Committee that deals with Education will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3407/23]

33. To ask the Taoiseach when the Committee that deals with Education will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [3409/23]

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

35. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen. — Mick Barry. [1183/23]

36. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which he has had discussions with his UK or European counterparts in respect of the Northern Ireland Protocol. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2231/23]

37. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent engagements with the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen. — Mick Barry. [3279/23]

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

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

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

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

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

43. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Shared Island unit of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [61815/22]

44. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the work and status of the shared island unit. — Ivana Bacik. [3342/23]

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

46. To ask the Taoiseach when it is expected that the Citizens' Assembly on Drugs will take place. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [3275/23]

47. To ask the Taoiseach the proposed running order of the Citizens Assemblies. — Gino Kenny. [3413/23]

48. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Equality will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [61817/22]

49. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with social protection will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3074/23]

50. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with social protection will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [3077/23]

51. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the creation of a new division within his Department, focusing on child poverty. — Alan Farrell. [1634/23]

52. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on his most recent engagement with political representatives and groups from Northern Ireland since he returned to Oifig an Taoisigh. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1679/23]

53. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which he has had communication or meetings with various Government sub-Committees since the formation of the Government. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2230/23]

54. To ask the Taoiseach if he is intending to establish new Cabinet sub-committees. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3075/23]

55. To ask the Taoiseach if he is intending to establish new Cabinet sub-committees. — Paul Murphy. [3078/23]

56. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent phone call with the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy. — Alan Dillon. [2026/23]

57. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his phone conversation with the Ukrainian President. — Ivana Bacik. [2118/23]

58. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the World Economic Forum in Davos. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3073/23]

59. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the World Economic Forum in Davos. — Paul Murphy. [3076/23]

60. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the recent meeting at Davos, with particular reference to future trends in global trade. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3327/23]

61. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the World Economic Forum in Davos. — Ivana Bacik. [3341/23]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

62. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider the introduction of timely, targeted and temporary mortgage interest relief in the context of rising interest costs for mortgage borrowers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3328/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider extending the 9% reduced VAT rate on electricity and gas bills to 31 December 2023; if he will provide costings for extension of the measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [3084/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on extending the reduced 9% rate of VAT for the hospitality and tourism sector; its estimated cost, including and excluding hotel accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3329/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Finance the additional revenue raising measures he is considering to ensure sustainable funding of public services, following the Parliamentary Budget Office and the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council calculation that an extra €7 billion per year is needed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [3331/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will introduce measures to ensure that recent reforms in the insurance sector result in proportional reductions in premiums for consumers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3330/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will waive the 23% VAT rate on antigen tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [3332/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

68. To ask the Minister for Finance what consideration his Department is giving to further anti-inflationary measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [3135/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Kildare businesses that have applied for assistance under the temporary business energy support scheme to date; the number of Meath businesses that have applied; the number of Kildare applications that have been successful; the number of Meath applications that have been successful; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [2985/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount his Department received in overpaid PAYE taxes in 2021 and 2022; the measures that are in place to make individuals aware of any overpayments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [3140/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures being considered to support small and medium enterprises across the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [3058/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Finance the assessments that have and will be undertaken with regards to the code of conduct on mortgage arrears, including the suite of alternative repayment arrangements; his plans to give the code full legal effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3100/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will devise a scheme similar to the scheme for uileann pipe makers for hurley makers given the UNESCO intangible heritage status for the game of hurling. — Sean Sherlock. [59443/22]

74. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on introducing additional tax measures for developers and investors in the residential property market; if he agrees with a previously commissioned report (details supplied) that such incentives would represent a clear waste of scarce public resources and would lead to an increase in site and property prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3149/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Finance the proposals he will be bringing forward in relation to income tax over the medium-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [2994/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress to date on replacing the disabled drivers' medical board of appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [3023/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the requirements of third parties and funds in possession of mortgage contracts with regards to the code of conduct on mortgage arrears; and his views regarding the refusal of third parties and funds to engage with borrowers, including with respect to alternative repayment arrangements under the mortgage arrears resolution process. — Matt Carthy. [3095/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Finance his position on introducing additional tax measures for developers and investors in the residential property market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [3098/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to undertake a review of the income tax system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [3082/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Finance what steps he is taking to reform the provisions of flood insurance. — Holly Cairns. [3064/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has undertaken an assessment of the impact that the phasing out of tax warehousing will have on the rate of business failure; and if he is satisfied that existing policy options are appropriate to manage this situation. — Richard Bruton. [2756/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Finance the way he is supporting credit unions to grow and develop; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [2858/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Kilkenny businesses that have applied for assistance under the temporary business energy support scheme to date; the number of Wexford businesses that have applied; the number of Kilkenny applications that have been successful; the number of Wexford applications that have been successful; the estimated value or worth

of the support to date for each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [3067/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to retain the 9% tourism VAT rate beyond 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [3035/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Finance if he remains satisfied that the economy remains on a solid footing, with particular reference to the need to compete with other European countries in terms of stability and growth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3050/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans regarding the European Financial Forum 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [2871/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Finance if any action can be taken regarding non-bank lenders not offering an option of fixed mortgage rates to mortgage borrowers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [2857/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Offaly businesses that have applied for assistance under the temporary business energy support scheme to date; the number of Laois businesses that have applied; the number of Offaly applications that have been successful; the number of Laois applications that have been successful; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [3069/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Clare businesses that have applied for assistance under the temporary business energy support scheme to date; the number of Galway businesses that have applied; the number of Clare applications that have been successful; the number of Galway applications that have been successful; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2990/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Finance what steps are being taken to ensure credit unions play a key role in the banking sector. — Ciarán Cannon. [3103/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide details of any role or involvement he has in the proposed Coillte/Gresham House deal in relation to the future of Irish forestry; if he will outline the tax treatment of such an investment plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3143/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Finance the way he will be protecting banking services in rural areas, especially in relation to the right-to-cash services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [3066/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagement that he has had with the motor insurance industry in relation to motor insurance policies and their validity given the delays in securing NCT appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [3139/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will confirm and outline all Budget 2023 measures which have taken effect since the start of 2023; when further measures from Budget 2023 will take effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3054/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will respond to concerns raised by the many thousands of benefit-in-kind recipients who are facing much higher payments following the introduction of new rates as of January 2023; his views on the new EV BIK rates considering the potential knock-on effect of reducing the number of electric vehicles purchased under the scheme due to extortionate BIK payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2995/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the growth in the number of millionaires in the State identified in a recent report which showed that the two richest people in the State have more wealth than the poorest 50% of the population; and his views that Government policy has driven or is responsible for this trend. — Bríd Smith. [3106/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will retain the 9% VAT rate for the tourism and hospitality sector; if his attention has been drawn to reports of the vital importance of this measure for counties such as Kerry, which has a proportionately higher reliance on the tourism and hospitality sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3045/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied) on wealth inequality in Ireland that found the number of Irish people with individual wealth of over €46.6 million has more than doubled between 2012 and 2022, rising from 655 to 1,435 people, and that the two richest people in Ireland have more wealth than the poorest 50% of the population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3110/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on the work of the fintec steering group established in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [2872/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Finance if, in light of a report (details supplied) detailing that Ireland's richest 1% control a quarter of the country's wealth, he will review the Government's approach to taxes on wealth as suggested in the Labour Party's alternative Budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [3085/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Finance if he expects the rate of inflation to ease during 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [2986/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Finance the criteria his Department intend to use in deciding whether temporary tax concessions should be extended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [2755/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify that a special needs assistant is not a qualifying or eligible profession for flat-rate expense allowances; the reason that this is the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3099/23]

104. To ask the Minister for Finance the industries that are the main contributors to income tax and corporation tax; the percentage of the 2022 tax receipts these industries accounted for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [3057/23]

105. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to reducing the excise duty on hydrotreated vegetable oil, in recognition of its use as a very low-emission fuel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [3025/23]

106. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagements that he has had with the Central Bank regarding residential mortgage holders who were overcharged as a result of the tracker mortgage scandal and have had their mortgage contracts sold to third parties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [3096/23]

107. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is concerned about the impact on households of the increased costs of servicing mortgages on homes as a result of rising interest rates; if he is considering any policy interventions to assist mortgage-holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [3087/23]

108. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Tipperary businesses that have applied for assistance under the temporary business energy support scheme to date; the number of Waterford businesses that have applied; the number of Tipperary applications that have been successful; the number of Waterford applications that have been successful; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [3047/23]

109. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the concerns of those with company cars over the financial impact of changes to the benefit-in-kind regime which came into force this month; if he is considering measures to assist such workers to mitigate the additional costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [3088/23]

110. To ask the Minister for Finance if he anticipates further measures being taken in relation to cost-of-living pressures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [2980/23]

111. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans with regards to banking remuneration policy; his position with respect to the recommendation of the Finance Committee in its report on banking that the current restrictions on banking remuneration should remain in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [3102/23]

112. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the rental tax credit; the number of persons who are currently availing of it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [3055/23]

113. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to a prediction by the Governor of the Central Bank that inflation rates will continue to rise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [56213/22]

114. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to reports that leading global tax researchers from the University of California, Berkeley and the University of Copenhagen (details supplied) have identified Ireland as a major tax haven and estimate that Ireland artificially attracts €130 billion in profits from other countries and gains €7.2 billion in tax revenue from this profit shifting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3109/23]

115. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of primary medical certificate appeals currently outstanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [2824/23]

116. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons who received assistance under the help-to-buy scheme in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [3056/23]

117. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Dublin businesses that have applied for assistance under the temporary business energy support scheme to date; the number that have been successful; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for businesses in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [3071/23]

118. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Limerick businesses that have applied for assistance under the temporary business energy support scheme to date; the number of them that have been successful; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for businesses in Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [3083/23]

119. To ask the Minister for Finance his expectations for corporation tax revenues in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2991/23]

120. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the reduction in the growth of activity and new business within the Irish economy in November, which is the lowest in 21 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [61738/22]

121. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 126 of 10 November 2022, his plans for the phasing out of the help-to-buy-scheme; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [3091/23]

122. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the recent call by an organisation (details supplied) for a wealth tax of graduated rates of 2%, 3% and 5% on wealth above €4.7m, the organisation stated that such a wealth tax would raise €8.2 billion annually with the potential to transform Irish public services in health, housing and education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3107/23]

123. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has or will engage with the Central Bank regarding residential mortgage holders who were victims of the tracker mortgage scandal, have had their mortgage contracts sold to third parties or funds and are now subject to significant mortgage interest rate increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3146/23]

124. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Carlow businesses that have applied for assistance under the temporary business energy support scheme to date; the number of Wicklow businesses that have applied; the number of Carlow applications that have been successful; the number of Wicklow applications that have been successful; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for businesses in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2979/23]

