

# DÁIL ÉIREANN

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

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

- 1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. Mary Lou McDonald. [60870/22]
- 2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. Ivana Bacik. [60876/22]
- 3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Committee that deals with Education will next meet. Richard Boyd Barrett. [3407/23]
- 4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Committee that deals with Education will next meet. Paul Murphy. [3409/23]
- 5. 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]
- 6. 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]
- 7. 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]
- 8. 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]
- 9. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which developments have taken place on the Shared Island Initiative. Bernard J. Durkan. [60887/22]
- 10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the latest work of his Department's Shared Island unit. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [60889/22]
- 11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of his Department's Shared Island unit.

   Ruairí Ó Murchú. [60891/22]
- 12. 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]

- 13. 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]
- 14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Shared Island unit of his Department. Mary Lou McDonald. [61815/22]
- 15. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the work and status of the shared island unit. Ivana Bacik. [3342/23]
- 16. To ask the Taoiseach the proposed running order of citizens' assemblies. Thomas Gould. [60892/22]
- 17. To ask the Taoiseach when it is expected that the Citizens' Assembly on Drugs will take place. Violet-Anne Wynne. [3275/23]
- 18. To ask the Taoiseach the proposed running order of the Citizens Assemblies. Gino Kenny. [3413/23]
- 19. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Equality will next meet. Mary Lou McDonald. [61817/22]
- 20. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with social protection will next meet. Richard Boyd Barrett. [3074/23]
- 21. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with social protection will next meet. Paul Murphy. [3077/23]
- 22. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the creation of a new division within his Department, focusing on child poverty. Alan Farrell. [1634/23]
- 23. 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]
- 24. 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]
- 25. To ask the Taoiseach if he is intending to establish new Cabinet sub-committees. Richard Boyd Barrett. [3075/23]
- 26. To ask the Taoiseach if he is intending to establish new Cabinet sub-committees. Paul Murphy. [3078/23]
- 27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent phone call with the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Alan Dillon. [2026/23]
- 28. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his phone conversation with the Ukrainian President. Ivana Bacik. [2118/23]

- 29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the World Economic Forum in Davos. Richard Boyd Barrett. [3073/23]
- 30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the World Economic Forum in Davos. Paul Murphy. [3076/23]
- 31. 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]
- 32. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the World Economic Forum in Davos. Ivana Bacik. [3341/23]
- 33. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the gender pay gap report from his Department. Ivana Bacik. [3343/23]
- 34. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. Richard Boyd Barrett. [3405/23]
- 35. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. Paul Murphy. [3410/23]
- 36. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. Bríd Smith. [3412/23]
- 37. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council.

   Richard Boyd Barrett. [3406/23]

## CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA OUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

- \*38. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. Ivana Bacik. [3344/23]
- \*39. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the World Economic Forum; if he will provide a list all those who attended; the role of each; the full cost to the taxpayer for the Irish delegation that attended Davos; the breakdown of all costs of his visit; and if he will report on all of his engagements during his visit. Mattie McGrath. [3541/23]

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

- \*40. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding that was allocated to the credit guarantee scheme by his Department in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [3477/23]
- \*41. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding that was allocated to Microfinance Ireland by his Department in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [3478/23]

- \*42. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding that was allocated to the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland loan schemes by his Department in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [3479/23]
- \*43. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding that was allocated to the carbon reduction fund, climate toolkit-4-business, climate enterprise action fund, EIs existing grant, €2,000 voucher at 100% grant for SMEs, and feasibility grant for a transformative investment plan by his Department in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [3480/23]
- \*44. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding that was allocated to the IDA's climate action initiatives by his Department, including lean/green, and IDAs GoGreen in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [3481/23]
- \*45. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding that was allocated to the Enterprise Ireland's climate action initiatives by his Department, including the GreenPlus assignment programme, and the GreenStart programme in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [3482/23]
- \*46. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding that was allocated to the National Standards Authority of Ireland's climate action initiatives by his Department in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [3483/23]
- \*47. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding that was allocated to the local enterprise offices' climate action initiatives by his Department in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [3484/23]
- \*48. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding that was allocated to his Department's corporate climate actions in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [3485/23]
- \*49. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding that was allocated to the green transition fund by his Department in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [3486/23]
- \*50. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding that was allocated to the national design centre by his Department in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [3487/23]
- \*51. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding that was allocated to the disruptive technology's innovation fund by his Department in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [3488/23]
- \*52. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding that was allocated to the space technologies programme by his Department in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [3489/23]