125. To ask the Minister for Finance the companies which attended the dinner that he hosted in Davos last week; the matters that were discussed with these companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [3090/23]

126. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will extend the 9% VAT reduction for the tourism and hospitality industry further than the current expiry date in March 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [2931/23]

127. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cumulative cost of the measures taken since and including Budget 2023 to help address cost-of-living issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [2933/23]

128. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Longford businesses that have applied for assistance under the temporary business energy support scheme to date; the number of Westmeath businesses that have applied; the number of Longford applications that have been successful; the number of Westmeath applications that have been successful; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [2993/23]

129. To ask the Minister for Finance the current status of the review of the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; when the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal will be in operation; the number of outstanding appeals before the Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [3094/23]

130. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the operation of the temporary business energy support scheme to date; the number of businesses in each of the counties Cavan, Monaghan, Donegal, Leitrim, Louth and Sligo that have applied; the number of businesses in each county that were successful in their applications; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [3065/23]

131. To ask the Minister for Finance the action he is taking to ensure that the public finances do not become too reliant on corporate tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [3072/23]

132. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to review the current tax allowances for young farmers investing in farm facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [2823/23]

133. To ask the Minister for Finance if it is possible to set credit allocation quotas for Irish banks (with a majority State ownership) requiring a certain percentage of their lending to go to green investment activities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [3136/23]

134. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the unfair treatment when it comes to the rent tax credit not being made available to parents of students where the tenancy is of a type which is exempt from RTB registration, such as a 'rent-a-room' or 'digs'-type arrangement (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2270/23]

135. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the retail banking review; the action that he will be taking on foot of it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [3068/23]

136. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on banking remuneration policy; if he agrees with the recommendation of the Oireachtas Finance Committee in its report on banking that the

current restrictions on banking remuneration, including the €500,000 cap on annual pay, should remain in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3147/23]

137. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration can be given to the extension of the VAT rate of 9% for the tourism and hospitality sector beyond February 2023 due to the challenges this sector is currently facing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [3024/23]

138. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider revisiting the decision to end the zero VAT rating on antigen testing kits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [3086/23]

139. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide clarification on the residential zoned land tax and whether there are exemptions for farmers and agricultural land zoned for a mixture of uses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [3145/23]

140. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has carried out an impact assessment on the change to benefit-in-kind tax in Budget 2023 and the affect it is having on persons who require a car for work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [3144/23]

141. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on ‘pinch point’ areas in insurance. — Ciarán Cannon. [3104/23]

142. To ask the Minister for Finance why the temporary business energy support scheme does not cover the use of liquid gas, such as LPG and BioLPG (details supplied). — Richard O’Donoghue. [62210/22]

143. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Cork businesses that have applied for assistance under the temporary business energy support scheme to date; the number of Kerry businesses that have applied; the number of Cork applications that have been successful; the number of Kerry applications that have been successful; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [3079/23]

144. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reduce the rate of VAT on residential construction to incentivise the building of new homes; if he will consider further measures to reduce the tax burden on the development of new living units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3046/23]

145. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons that claimed the help-to-buy scheme since its inception to purchase a home; the value of these claims broken down by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [2935/23]

146. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the international tax guidelines for large-scale private investment funds which seek to invest in Ireland’s natural resources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2982/23]

147. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to increasing the rebate available under the temporary business energy support scheme up to €10,000 per month or 80% of the eligible cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2764/23]

148. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which efforts continue to be made to address inflation; the extent of the results to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3049/23]

149. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress of the European Investment Bank supported low-cost loan guarantee scheme for the National Retrofit Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [3141/23]

150. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 155 of 10 November 2022, the timeline for the publication of the review of the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [3092/23]

151. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will remove VAT on antigen tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [3070/23]

152. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to reduce the cost of insurance for the hospitality sector. — Holly Cairns. [3063/23]

153. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to bring forward legislation to address tax avoidance, where it may not be possible to address arrangements within the existing code; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2981/23]

154. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the possible easing of VAT rates for retrofitting works or renewable energy works for domestic purposes, to assist home owners in reducing reliance on energy providers in a crippling energy crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2996/23]

155. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of extending the reduced rates applicable to petrol and diesel until the end of June 2023; his plans regarding rates of excise in the context of the cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3148/23]

156. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on the review of section 110 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 regime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [2822/23]

157. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to extend the cost-of-living measures introduced in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [2932/23]

158. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons impacted by income tax changes brought in on 1 January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [3081/23]

159. To ask the Minister for Finance if the temporary business energy support scheme will be reviewed; the amount of the €1.25 billion allocated that has been claimed to date; if his attention has been drawn to reports that the SME sector is really struggling (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [3022/23]

160. To ask the Minister for Finance his estimation of the value to farmers of current tax reliefs specifically in place for them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [3048/23]

161. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will re-examine the proposal for a wealth tax in Ireland in light of a recent report on wealth and inequality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [3105/23]

162. To ask the Minister for Finance if the potential for establishing Ireland as an international financing centre for renewable energy projects, akin to that in the aviation sector, has been examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [3142/23]

163. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps that will be taken to ensure greater awareness of eligibility for the recently introduced rent tax credit; if he is satisfied that the application process is accessible for people who are entitled to the credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [3080/23]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*164. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his visit to Northern Ireland. — Ivana Bacik. [2121/23]

*165. To ask the Taoiseach the percentage of persons in the State who are 65-years-of-age or over. — David Stanton. [3204/23]

*166. To ask the Taoiseach the total monetary amount of non-repayable monies provided by his Department through grants, funding supports, tax breaks or other means to businesses in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [3390/23]

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

*167. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of non-EEA homecare support workers who have been employed since these workers have become eligible for employment permits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [3301/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the Government's position on the proposed, Amendment to Annex XXX No 1907/2006 by the European Commission which will ban the use of plastics on artificial pitches; if he will outline the timing and implementation of the legislation; the impact that it will have on existing playing surfaces such as 3D and 4D pitches that contain plastic inserts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [3374/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of WTE staff vacancies by job title at Enterprise Ireland as of 16 January 2023; the estimated full-year cost of

filling each of these vacancies; and when each of these vacancies will be filled in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [2802/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of WTE staff vacancies by job title in IDA Ireland as of 16 January 2023; the estimated full-year cost of filling each of these vacancies; and when each of these vacancies will be filled in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [2803/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will take quick action to ensure the implementation of the security Employment Regulation Order into law, given that security officers have been waiting on this security ERO for 19 months; if he agrees that these minimal pay increases for hard-working frontline security officers need to be implemented urgently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [3152/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the fact that 38 former employees of an organisation (details supplied), who lost their jobs early in 2021, are still fighting to receive their proper redundancy package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [3190/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the allocation under Budget 2023 for InterTrade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3218/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of employment permits that have been granted to home carers by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [3258/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the Employment Regulation Order for the security sector is adhered to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [3288/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total monetary amount of non-repayable monies provided by his Department through grants, funding supports, tax breaks or other means to businesses in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [3379/23]

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

*177. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the regulatory limitations that are put on the sulphide content of diesel, petrol and aircraft noise, respectively. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [2716/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has access to any research conducted on the presence of ultrafine particulate pollution from aircraft around any of Ireland's commercial airports. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [2717/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline his intentions regarding the demand by fishermen for an urgent need for a review of the regulations governing snap net fishing on the rivers in the south-east of Ireland; if he has considered the submissions and correspondence from a person (details supplied) who represents

the fishermen in this regard; if he will make the policy changes requested; if he will meet the person and his group to discuss their concerns and their policy suggestions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [2765/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of fines given to persons who did not remove dog fouling by county in tabular form; the amount raised by these fines; if the fines raised generated enough money to offset anti-litter and dog fouling advertising by the State; the cost of advertising in 2022 for anti-litter and dog fouling in each county; if he plans to amend legislation relating to dog fouling fines and associated litter laws; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2774/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the level of funding allocated to Inland Fisheries Ireland in each of the years 2020 to 2023; the expenditure incurred on refurbishments or installations of new facilities for each of years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2780/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes at each pre-works BER ratings that achieved B2 cost optimum standards in each of the years 2020 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2781/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update in respect of the Commission for Regulation of Utilities' engagements with energy supply companies regarding the continuing high energy costs for domestic customers in view of the fact that wholesale energy prices have reduced over the past number of months. — Catherine Murphy. [2820/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the Commission for Regulation of Utilities has engaged with energy suppliers in respect of pricing for their renewably sourced energy supplies. — Catherine Murphy. [2821/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the status of the Winter 2022 emergency generation; the current expected date for delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [2832/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the status of the Winter 2023 emergency generation; the current expected date for delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [2833/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if, due to expected delays in the delivery of emergency generation, the Government will grant the new capacity to be delivered in 2024/2025 and 2025/2026, the same rights and benefits emergency generation has been granted via the Eirgrid, Electricity and Turf (Amendment) Act 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [2834/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will respond to queries raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in respect of the frustration felt in rural areas on the delays to the rollout of the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2861/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will advise on how a tenant who is on an electricity sub meter with pre-pay power, where the landlord has a commercial account, can access the electricity grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2989/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if an application for the warmer homes scheme can be expedited for a vulnerable elderly person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3002/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is satisfied that his Department and the board of Inland Fisheries Ireland have carried their functions in accordance with their statutory responsibilities and acted on information provided to them (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [3009/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how his Department will support persons with long-term incontinence with respect to the disposal of medical incontinence wear; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3125/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if homeowners should contact ESB Networks emergency number to report cases in which there is significant ingress of water into the meter cabinet in homes affected by defective blocks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3180/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a company (details supplied) in County Tipperary will receive SEAI certification and be listed as an SEAI registered solar PV installer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [3207/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the actions that are being taken by his Department to ensure that the reduction in the wholesale price of gas is reflected in the sale price for citizens, given the recent fall in the wholesale price of gas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [3234/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the Telecom Éireann pension fund; and if former Telecom Éireann workers will see an increase due to them under the pension scheme. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [3307/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will confirm that single-family homes pay residential gas rates and apartments that utilise district heating pay commercial gas rates; and if this is the case, why; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [3340/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of onshore and offshore wind turbines constructed in each of the years from 2000 to 2022, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [3355/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total monetary amount of non-repayable monies provided by his Department through grants, funding supports, tax breaks or other means to businesses in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [3380/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that he is taking to ensure that the electric vehicle charging network in rural counties such as Mayo is comprehensive and user friendly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [3216/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of an NCT for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [2739/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport if local authorities can be instructed not to charge a parking fee for owners of electric vehicles who are charging their cars; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [2741/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport when it is expected that a new contractor will be appointed to complete works along the N5 Ballaghaderreen to Scramogue bypass project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [2792/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of revenue that Bus Éireann generated from the €2 seat reservation fee for holders of a free travel pass; and the way that this money was reinvested into improving bus services. — Paul Donnelly. [2799/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport if Iarnród Éireann will have fully resumed catering services onboard all Intercity rail journeys before the busy tourism season commences. — Paul Donnelly. [2800/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons who have used private VIP terminal, known as Dublin Platinum Services, at Dublin Airport in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [2801/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport if he intends to extend the validity of current NCT certificates given the delays in accessing tests in a timely manner. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2827/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that the waiting times for driving tests in County Wexford have increased from 10 to 21 weeks since September 2022; and if so, the measures that are being put in place to reduce this waiting time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [2865/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving tests cancelled by the Road Safety Authority in all test centres in each of the months June to December 2022, in tabular form; the reason for the test cancellations by the RSA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [2887/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider a proposal (details supplied) to provide supplementary funding to Clare County Council for essential road works. — Cathal Crowe. [2891/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport if he could request an update from Iarnród Éireann of the four Dart+ Projects (West, South West, Coastal North and Coastal South) along with an update relating to the proposed construction of a new DART station at Woodbrook/Sruthán na Coille. — Chris Andrews. [2962/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will seek an update from the relevant authority in relation to the proposed expansion of the Luas green line; if extending the line beyond the currently proposed northern terminus at Charlestown to as far as Dublin Airport has been considered; and if a feasibility study of this has been carried out. — Chris Andrews. [2965/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport To ask the Minister for Transport, in view of the shortage of drivers for public service vehicles and the knock-on impact on commuters, if driving test applications for these essential workers can be prioritised by the Road Safety Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [2969/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport given the shortage of drivers for public service vehicles and the knock-on impact on commuters, if a letter of competence can be provided to these drivers upon the passing of their test to enable them to drive buses for public transport while they are awaiting the administrative processing of their CPC card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [2970/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport when the Road Safety Authority will publish the report Road Deaths and Alcohol 2017-2021, which focuses on road user fatalities on persons who had a positive toxicology for alcohol at the time of the fatal collision, given the last publication on road deaths and alcohol by the Road Safety Authority was published in July 2020 Road Deaths and Alcohol 2013-2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [3038/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the Road Safety Authority is encountering difficulties with allocating the required number of slots for tests, theory tests, driving tests and CPC walk around tests as well as delays in processing CPC cards, which is impacting bus companies in returning to full services and commuters who wish to travel by public transport; how this matter will be rectified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [3116/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of plans to reduce opening hours and staffing levels in the NDLS office in Wexford; and if so, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [3130/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will instruct the RSA to ensure that successful NCTs are valid for 12 months from the date that the test took place in relation to reports regarding delays with NCT test appointments (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [3161/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new taxi and hackney licences granted in County Donegal for each of the years 2019 to 2022, and to date in 2023; the total number of licences, taxis and hackneys operating in County Donegal by location in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3198/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered allowing the transferring of taxi licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3199/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a definition of the term ‘community transport’; if he will provide further clarification (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3246/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the all-island Strategic Rail Review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [3289/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport the total monetary amount of non-repayable monies provided by his Department through grants, funding supports, tax breaks or other means to businesses in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [3392/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*224. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is considering banning price differentiation between new and existing mortgage customers; if so, the timeline he is working towards for introduction of the necessary legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [3333/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will honour the Government's commitment to introduce legislation to protect consumers' and businesses' access to cash; the steps he has taken to advance the drafting of this legislation; the timeline he is working towards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [3334/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify if special needs assistants are entitled to the flat rate expenses allowances for tax purposes allowed by the Revenue Commissioners to teachers. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [2729/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on the number of renters who have claimed the renters' credit to date. — Ivana Bacik. [2746/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Finance if tenants in the private rented sector and those renting under a rent-a-room scheme can claim the rent tax credit where their landlord is not registered with the Residential Tenancies Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [2749/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the provision of loan guarantee schemes for SMEs, as outlined in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2763/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in each county that have successfully applied for inclusion under the temporary business energy support scheme; the estimated value or worth of the support in each county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [2819/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is considering extending the 9% VAT rate for the hospitality industry given the challenging conditions that the industry continues to face; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [2847/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to review the pension levy imposed on retired Aer Rianta workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [2866/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has any plans to abolish the Government pension levy introduced in tandem with the jobs initiative in 2011, as the jobs initiative has now concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [2890/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide details on the way that new businesses can apply for and access the much-needed temporary business energy support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [62066/22]

*235. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is giving consideration to the difficulties facing cohabiting couples that jointly own a property and then must pay inheritance tax on their family home when one of them passes away; if he is considering the rights of cohabiting couples to apply to the Revenue Commissioners for a certificate to grant the same tax rights as married couples; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [3016/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of people awaiting an appeal with the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal on the decision to refuse them a primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [3017/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Finance what further measures his Department is considering in dealing with rising inflation in the year 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56473/22]

*238. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is willing to extend the eligibility of the temporary business energy support scheme to include farmers and rural pubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [3031/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagement that he has had with NAMA and or the Minister for Housing regarding NAMAs commercial interest in the land at the Poolbeg SDZ, and whether this interest could be transferred to Dublin City Council to ensure the delivery of genuinely affordable homes at that location as per the SDZ agreement. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3037/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the Disabled Drivers' Medical Board of Appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [3132/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the implementation of the recommendations of a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [3133/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has engaged with the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment on the potential impact of change to company vehicle benefit-in-kind rules from 1 January 2023 on workers and businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [62121/22]

*243. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the rent tax credit will not be available to parents of students in cases in which the tenancy is of a type which is exempt from RTB registration, such as a rent-a-room or digs type arrangement; if he will consider providing a mechanism to include such persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3177/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that parents who pay rent for their children who are studying abroad in approved courses cannot claim the rent tax relief on the rent they pay; and if he will consider providing a mechanism to include such persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3178/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that the help to buy scheme is only open to first-time buyers when they are purchasing a newly-built home; his views on whether it is fair that this funding cannot be made available to a first-time buyer who is seeking to get on the property ladder by purchasing their first home when it is not a new build; if he will consider extending this scheme to all first-time buyers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [3179/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of extending the existing reduced rates applicable to petrol and diesel until the end of June 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [3181/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Finance his position on introducing additional tax measures for developers and investors in the residential property market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [3182/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Finance if the temporary business energy support scheme will be expanded to cover businesses that use oil. — Louise O'Reilly. [62043/22]

*249. To ask the Minister for Finance if charitable donations from outside the State are taxed on arrival in the State; if not, if any other State charge is placed on a charitable donation when it arrives in the State for a charitable purpose within the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3219/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Finance the discussions that his Department has had with the banking sector in relation the treatment of homeowners affected by MICA by the banks and the way that they will be dealt with in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3220/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of applications made to the temporary business energy support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [3240/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review matters in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [3241/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Finance what efforts he and his predecessor, Minister Donohue, have made recently to ensure that banks and financial institutions provide reasonable support and assistance to their mortgage-holders who will have to have their homes remediated due to defective concrete blocks. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [3244/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of each publicly-funded Government contract awarded to a company (details supplied); the exact value and location of each contract, including the tendering procedures involved, the number of other companies and entities tendering for the same contracts since June 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [3299/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Finance the degree to which he remains satisfied that Ireland's economy remains adequately competitive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3317/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which any particular economic features require amendment or refocus in order to avoid difficulties in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3318/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Finance if investment funds operating or intending to operate here will be brought under the aegis of the Central Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3319/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Finance if investment funds operating here will be asked to comply with guidelines and supervision of the Central Bank given the number, size and power of investment funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3320/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he remains satisfied that inflation here will continue to reduce further; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3321/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which the contributory factors to inflation continues to be monitored by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3322/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he remains satisfied that this economy continues to perform well when considered in the overall European context; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3323/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he remains satisfied with the performance of Ireland's economy when compared with all others in the Eurozone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3324/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Finance the degree to which foreign direct investment remains an attractive option given the need to ensure that Ireland continues to benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3325/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which financial services here continue to compete internationally and effectively with all others relative to access, size and location; the degree to which efforts continue to be made in this regard in the aftermath of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3326/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of tax received on all fuel and energy in the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [3362/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is satisfied with the practices of the financial vulture fund companies in terms of the crisis affecting mortgage holders. — Peadar Tóibín. [3363/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Finance the total monetary amount of non-repayable monies provided by his Department through grants, funding supports, tax breaks or other means to businesses in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [3381/23]

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

*268. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will set out a timeline for the Chesterfield Avenue Project, including details on the design, planning and construction phases and any potential stakeholder engagement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2724/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an update on the review of ethics legislation consultation; when the review of the ethics legislation report from 2022 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [2789/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of secretariat staff who are provided to the Standards in Public Office Commission by the Office of the Ombudsman in each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [2790/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount of funding that has been provided to the Standards in Public Office Commission in each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [2791/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW has fitted each Garda station custody suite with cell panic strip; and if not, the estimated cost if the remaining Garda stations custody suites were fitted with cell panic strip. — Paul Donnelly. [2812/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Office of Public Works has allocated money towards the repair and upkeep of Bunratty Castle, County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2814/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to reinstate funding in order for a database (details supplied) to resume its work. — Catherine Murphy. [2849/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when works will be carried out and completed on the River Thonogue, Ballylooby, Cahir, County Tipperary, following planning approval in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [3011/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the current position on the national Garda station building plan; and the new Garda stations that are currently under construction across the State. — Charles Flanagan. [3112/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he plans any changes to the additional superannuation contribution for public servants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [3163/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of each publicly funded Government contract awarded to a company (details supplied); the exact value and location of each contract, including the tendering procedures involved, the number of other companies and entities tendering for the same contracts since June 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [3297/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform what delay pertains to sanctioning the offer devised by the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science as recommended by the Labour Court; and if he will outline a timeline for the resolution of any such delay (details supplied). — Gary Gannon. [3361/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the total monetary amount of non-repayable monies provided by his Department through grants, funding supports, tax breaks or other means to businesses in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [3387/23]

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

*281. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of persons who are employees of all the Údarás na Gaeltachta-supported businesses in the Cloghane and Brandon, County Kerry Gaeltacht area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [2699/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount of Exchequer funding provided to an organisation (details supplied) in 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2777/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of persons employed in the Irish film industry; if the conditions of employment of workers and performers in the Irish film industry are improving; if the film industry producers benefitting from section 481 tax credit system are meeting the requirements for quality and fair employment and training and sustainable industry development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2778/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the total number of applications received in respect of the live performance support scheme strand I and II by county over the course of the pandemic; the total number of applications refused by county; the total number of appeals that were subsequently submitted by county; the total number of appeals that were successful by county in tabular form; if there are plans to establish a national theatre to encourage indigenous musical theatre production growth as global attractions as is the case in the UK with the West End, London and in North America with Broadway given the enormous talent evident in musical and theatrical societies across Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2779/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on the introduction of a bedroom tax for visitors to hotels in Dublin. — Alan Kelly. [2955/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on DEIS Gaeltachta scholarships for 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [3338/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the total monetary amount of non-repayable monies provided by her Department through grants, funding supports, tax breaks or other means to businesses in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [3391/23]

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

*288. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of households in receipt of HAP in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [3267/23]

*289. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the need for more compact development of homes to meet population growth in a sustainable manner calls for a change in the way in which new public facilities are planned as the planning and delivery of the NDP type project in transport, health and education fall under the remit of his Department. — Richard Bruton. [3273/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the need for more compact development of homes to meet population growth in a sustainable manner calls for a change in the way in which new public facilities are planned. — Richard Bruton. [2209/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration is being given in the overhaul of An Bord Pleanála of allowing observation/objections to planning permission to be submitted online, as is the case in most planning departments of local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [2744/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department possesses projections as to the number of hotels which are not expected to renew State contracts to host refugees in 2023; and his plans to ensure that any shortfall in accommodation is made up. — Ivana Bacik. [2747/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he consider raising the income thresholds for joint applicants for the local authority home loan (details supplied); and if he will consider raising this given the variations in income levels and rising house prices. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [2786/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the increase in the number of applications for social housing support, such that local authorities are not able to access all applications within the 12-week deadline; if there are any other options for those applicants who may be in vulnerable and precarious housing situations to get support while they wait for their application to be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [2817/23]

*295. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will set up a housing assistance payment fraud unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2844/23]

*296. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a full review of the HAP case of a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [2862/23]

*297. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of full-time vacant home officers currently in place in each respective local authority and who work exclusively on vacant home related issues per capita for each local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [2869/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to a matter regarding local authority-owned properties (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2883/23]

*299. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of successful and total applications for the vacant property refurbishment grant through the croí cónaithe fund by local authority in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [2945/23]

*300. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if prospective applicants for croí cónaithe funding can seek additional advice about their specific circumstance and application prior to submitting the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [2946/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm that the Public Appointments Service was used in the appointment of members to the interim Land Development Agency board in 2019 and full LDA board in 2021; and if not, if he will outline the process that was used to generate the list of names from which Ministers selected the members of the interim and full board of the LDA. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3001/23]

*302. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the tenant purchase scheme will be reviewed as a matter of urgency (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3030/23]

*303. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm the specific date of publication of the regulations for the enhanced defective concrete blocks scheme. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [3032/23]

*304. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm the specific date when the enhanced defective concrete blocks scheme will be operational.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [3033/23]

*305. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify whether he has scientific evidence that all of the existing foundations of defective concrete homes are fit for purpose and can be rebuilt upon without fearing deterioration as a result of deleterious materials; and if he will confirm that if preliminary scientific research results demonstrate damage and or risk of damage to foundations, if he will act with urgency to ensure all future defective concrete homes are rebuilt are on fit-for-purpose foundations. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [3034/23]

*306. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of meetings that he had with Dublin City Council and with organisations (details supplied) in 2022 regarding the delivery of affordable housing on the Poolbeg SDZ site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3036/23]

*307. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the publication of the rural planning guidelines; and the reason for the ongoing delay in the publication of same. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3039/23]

*308. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the publication of the housing density guidelines currently being developed by his Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3040/23]

*309. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm that houses as well as apartments and duplexes will be included in the forthcoming building defects redress scheme where such houses can demonstrate they have structural building defects similar to apartments and duplexes. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3043/23]

*310. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has the authority under the Planning and Development Act 2000 to make regulations providing that the installation of solar photo-voltaic or solar thermal collector panels be a condition for planning permission to be granted for car parks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [3159/23]

*311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether the development of log cabins should form part of the overall housing stock to assist with the housing crisis; his plans to remove the planning barriers to the development of this type of housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [3188/23]

*312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the voids programme; the number of properties that have been returned to use in 2022; the estimated number that will follow in 2023; the estimated number of properties nationwide that could qualify for the programme; if it is possible to accelerate the programme without any adverse consequences for other related activity in the construction sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [3205/23]

*313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the discussions that his Department has had with the banking sector in relation the treatment of homeowners affected by MICA by the banks, and the way that they will be dealt with in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3221/23]

*314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of a query raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [3222/23]

*315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the implementation plan for the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People will be published. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3236/23]

*316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what efforts he has made recently to ensure that banks and financial institutions provide reasonable support and assistance to their mortgage-holders who will have to have their homes remediated due to defective concrete blocks. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [3243/23]

*317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way the enhanced pyrite remediation scheme will be administered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [3260/23]

*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has any plans to build modular homes to house homeless individuals or families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [3265/23]

*319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has any plans to develop social housing in County Clare in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [3269/23]

*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the complications with the new Residential Tenancies Board tenancy registration system; what assistance will be provided to the RTB to address this matter, particularly in light of the new requirement for landlords to register their tenancies annually; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [3272/23]

*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has engaged with the RTB in relation to the delays being experienced by landlords and tenants submitting enquiries and applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [3274/23]

*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of complaints lodged regarding the Residential Tenancies Board in each of the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [3277/23]

*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if counties Clare and Limerick have been formally accepted into the defective concrete block remediation scheme; and the other counties that have formally applied to his Department to be included in the scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3308/23]

*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the defective concrete blocks scheme legislation will be fully implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [3336/23]

*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to report on the maternity in situ scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [3347/23]

*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a local community group (details supplied) can avail of grant assistance for a ground survey of a historical area. — Michael Ring. [3356/23]

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a person who is in the early stages of selling an apartment will be eligible to apply for a rebate under the apartment defect scheme, given they paid a total of €20,000 to repair fire deficiencies in the apartment, if they no longer own the unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [3364/23]

*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total monetary amount of non-repayable monies provided by his Department through grants, funding supports, tax breaks or other means to businesses in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [3385/23]

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

*329. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has raised the continuous breaches by Azerbaijani forces of the tripartite peace accord signed in November 2020 to guarantee free movement from Armenia to Artsakh via the Lachin corridor at recent EU Council of Ministers or at the UN; and the action he has been taken to end the blockade and to alleviate the dire situations those living in Nagorno-Karabakh/Artsakh . — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [2742/23]

*330. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a foreign birth registration by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2754/23]

*331. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken formally with the Irish Ambassador to Australia since he assumed office. — Paul Donnelly. [2811/23]

*332. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the newly elected Israeli government and some of the inflammatory language it has used with regard to women, members of the LGBTQ community, as well as other marginalised groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [3041/23]

*333. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will raise the fact that Israeli forces killed more Palestinians in the West Bank in 2022 than in any other year since 2005 at the EU or UN level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [3042/23]

*334. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on an FBR application number (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [3156/23]

*335. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will clarify the FBR applications by date that are being examined at present; the expected completion dates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [3157/23]

*336. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his views regarding the stated intention of the new Israeli government to prioritise, advance and develop settlements in the Palestinian West Bank including its validation of illegally built outposts and the further annexation of territory; his views on whether such actions could put an end to any remaining hopes for a two-state solution and create a major obstacle to peace in the region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [3214/23]

*337. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if DNA evidence to prove parentage will be accepted in support of an application for the purposes of issuing an Irish passport to a minor in circumstances where the Irish parent is not named on the child's foreign birth certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [3245/23]

*338. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to reports that the new Israeli government has now imposed sanctions on the Palestinian authority in response to an initiative by the United Nations to seek an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice concerning the legality of Israel's occupation of Palestinian territory (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [3357/23]

*339. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the total monetary amount of non-repayable monies provided by his Department through grants, funding supports, tax breaks or other means to businesses in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [3382/23]

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

*340. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of qualified military aircraft technicians and qualified military avionics technicians currently in the Air Corps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2775/23]

*341. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will address the issue of sub-standard accommodation in the married quarters section of Cathal Brugha Barracks (details supplied). — Chris Andrews. [3013/23]

*342. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the refurbishment works that were carried out at Gormanston Camp during 2022; if each of the capital works are completed or ongoing; and the refurbishment works that will be carried out at this camp during 2023. — Sorca Clarke. [3251/23]

*343. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the total monetary amount of non-repayable monies provided by his Department through grants, funding supports, tax breaks or other means to businesses in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [3377/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*344. To ask the Minister for Education To ask the Minister for Education, further to Parliamentary Question No. 384 of 22 November 2022, if she will provide an estimated timeframe for the delivery of the new scheme to provide free books for primary school students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2731/23]

*345. To ask the Minister for Education when the Traveller Education Strategy committed to in the 2020 Programme for Government will be completed. — Mary Lou McDonald. [2740/23]

*346. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to concerns regarding the lack of accommodation for practical subjects and other facilities in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [2757/23]

*347. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department's policy is to include principles to carry out assessment of needs in special schools or mainstream schools; and when this policy changed from healthcare workers and CDNT's; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [2828/23]

*348. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that that a person (details supplied) still has not obtained school transport despite approval for the scheme. — Thomas Gould. [2840/23]

*349. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2848/23]

*350. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the amalgamation of two primary schools (details supplied); the stage that this is at; when she expects work to start on the construction of the new school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [2864/23]

*351. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the school building programme at a school (details supplied) in County Meath; the stage of the process this school is at; when works on a permanent school building will commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2885/23]

*352. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the school building programme at a school (details supplied) in County Meath; the stage of the process this school is at; when works on a permanent school building will commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2886/23]

*353. To ask the Minister for Education if she will roll-out a pilot scheme for secondary level schools replicating the 'Worryfree' period poverty campaign being run by the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [2921/23]

*354. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the progress and timelines for delivery of a new school accommodation for post-primary schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [2971/23]

*355. To ask the Minister for Education the status of progress and the timelines for the delivery of new school accommodation for schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [2972/23]

*356. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that the stage-3 planning process for a school (details supplied) has not been completed; the current timeframe for completion of stage-3 planning and the commencement of construction of the new building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [2978/23]

*357. To ask the Minister for Education following the arrival of Ukrainian children to Kiltyclogher, County Leitrim, if she will prioritise school transport for three children to attend the nearby secondary school (details supplied) by providing a larger bus to meet the new needs of the community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [3008/23]

*358. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the progress of the LMETB headquarters plans for Drogheda; if plans for the headquarters will be funded; if so, when; when the project is expected to commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [3118/23]

*359. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the new percolation area required for a school (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [3153/23]

*360. To ask the Minister for Education if she will assign staff within the payroll division of her Department to examine the anomaly whereby a small cohort of primary school teachers are

not paid the honours allowance in their salary (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [3155/23]

*361. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) will receive its new permanent school building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [3160/23]

*362. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the provision of a campus project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [3167/23]

*363. To ask the Minister for Education if a school place will be allocated to a child (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [3209/23]

*364. To ask the Minister for Education when a climate-focused multi-annual summer works scheme will be opened for new applications in 2023; if there will also be a separate summer works scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [3210/23]

*365. To ask the Minister for Education the progress made to date on the roll-out of her Department’s programme for free primary school books; the engagement she has had to date with the education partners and other stake holders regarding this scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [3233/23]

*366. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of the identified site for a new school campus (details supplied) in County Wexford; if the school building is progressing at this site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [3282/23]

*367. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has located alternative suitable sites for a new school campus (details supplied) in County Wexford. — Johnny Mythen. [3283/23]

*368. To ask the Minister for Education the timeframe for a new school campus (details supplied) in County Wexford. — Johnny Mythen. [3284/23]

*369. To ask the Minister for Education the consultations that took place between her Department and Wexford County Council in relation to the potential identified site for a new school campus (details supplied) in County Wexford. — Johnny Mythen. [3285/23]

*370. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary school places there should be in Wexford town, County Wexford; the number of school places there are in the current school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [3286/23]

*371. To ask the Minister for Education when the details of the free books to primary school scheme will be announced; how local bookshops will be consulted on the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [3287/23]

*372. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a case (details supplied) concerning school transport in County Cork; and if she will intervene in the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [3290/23]

*373. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider a review of the minimum requirement of a Leaving Certificate O4 grade in mathematics to enter primary teacher training colleges; if she will consider allowing for other methods to allow students to meet the level of mathematics required in tandem with studying primary teaching; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [3291/23]

*374. To ask the Minister for Education the details of each publicly funded Government contract awarded to a company (details supplied); the exact value and location of each contract, including the tendering procedures involved, the number of other companies and entities tendering for the same contracts since June 2017, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [3298/23]

*375. To ask the Minister for Education why no alternative school place has been offered to a child (details supplied).; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [3337/23]

*376. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the Covid guidelines for primary schools including if it is required to keep windows open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [3353/23]

*377. To ask the Minister for Education the date when the 2022 Junior Certificate appeals will be released. — Gary Gannon. [3358/23]

*378. To ask the Minister for Education if there has been an increase in Junior Certificate Appeals in 2022 in comparison to 2019, when the last Junior Certificate was sat. — Gary Gannon. [3359/23]

*379. To ask the Minister for Education the total monetary amount of non-repayable monies provided by her Department through grants, funding supports, tax breaks or other means to businesses in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [3378/23]

*380. To ask the Minister for Education the number of people registered for home schooling in each of the past five years in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [3414/23]

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

*381. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of the pay claim submitted on behalf of community employment supervisors and assistant supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [3228/23]

*382. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports that are available to those workers who are currently receiving the State pension but are unable to continue working for a short period of time due to medical reasons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2700/23]

*383. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing the fuel allowance to €40 per week for the 2023-2024 period.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [2703/23]

*384. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are plans underway to ensure that adequate support is provided to home dialysis-patients in the context of the current energy and cost-of-living crisis to ensure that this patient group continue to receive their lifesaving and sustaining treatment at home and can afford same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2711/23]

*385. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if home dialysis patients can be included in the fuel allowance scheme given that they carry out their life sustaining and saving treatments in their own homes at a significant saving to the State and due to their condition require adequate heat; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2712/23]

*386. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for additional needs' and exceptional needs' payments by county in 2022; and the number of applications awarded in tabular form, and the average time of a decision. — Sean Sherlock. [2718/23]

*387. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for jobseeker's benefit in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2728/23]

*388. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if claimants of partial capacity benefit who are post-1965 civil servants and who are only on pension rate of pay, who become ill, are then entitled to an increase to the rate that they receive equivalent to the full-rate paid in respect of the invalidity pension; the circumstances in which such claimants not entitled to this rate increase; if circular 6/95 is relevant to these cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [2734/23]

*389. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the need to require of pension providers that they disclose the portion of any pension fund available for investment here is made up of fossil fuel assets and that they provide an option to pension holders to opt for a fund which does not include fossil fuel; her Department's role in the State's divestment from fossil fuels.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [2745/23]

*390. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has considered extending the cost-of-living €500 lump sum payment included in Budget 2023 to those on community employment schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [2831/23]

*391. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she intends to issue a further extension beyond March 2023 to participants of the community employment scheme, particularly in rural areas where current recruitment can be difficult. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [2850/23]

*392. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) can take up a community employment scheme if they are six months away from eligibility and there is nobody else to take up the post; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2959/23]

*393. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an overpayment assessment of a State pension in the case of a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay in making a decision on the case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2960/23]

*394. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an oral hearing will be facilitated in the pending appeal of a person (details supplied); if all reckonable contributions paid to date by the

person have been used in the calculation of his entitlement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2968/23]

*395. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a breakdown of applications for exceptional needs payments due to financial hardship by social welfare areas month by month for 2021 and 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2998/23]

*396. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if assistance can be offered in issuing a decision on the carers allowance appeal for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [3015/23]

*397. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if community supervisors will be permitted to apply to extend their retirement age to 70 years for those turning 66 years from January 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [3019/23]

*398. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the plans that are in place to financially assist promptly through social welfare or other means those suffering from long-Covid who cannot work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [3028/23]

*399. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the social welfare supports available to assist a person (details supplied) whose partner has recently passed away. — Chris Andrews. [3113/23]

*400. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the contributory pension review of a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [3131/23]

*401. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the current funding band rates for family resource centres (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [3134/23]

*402. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way that arrears for disability allowance and carer's allowance have been calculated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3162/23]

*403. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; if the rules in relation to the invalidity pension will be changed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [3164/23]

*404. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will immediately arrange a date to meet the WRC in relation to the pay claim that community employment supervisors and assistant supervisors have submitted through their respective unions; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that there have been no wage increases for these workers since 2008 and in view of the substantial increases in cost-of-living, these workers need an urgent wage increase; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [3171/23]

*405. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the engagement she has had with Department officials to resolve the issue of pay increases for community employment supervisors and assistant supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [3186/23]

*406. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [3192/23]

*407. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application by a person (details supplied) for a basic supplementary welfare allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3224/23]

*408. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application by a person (details supplied) for rent supplement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3225/23]

*409. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [3229/23]

*410. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3230/23]

*411. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a fuel allowance application was refused in the case of a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3232/23]

*412. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of personal public service numbers that were issued between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022, broken down by the nationalities to whom they were issued in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3242/23]

*413. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that no walk-in service is available at an Intreo Office (details supplied); when a walk-in service for the public will recommence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [3292/23]

*414. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review a decision to remove a free travel pass from a wheelchair user who requires a personal assistant (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [3339/23]

*415. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the policy preventing access to the working family payment for persons who are self-employed; and if she has plans to broaden access to the payment. — Ivana Bacik. [3348/23]

*416. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [3366/23]

*417. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total monetary amount of non-repayable monies provided by her Department through grants, funding supports, tax breaks or other means to businesses in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [3389/23]

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

*418. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has any plans to build modular homes for Ukrainian refugees of war; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [3266/23]

*419. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount of equipment issued under AIMS in 2022; the number of applicants for equipment; the type of equipment issued and the time it took for the said equipment to be issued to educational providers, by county, in tabular form; and the amount spent in 2022. — Sean Sherlock. [2719/23]

*420. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the engagement he has had with Tusla the Child and Family Agency in relation to the lack of step-down places, resulting in children being kept in secure units for longer than is necessary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [2725/23]

*421. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he intends to add socio-economic status as a tenth ground of discrimination to relevant legislation. — Mary Lou McDonald. [2733/23]

*422. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department possesses projections as to the number of hotels that are not expected to renew State contracts to host refugees in 2023; and his plans to ensure that any shortfall in accommodation is made up. — Ivana Bacik. [2748/23]

*423. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on accommodation pledged (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [2750/23]

*424. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when overdue payments (details supplied) will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [2751/23]

*425. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on his Department's engagement with an organisation (details supplied) in its efforts to secure capital funding from Pobal for the development of a purpose-built centre on land due to be transferred to the centre by South Dublin County Council in St. Cuthbert's Park. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2761/23]

*426. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the process by which a child and family centre (details supplied) in Dublin 22 can apply for Pobal funding for the provision of a new child and family centre. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2762/23]

*427. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE social workers in TUSLA who are dealing with foster children and foster families as of 31 December 2021 and 13 January 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2776/23]

*428. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount that Tusla spent on youth counselling services in 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [2798/23]

*429. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there is a mechanism through which Ukrainian refugees living in Ireland can apply to be relocated to another part of the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2815/23]

*430. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the review of the Equality Acts currently underway in his Department, particularly in relation to the implementation of the recommendations detailed in the report on the prevalence and use of non-disclosure agreements in discrimination and sexual harassment disputes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2826/23]

*431. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider expanding sponsor referrals to the national childcare scheme to include all children with developmental needs, even if they had been enrolled in a childcare programme previously; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [2845/23]

*432. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the locations by nearest village and town of all accommodation centres for asylum seekers and/or refugees in the greater Dublin area in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [2953/23]

*433. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if accommodation will be provided for a Ukrainian refugee and their son (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [3012/23]

*434. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can request that the report into historical abuse allegations at an organisation (details supplied) recently completed will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [3018/23]

*435. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons currently employed by his Department; the number assigned to the integration brief; the number of vacant positions currently under his Department’s integration brief; the details of any changes to these numbers in each of the past four quarters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [3315/23]

*436. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Ukrainian refugees who have been settled in County Donegal, broken down by townlands, and the month they were settled; if it is intended for more refugees to be settled in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3354/23]

*437. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total monetary amount of non-repayable monies provided by his Department through grants, funding supports, tax breaks or other means to businesses in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [3376/23]

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

*438. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will address the case of a person (details supplied) regarding an ETB course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2710/23]

*439. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated full-year cost of a 10% increase in the apprentice travel allowance and accommodation allowance for the off-the-job training. — Paul Donnelly. [2813/23]

*440. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if young refugee students from Ukraine who are due to sit State exams in 2023 and 2024 and will soon be making CAO applications and seeking SUSI support students will be treated as EU or Ukrainian citizens in the calculation of their college fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2914/23]

*441. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if Irish third-level institutions will be able to admit refugee students from Ukraine who are resident in Ireland and engaged in distance learning with a Ukrainian institution with credit for modules already completed in a comparable course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2915/23]

*442. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide the total allocation under the Student Assistance Fund provided to each higher education institution for the past three academic years including 2022/2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [2949/23]

*443. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider extending the €1,000 fee reduction to students that have moved courses and were required to pay higher fees as a result of repeating a year at undergraduate level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [2950/23]

*444. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if plumbing apprentices who fail the colour vision test are unable to continuing with the apprenticeship even if they can benefit from corrective lenses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [2951/23]

*445. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to tackle the barriers in place that prevent QQI/FETAC graduates in nursing, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy and so on from accessing university level education and progressing into their chosen field; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2975/23]

*446. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on a report (details supplied) concerning students with disabilities on placement. — Holly Cairns. [3124/23]

*447. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the assessment procedures to be used in relation to the submissions from colleges to establish the proposed new school of veterinary medicine in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3172/23]

*448. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline the assessment criteria upon which the decision to establish the proposed new school of Veterinary Medicine in Ireland is based; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3173/23]

*449. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if it is envisaged that the proposed new school of veterinary medicine in Ireland will be capable of achieving accreditation by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in the UK, American Veterinary Medical Association, the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council and the European

Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education; the way that he will ensure this is achieved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3174/23]

*450. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there have been any updates on the previously discussed topic of the lack of eligibility to student grants for persons who hold stamp 4 visas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [3360/23]

*451. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total monetary amount of non-repayable monies provided by his Department through grants, funding supports, tax breaks or other means to businesses in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [3383/23]

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

*452. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will confirm the law in regard to a gun club being allowed to fire shots while the public is in close proximity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [3194/23]

*453. To ask the Minister for Justice if a case regarding a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be finalised as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2752/23]

*454. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for citizenship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [2760/23]

*455. To ask the Minister for Justice the value of fines issued to airlines or ferry companies for failure to carry out adequate checks on travel documents of persons prior to them arriving into Ireland in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2772/23]

*456. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of community gardaí posts, nationally broken down by division in each of the years 2015 to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [2787/23]

*457. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of gardaí attested in 2022; the total number of gardaí currently in training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [2788/23]

*458. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of scramblers and quad bikes seized by gardaí in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [2793/23]

*459. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of illegal immigrants who have been detected in transport vehicles such as hauliers' trucks at Irish harbours from 2020 to date in 2023. — Paul Donnelly. [2794/23]

*460. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 519 of 13 December 2022, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities. — Paul Donnelly. [2795/23]

*461. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated full-year cost of installing two defibrillators in each Garda station that is opened on a 24-7 basis; and the number of Garda stations that currently have a defibrillator installed. — Paul Donnelly. [2797/23]

*462. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will support the introduction of a transport police service for national, regional and local bus, tram and rail services. — Chris Andrews. [2963/23]

*463. To ask the Minister for Justice the grounds upon which visas were refused in the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2967/23]

*464. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on an application for citizenship by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [3003/23]

*465. To ask the Minister for Justice when work will commence on the proposed family law centre at Hammond Lane, Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [3044/23]

*466. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Garda National Vetting Bureau presented annual reports to his Department in each of the years 2016 to 2021; if he will provide a copy of each report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [3151/23]

*467. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of a visa application in the case of a person (details supplied); when a decision is likely to issue; the reason for the delay in issuing visas to date; the plans that are in place to address this delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3196/23]

*468. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons caught in possession of seven grams or less of cannabis for the past two years by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [3262/23]

*469. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of additional gardaí in County Clare since 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [3263/23]

*470. To ask the Minister for Justice why certain security companies are being issued private security authority licences when they are failing to honour section 3.6, ‘Compliance with Legislation’, of the PSA licencing requirements, specifically subsection 3.6.1/13 - Compliance with Employment Regulation Orders (ERO); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [3368/23]

*471. To ask the Minister for Justice the total monetary amount of non-repayable monies provided by his Department through grants, funding supports, tax breaks or other means to businesses in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [3386/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*472. To ask the Minister for Health when a full complement of therapists will be provided to a school (details supplied) in Dublin 12. — Joan Collins. [3369/23]

*473. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on community healthcare waiting lists for each care service for December 2022, in tabular form; the breakdown by length of wait and by age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2692/23]

*474. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on community healthcare waiting lists for each care service for December 2019, in tabular form; the breakdown by length of wait and by age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2693/23]

*475. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on disability service waiting lists for children's disability networks teams by CHO/CDNT for December 2022, in tabular form; the average length of wait; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2694/23]

*476. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on disability service waiting lists for each service type, excluding children's disability network teams for December 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2695/23]

*477. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on CAMHS waiting lists, by CHO, and by age and length of wait for December 2022, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [2696/23]

*478. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on waiting lists for an assessment of need; the number overdue for completion; and the average length of wait. — David Cullinane. [2697/23]

*479. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on diagnostic waiting lists at the end of October 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2698/23]

*480. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that attended the accident and emergency department at Mullingar Regional Hospital in each of the years 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [2701/23]

*481. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children aged between 0-8 years of age that were diagnosed with autism in each of the years 2020 to 2022, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [2702/23]

*482. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the ever-rising costs of nursing home care, with relatives reporting significant extra costs in addition to the basic contribution they make in addition to the fair deal scheme contribution; the Government's plans to reduce this burden on relatives of nursing home patients; if the Government plans to increase support to relatives and nursing homes; if there are plans to increase the level of State provision of nursing home beds for those who cannot afford these significant costs; if he will acknowledge that there are people who require nursing home care but who cannot avail of it due to the prohibitive costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [2704/23]

*483. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2705/23]

*484. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists employed in the adult community services in County Laois; the number of vacancies that exist; and his plans to

recruit additional occupational therapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [2706/23]

*485. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists employed in the adult community services in County Offaly; the number of vacancies that exist; his plans to recruit additional occupational therapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [2707/23]

*486. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide, in tabular form for January 2020 to December 2022, the number of people in South Tipperary CHO Area 5 who have a diagnosed neurological condition and are waiting to see the Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Team (CNRT); if his Department and Health Service Executive intend to establish a community neuro-rehabilitation team in CHO area 5 to specifically cover South Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [2709/23]

*487. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on any plans that may be underway to ensure that adequate support is provided to home dialysis-patients in the context of the current energy and cost-of-living crisis to ensure that they continue to receive their lifesaving and sustaining treatment at home, and can afford same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2713/23]

*488. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on any plans that are underway to ensure to include home dialysis-patients in the long-term illness scheme, as they carry out their own lifesaving and sustaining treatment at home at a significant savings to the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2714/23]

*489. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the qualifying thresholds for a medical card (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2715/23]

*490. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an urgent operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2722/23]

*491. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for surgery; the reason for the delay in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2723/23]

*492. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement he has had with the HSE since the cessation of the Midlands Youth Drug & Alcohol Services Extern service on 31 December 2022; the timeline for the commencement of the new service, considering young people in the midlands have been without this vital service and support since before Christmas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [2726/23]

*493. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department and the Health Service Executive will provide an update on the planned new 60-bedroomed residential unit on the campus of Saint Patrick's Hospital in Cashel, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [2730/23]

*494. To ask the Minister for Health when the staff in organisations (details supplied) will be paid the pandemic payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [2732/23]

*495. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a decision has not been taken yet to the new National Children's Hospital; and if he has given any serious consideration given to naming it in honour of a person (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [2735/23]

*496. To ask the Minister for Health the future plans for the hospital complex sites which currently host Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin, and Temple Street Children's Hospital; if his officials have liaised with Dublin City Council to ascertain if Dublin City Council would be interested in the sites for housing, and with the Department of Education for gaeilscoileanna; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [2736/23]

*497. To ask the Minister for Health if the results of a pilot scheme launched on 1 October 2022 was a feasibility study of the ambulance service bringing patients to Mallow General Hospital instead of Cork University Hospital in Cork city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [2743/23]

*498. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to the construction of hospitals devoted exclusively to elective-only procedures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [2767/23]

*499. To ask the Minister for Health if general practitioners are permitted to prescribe paxlovid for vulnerable people with Covid outside of a hospital setting and, if not, if this can be permitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [2768/23]

*500. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on when the Covid-19 pandemic recognition payment will be issued to TTM healthcare workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [2769/23]

*501. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently awaiting dermatology service in each of the main hospitals; the extent to which modern services continue to be made available through the private or public sector; if the most efficient use of both services is being availed of at present; if administrative changes are required to maximise the availability of expertise in this area with a view to dramatically reducing the number of patients on hospital waiting lists for dermatology services; the new services or technologies that have been deployed recently for dermatology; the hospitals, if any, that are not using such new services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2770/23]

*502. To ask the Minister for Health when tonsillectomy might be arranged in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2771/23]

*503. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of increasing safeguarding team staffing levels by 20% including employers' PRSI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2782/23]

*504. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of an additional managed clinical rehabilitation network team; the number of such teams currently in operating; the CHOs not served by such teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2783/23]

*505. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the future development of Kilcreene Hospital Campus, Kilkenny; if services provided at this hospital will be expanded; if new

services will be introduced; if there is a capital plan in place between now and the end of 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2784/23]

*506. To ask the Minister for Health when staff in a centre (details supplied) will receive the Covid-19 pandemic recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [2785/23]

*507. To ask the Minister for Health when section 19 of the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018 will come into effect. — Paul Donnelly. [2805/23]

*508. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE audiologists working in Grangegorman primary care centre in each of the years 2020 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [2806/23]

*509. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the emergency department activity at Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown in 2022; the number of presentations and admissions; and the average patient experience time to admission. — Paul Donnelly. [2807/23]

*510. To ask the Minister for Health the international recruitment campaigns that took place in 2022 for healthcare workers. — Paul Donnelly. [2808/23]

*511. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost to recruit three extra WTE acute oncology services nurses for Beaumont Hospital. — Paul Donnelly. [2809/23]

*512. To ask the Minister for Health the number of stroke units by location that are operating below the recommended nurse and other staffing levels; and the estimated cost of putting the recommended staff levels in place. — Paul Donnelly. [2810/23]

*513. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a report on his plans to fully resource all existing community neuro-rehabilitation teams; when it is expected that community neuro-rehabilitation teams will be established in each community health organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [2818/23]

*514. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent positions allocated to Clonmel CDNT; the number of the positions that are vacant; the number of children attached to the team as of 31 December 2022. — Martin Browne. [2825/23]

*515. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances which waited longer than standard procedure would dictate outside of a hospital to decant a patient, in the full year of 2022 by month, by hospital and length of wait in tabular form; the number that waited longer than 30 minutes, one hour, two hours or other measurements as appropriate dependent on the manner in which data is collected; if this data is not collected, the reason for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2829/23]

*516. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances which waited longer than standard procedure would dictate outside of a hospital to decant a patient, in January 2023 to date by hospital and length of wait in tabular form; the number that waited longer than 30 minutes, one hour, two hours, or other measurements as appropriate dependent on the manner in which data is collected; if this data is not collected, the reason for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2830/23]

*517. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2855/23]

*518. To ask the Minister for Health if provisions have and will be made by his Department to provide direct funding for nurses in an organisation (details supplied) to support motor neurone disease patients and families throughout Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [2856/23]

*519. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the community neuro-rehabilitation teams that have been set up in every CHO, particularly for CHO7 (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [2867/23]

*520. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a ceiling track hoist for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [2870/23]

*521. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the issuing of a pandemic bonus payment for a healthcare worker (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2884/23]

*522. To ask the Minister for Health if he has any plans to increase the threshold for medical card holders in line with increases in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [2888/23]

*523. To ask the Minister for Health when nursing home staff (details supplied) will receive the pandemic bonus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [2889/23]

*524. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were on diagnostic waiting lists at the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2892/23]

*525. 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 2020 and for each month in tabular form; the average for patients aged under 75 years 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; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2893/23]

*526. 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 2021 and for each month in tabular form; the average for patients aged under 75 years 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; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2894/23]

*527. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who left an emergency department post-registration but pre-admission in the full year of 2020 and for each month, by hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2895/23]

*528. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who left an emergency department post-registration but pre-admission in the full year of 2021 and for each month, by hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2896/23]

*529. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of patients who waited 0-6, 6-9, 0-9, 9-24 and 24+ hours for admission via an emergency department for each emergency department in the full year of 2020 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 of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2897/23]

*530. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of patients who waited 0-6, 6-9, 0-9, 9-24 and 24+ hours for admission via an emergency department for each emergency department in the full year of 2021 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. [2898/23]

*531. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of presentations, registrations and admissions at each emergency department and the state-wide total for the full year of 2020 and for each month in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2899/23]

*532. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of presentations, registrations and admissions at each emergency department and the state wide total for the full year of 2021, and for each month in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2900/23]

*533. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, for the full year of 2021, and for each month, by hospital group and hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2901/23]

*534. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, for the full year of 2020, and for each month, by hospital group and hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2902/23]

*535. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations for children, by appointment type, hospital group and hospital for each month of 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2903/23]

*536. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations for children, by appointment type, hospital group and hospital for each month of 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2904/23]

*537. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed discharges by location in each month of 2021, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [2905/23]

*538. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed discharges by location in each month of 2020, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [2906/23]

*539. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost by location in each month of 2021, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [2907/23]

*540. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost by location in each month of 2020, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [2908/23]

*541. 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 by month, nationally and by ambulance region in 2020, 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. [2909/23]

*542. 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 by month, nationally and by ambulance region in 2021, 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. [2910/23]

*543. 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 in each month of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2911/23]

*544. 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 in each month of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2912/23]

*545. To ask the Minister for Health if he will endeavour to ensure that a person (details supplied) receives an urgent outpatient appointment at the orthopaedic clinic in Cavan and Monaghan Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [2913/23]

*546. To ask the Minister for Health the number of claims before the CervicalCheck Tribunal; the number of claims resolved by the tribunal; the timeframe for completion of the tribunal's work; the cost of the tribunal to date, by cost type; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2916/23]

*547. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists on the dental treatment services scheme at the end of each of the years 2017 to 2022, by LHO, in tabular form; the number of dentists who submitted claims or were otherwise paid under the scheme in each full year; the number of claims that were made in each full year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2917/23]

*548. To ask the Minister for Health the difference between a model 2 and model 2s hospital; the measures which would be required to upgrade a standard model 2 to model 2s; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2918/23]

*549. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered upgrading Ennis or Nenagh Hospital to a model 2s hospital in order to bolster elective capacity in the region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2919/23]

*550. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered upgrading a hospital in the mid-west region to a model 3 hospital in order to bolster elective and emergency care capacity in the region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2920/23]

*551. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time emergency department staff by grade and profession, employed at hospitals (details supplied) in each of the years 2017 to 2022 at year end in tabular form; the number of funded WTE emergency staff; the number of actual WTE emergency staff and the headcount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2922/23]

*552. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE carry out exit interviews for staff leaving its employment; if the HSE will consider investing in exit interviews as a way of identifying recruitment and retention issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2923/23]

*553. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer-related appointments and procedures which were cancelled in each month of 2022, by hospital, including both HSE and voluntary hospitals in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [2924/23]

*554. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on HSE dental and orthodontic waiting lists at the end of 2022, broken down by standard waiting times, by area in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [2925/23]

*555. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on HSE dental and orthodontic waiting lists at the end of 2021, broken down by standard waiting times, by area in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [2926/23]

*556. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on HSE dental and orthodontic waiting lists at the end of 2020, broken down by standard waiting times, by area in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [2927/23]

*557. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on HSE dental and orthodontic waiting lists at the end of 2019, broken down by standard waiting times, by area in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [2928/23]

*558. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on HSE dental and orthodontic waiting lists at the end of 2018, broken down by standard waiting times, by area in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [2929/23]

*559. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on HSE dental and orthodontic waiting lists at the end of 2017, broken down by standard waiting times, by area in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [2930/23]

*560. To ask the Minister for Health the maximum patient experience time to admission registered at each emergency department for each week in December 2022 and to date in January 2023, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [2936/23]

*561. To ask the Minister for Health the mean, median, and maximum waiting time across national treatment purchase fund-reported waiting lists by speciality and hospital for December 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2937/23]

*562. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients aged over 75 years on national treatment purchase fund reported waiting lists by speciality and hospital for December 2022, in tabular form; the mean, median, and maximum waiting times across such lists for this population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2938/23]

*563. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients aged under 18 years on national treatment purchase fund reported waiting lists by speciality and hospital for December 2022, in tabular form; the mean, median, and maximum waiting time across such lists for this population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2939/23]

*564. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on community healthcare waiting lists, for each care service, for December 2022, in tabular form; the breakdown by length of wait and by age; the number waiting for initial assessment, initial therapy, intervention and follow up therapy and intervention for each specialty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2940/23]

*565. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on community healthcare waiting lists, for each care service, for December 2021, in tabular form; the breakdown by length of wait and by age; the number waiting for initial assessment, initial therapy, intervention and follow up therapy and intervention for each specialty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2941/23]

*566. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on community healthcare waiting lists, for each care service, for December 2020, in tabular form; the breakdown by length of wait and by age; the numbers waiting for initial assessment, initial therapy, intervention and follow up therapy and intervention for each specialty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2942/23]

*567. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on community healthcare waiting lists, for each care service, for December 2019, in tabular form; the breakdown by length of wait and by age; the numbers waiting for initial assessment, initial therapy, intervention and follow up therapy and intervention for each specialty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2943/23]

*568. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on community healthcare waiting lists, for each care service, for December 2018, in tabular form; the breakdown by length of wait and by age; the numbers waiting for initial assessment, initial therapy, intervention and follow up therapy and intervention for each specialty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2944/23]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health the status on the outstanding Covid pandemic recognition payments to person working with private healthcare providers who have submitted self-assessment forms as far back as November 2022; the delay on this payment; when it is expected that all payments for eligible persons will be finalised and processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [2948/23]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that discussions have taken place with a nursing home (details supplied) in Roscrea regarding possible integration into the public nursing home network; the meetings that have taken place with the nursing home; the dates of these meetings; and the persons from the HSE who attended on each occasion. — Alan Kelly. [2952/23]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health when the process of bringing in an employment regulation order will commence for home care workers given the recent confirmation by the Taoiseach. — Alan Kelly. [2954/23]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 417 of 24 February 2022, the bed occupancy rates of each public and public voluntary hospital, by hospital group, for each quarter in each of the years 2017 to 2022, in tabular form; the national average for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2956/23]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health the bed-occupancy rates of each public and public voluntary hospital, by hospital group, for each day in December 2022 in tabular form; the national average for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2957/23]

*574. To ask the Minister for Health the bed-occupancy rates of each public and public voluntary hospital, by hospital group, for each day in January 2023 in tabular form; the national average for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2958/23]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health if a homecare package for a person (details supplied) can be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [2964/23]

*576. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an endocrinology appointment in Letterkenny University Hospital; if they are on the routine or urgent waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2966/23]

*577. To ask the Minister for Health the financial amount that was allocated by his Department for the purposes of carrying out an ESRI report into the costs of extending GP care to the whole population; the number of GPs that were contacted as part of the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [2983/23]

*578. To ask the Minister for Health when he will publish the national review of cardiac services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2987/23]

*579. To ask the Minister for Health if he will fully resource existing community neuro-rehabilitation teams, such as the one in Limerick; if he will set up a community neuro-rehabilitation team in every community health organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [2992/23]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant orthopaedic surgeons based at Mayo University Hospital in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3004/23]

*581. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE midwives working in the maternity department of Mayo University Hospital in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3005/23]

*582. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the number of orthodontists employed by the HSE for primary care orthodontic services in County Mayo by year from 2018 to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3006/23]

*583. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to open a walk-in warfarin clinic in County Mayo. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3007/23]

*584. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update in relation to a project (details supplied); if progress has been made by the legal team in pursuing a resolution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [3010/23]

*585. To ask the Minister for Health when it is expected work will commence on the new development at St. Vincent's Community Hospital, Mountmellick, County Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [3014/23]

*586. To ask the Minister for Health the current supports available to parents and families bereaved by sudden unexplained death in childhood. — Mary Lou McDonald. [3020/23]

*587. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that the Government is undertaking to research, raise awareness and collate information regarding sudden unexplained death in childhood; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [3021/23]

*588. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of monies that have been paid to GP practices for the services rendered under the general medical services scheme agreement of 2019 - payments in respect of delivery of opportunistic case finding and chronic disease prevention programme (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [3026/23]

*589. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the timeline of the HIQA assessment report on the proposal to add the chickenpox vaccine to the national vaccination schedule for children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [3027/23]

*590. To ask the Minister for Health if sunosi, which is produced in Ireland and has a successful record treating persons with narcolepsy is or will be made available on the medical card; and if so, if this drug will be prescribed by a GP or only through a hospital. — Peadar Tóibín. [3114/23]

*591. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied), a terminal cancer patient who is suffering from dysphagia, was referred to University Hospital Limerick for a percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy procedure in 2022 and has yet to receive an appointment date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [3115/23]

*592. To ask the Minister for Health if an increased home care package can be provided as soon as possible in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3119/23]

*593. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify that the contract for the national standardised list of community-funded aids and appliances and prescribing criteria is in place; and if he will outline the requirements for the equitable distribution of aids and appliances in each CHO for people who are blind or vision-impaired. — Holly Cairns. [3126/23]

*594. To ask the Minister for Health if he will meet with an organisation (details supplied) to address the ongoing risk of medicine shortages. — Holly Cairns. [3127/23]

*595. To ask the Minister for Health if a group has been established by his office or any other institution of his Department or HSE for the purpose of carrying out investigations into maternal deaths; if so, if he can clarify the rationale for such a group; the reason that such investigations are not conducted, as a matter of course, by HIQA; the budget for this group; the source from which it is allocated; the way that the group is constituted, including membership and governance structures; the person or body that the group reports; if the establishment of the group has been subject to Houses of the Oireachtas or Cabinet-approval; and when reports and finding of the group will be made public. — Holly Cairns. [3128/23]

*596. To ask the Minister for Health if he will immediately provide the necessary capital funding to retain eighteen beds in the acute mental health unit in Bantry Hospital. — Holly Cairns. [3129/23]

*597. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide data compiled by the HSE of recorded protests against abortion including the date, time, number present and any other recorded information from 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [3154/23]

*598. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 521 of 15 November 2022, the length of time that it takes an assessor to complete an overseas completed application from India and the Philippines; the average length that it takes an assessor paid a daily and half daily rate of €250 and €125; the length of time that it takes the new cohort of assessors who are paid €8,30 per file assessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [3158/23]

*599. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a timeline for when the review into the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 will be concluded; if the research that was commissioned as part of the review will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [3165/23]

*600. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3176/23]

*601. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made to fill the vacant consultant neurologist post at University Hospital Waterford; and when the selected candidate is expected to be in position. — David Cullinane. [3183/23]

*602. To ask the Minister for Health the current repair times in place for wheelchair users when repairs are required to their wheelchairs in the Waterford city area; the recommended and average timeframe for repairs to take place at present; if an alternative is available should there be a backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [3184/23]

*603. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will issue to a person (details supplied). — Sorca Clarke. [3187/23]

*604. To ask the Minister for Health if he can provide the construction costs and running costs for the respective primary care centres located in Grangegorman, Summerhill and the Navan Road; the specific health services being provided at primary centres; the number of staff in each of these centres; the hours of operation at these primary care centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [3200/23]

*605. To ask the Minister for Health to outline plans to appoint consultant paediatric rheumatologists to Cork University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [3201/23]

*606. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [3206/23]

*607. To ask the Minister for Health if a residential place can be provided for a child (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [3215/23]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health the way that persons who need continuous supplies of insulin are expected to maintain their health while the supply is difficult to access other than by very minimal amounts dispensed on an emergency basis from overwhelmed hospitals, given that there is a shortage of insulin supplies in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3223/23]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive support from the Donegal north children's disability network team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3231/23]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn the unavailability of certain prescription drugs (details supplied), and the effects this is having on patient care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [3235/23]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health if he will set out the full authorised staffing numbers and positions for County Wexford's children's disability network team; the staff positions currently vacant; the efforts being made to fill these positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [3237/23]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the availability of sunosi, which is used to treat narcolepsy and obstructive sleep apnea in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [3238/23]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young adults who are on the waiting list for respite services in County Longford. — Sorca Clarke. [3247/23]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE orthopaedic staff nurses working at both CHI Crumlin and Temple Street in the years 2020 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased. — Sorca Clarke. [3248/23]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health the total capital funding provided to each level 4 hospital in 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [3249/23]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE genetics nurses working in the cancer genetics department of St. James's Hospital in 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [3250/23]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health when the Covid-19 pandemic recognition payment will be issued to workers of an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [3252/23]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health the way that he intends to address the shortfall requiring an additional seven emergency consultant positions at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [3253/23]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of emergency consultants by hospital as of 1 January 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [3254/23]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health the number of private beds allocated to public patient overflow at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [3255/23]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a timeline in place to institute surgical hubs at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [3256/23]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health the services that will be offered at proposed surgical hubs at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [3257/23]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a full list of the GPs operating under the aegis of Shannondoc; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [3259/23]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health what his Department is doing to address medicine shortages across Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [3261/23]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will implement a serious shortage protocol with respect to medicine shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [3264/23]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a timeline for the conclusion of GP contract negotiations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [3268/23]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE carers working in CHO3 by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [3270/23]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE winter plan will be produced at an earlier stage for winter 2023/2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [3271/23]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the construction of the 96-bed ward block of Wexford General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [3281/23]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health if the evaluation report of the pilot of the statutory home support scheme is completed; the timeframe for when the report will be made public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [3300/23]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail the current unmet need with regard to homecare provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [3301/23]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health what actions he has taken to establish a commission to examine care and supports for older people, which is a commitment of the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [3302/23]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health the name and contact details of the liaison officer attached to each CDNT; the name and contact details of the assessment officer attached to each CDNT; the name and contact details of the complaints officer attached to each CDNT; the name and contact details of the appeals officer attached to each CDNT in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [3303/23]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide this Deputy with a copy of the findings of the latest CDNT expression of preference process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [3304/23]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated staff to service user ratio for each CDNT post (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [3305/23]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons in counties Roscommon and Galway who are waiting to receive homecare in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [3310/23]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health the respite options that are made available to patients being discharged from a hospital (details supplied); and the respite services available in this area. — Claire Kerrane. [3311/23]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of step-down beds currently available in counties Roscommon and Galway. — Claire Kerrane. [3312/23]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for all therapies in counties Roscommon and Galway, in CHO2 in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [3313/23]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were referred to a facility (details supplied); and the number of these persons who were seen in 2022. — Claire Kerrane. [3314/23]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health when eligible employees of a healthcare provider (details supplied) will be paid the pandemic recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [3316/23]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a medical card application by a person (details supplied) was closed; if this application will be re-opened in view of the fact that the documents requested were submitted and an administrative error appears to have taken place in this application process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3335/23]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health if he has plans to introduce greater prescription powers to pharmacists to reduce the burden on GPs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [3349/23]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health the positions in HSE intellectual disability services that applicants with a driving conviction are disqualified from and fail to meet the criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3351/23]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health the roles in HSE intellectual disability services that one is not required to have access to a vehicle for in order to hold a position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3352/23]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health when a consultant refuses to prescribe medical cannabis for a patient when they are not familiar with the Medical Cannabis Access Programme, what recourse a patient has in such circumstances to gain access to medical cannabis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3367/23]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been brought to the memo from the HSE sent to early learning, childhood service providers and schools to be distributed to parents and guardians regarding the flu vaccine for children aged 2 years to 12 years, and the accompanying schedule for vaccination centres providing this vaccine; the reason pharmacies providing the flu vaccine to children are excluded from mention in this memo and not considered as an alternative to vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [3372/23]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health if there is any support or contact available to occupational therapists returning to the profession, in order to facilitate them completing the 420 hours of professional development as required by CORU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [3373/23]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health the total monetary amount of non-repayable monies provided by his Department through grants, funding supports, tax breaks or other means to businesses in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [3384/23]

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

*650. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the Control of Dogs Act review group, the persons or bodies that are the members of the group; the terms of reference of the group; the persons or bodies that are the stakeholders involved; if academic research will be consulted during the process; the estimated timeline of completion of the review group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2976/23]

*651. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if outstanding payments due to a person (details supplied) for the years 2019 and 2021, under GLAS will be paid immediately. — John McGuinness. [2766/23]

*652. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if further information will be provided in relation to the plans by Coillte (details supplied) to use public-private partnerships to acquire land going back to March 2021; the way in which he was informed of same; the reason that members of Dáil Éireann were not informed; if he drew the attention of an Taoiseach to the plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2868/23]

*653. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he can advise the role of Teagasc advisors in relation to notification of schemes and deadlines for applications to farmers and assisting farmers with applications and other services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [2947/23]

*654. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware if pregnant mare serum gonadotrophin is being used or produced in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [2961/23]

*655. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will reinstate BPS payments to a person (details supplied) on the basis of an appeal which has been submitted to his Department. — Robert Troy. [2977/23]

*656. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide the number of reconstitution and underplanting scheme, ash dieback), applications received for the year 2022; the total amount approved; the total denied; the total remaining on hand yet to be approved from 2022, all in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [2988/23]

*657. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of a dog breeder (details supplied) in Cork who was shut down due to the horrific conditions the animals were subjected to; his Department’s plans to ensure this does not happen going forward; if he will commit to the closure of all puppy farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [2997/23]

*658. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [3000/23]

*659. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of European Union Brexit funding that has been made available to the fishing sector, including a breakdown of all the relevant schemes; and his plans to provide further funding from EU Brexit funding to the sector. — Holly Cairns. [3120/23]

*660. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of funding that is provided for afforestation annually for each of the years 2018 to 2022 inclusive, in tabular form, including a breakdown of the amounts provided to farmers, private forestry companies, community/non-profit groups, public/semi-state bodies, and any other relevant category. — Holly Cairns. [3122/23]

*661. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the call by a fishing representative organisation (details supplied) to provide for specific small-scale fisher infrastructure investment to improve facilities in landing areas, strengthen short supply chains and food security, and prioritise decarbonisation of the small-scale fleet. — Holly Cairns. [3123/23]

*662. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine with reference to his Department’s photovoltaic panel installers registration form, the number of installations which have been inspected for quality control by his Department; the expertise that exists within his Department to carry out such inspections, particularly from a safety and technical perspective; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [3166/23]

*663. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of TAMS supported photovoltaic installations finalised to date; the further number of such applications currently being processed by his Department; the overall value of both of these; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [3168/23]

*664. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has estimated the number of applications that will be made for grant support under TAMS 3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [3169/23]

*665. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will instruct Coillte to provide information in relation to the Coillte-approved and licensed shoots that occurred in a location (details supplied) on 27 December 2022 and 8 January 2023; the reason that Coillte is choosing to prevent the public from accessing two public parks in order to facilitate members from a gun club; if his attention has been drawn to reports that members of the gun club were firing shots while members of the public were still in the wood on 8 January 2023; the actions that were taken to address this with the members of the gun club to ensure that it does not occur again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [3195/23]

*666. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has received communication from an association (details supplied); when this will be reviewed and a response issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [3212/23]

*667. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has engaged with electricity companies in respect of limits the companies have set regarding the amount of energy they will purchase from a standalone farm or a group of farmers who operate an anaerobic digester plant (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3213/23]

*668. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an I.T. glitch occurred on his Department's side when an application for a person (details supplied) in County Mayo was submitted resulting in this application being deemed as a draft submission; when will this matter will be rectified for this person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [3350/23]

*669. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3365/23]

*670. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total monetary amount of non-repayable monies provided by his Department through grants, funding supports, tax breaks or other means to businesses in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [3375/23]

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

*671. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason that voluntary organisations and community groups are only eligible for funding under category 1 of the Community Centres Investment Fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [2753/23]

*672. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department is considering re-opening the streetscape and shopfront enhancement projects under a future town and village programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [2974/23]

*673. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a research and consultancy project (details supplied) that has been contracted by her Department can be made available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [3191/23]

*674. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on works (details supplied) under the small-scale capital works programme; the timeline for these works; when they are expected to conclude; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [3309/23]

*675. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total monetary amount of non-repayable monies provided by her Department through grants, funding supports, tax breaks or other means to businesses in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [3388/23]

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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the gender pay gap report from his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [3343/23]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3405/23]

3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Paul Murphy. [3410/23]

4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Bríd Smith. [3412/23]

5. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3406/23]