- \*53. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding that was allocated to the new regional enterprise development funding by his Department in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [3490/23]
- \*54. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding that was allocated to the national institute for bioprocessing research and training by his Department in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [3491/23]
- \*55. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a full list of the regional development action plans and strategies, and funding for same, in each of the years 2021 to 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [3492/23]
- \*56. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding that was allocated to Enterprise Ireland in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [3493/23]
- \*57. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding that was allocated to Enterprise Ireland including relevant business support schemes in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [3494/23]
- \*58. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding that was allocated to Enterprise Ireland's research, development and innovation fund, including relevant business support schemes in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [3495/23]
- \*59. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding that was allocated to the workplace relations programme by his Department in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [3497/23]
- \*60. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding that was allocated to the balance for better business initiative in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [3498/23]
- \*61. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding that was allocated to the local enterprise office supports, including the businesses continuity voucher, trading online voucher scheme, and the micro-enterprise assistance fund in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [3499/23]
- \*62. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding that was allocated to the Intertrade Ireland supports, including e-merge, emergency business solutions, ready for customs grant, online customs insights course, and Brexit advisory clinics in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [3500/23]

\*63. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the breakdown of Enterprise Ireland-supported jobs over the past five years per county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [3564/23]

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

- \*64. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the granting of controlled burning permits by local authorities; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that no permits are currently being granted due to a directive from his Department. Robert Troy. [3470/23]
- \*65. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the invalidity pension is a qualifying payment for the warmer homes scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Emer Higgins. [3521/23]
- \*66. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on his efforts to provide for packaging-free zones in supermarkets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Farrell. [3568/23]
- \*67. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has considered the French government's steps to introduce solar panels on all car parks in France; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Farrell. [3569/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

- \*68. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will survey the use and demand on the current 13.35 Dublin Connolly to Rosslare Europort train service; if there are any current considerations to increase the number of carriages on the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [3453/23]
- \*69. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department is funding the DAA to purchase land (details supplied); if he is concerned that this will create a monopoly in terms of parking for the airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [3461/23]
- \*70. To ask the Minister for Transport the anticipated timeline for the assessment of stage 1 applications and for applicants to be invited to move to stage 2 of the process with respect to the local hackney pilot scheme, notwithstanding the final acceptance date of 28 February 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [3468/23]
- \*71. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to cases whereby driving test candidates have been refused tests due to NCT expirations on their vehicle, in spite of having one booked, and the known delays for this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

   Steven Matthews. [3475/23]
- \*72. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving tests cancelled in north Kildare due to the usual testing roads not being gritted during the recent cold snap; if such gritting will be undertaken as a normal activity in the future in the event of ice forecast; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Réada Cronin. [3542/23]

- \*73. To ask the Minister for Transport the average installation cost of a sheltered bus stop. Marian Harkin. [3619/23]
- \*74. To ask the Minister for Transport the average yearly maintenance cost of a sheltered bus stop. Marian Harkin. [3620/23]
- \*75. To ask the Minister for Transport the average amount of the monthly maintenance cost that is offset by advertising on sheltered bus stops. Marian Harkin. [3621/23]
- \*76. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bus stops per county; and of those, the number that are sheltered, in tabular form. Marian Harkin. [3622/23]
- \*77. To ask the Minister for Transport the dates and times of bus cancellations from Donegal town and Dublin Airport in the past three months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Joe McHugh. [3627/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

- \*78. To ask the Minister for Finance the considerations that his Department is giving with regard to further anti-inflationary measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Farrell. [56476/22]
- \*79. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an estimate of the expected overpayment of income tax by PAYE workers in each of the years 2019 to 2022; the steps that the Revenue Commissioners takes to ensure that people understand that they may be due a refund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ged Nash. [3396/23]
- \*80. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter regarding a tax payment (details supplied). Paul Murphy. [3450/23]
- \*81. To ask the Minister for Finance when the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal will be set up and operating again given that it has not been operating since late 2021; the way is it proposed to deal with the huge backlog of hundreds of applications; the way the backlog will be dealt with in a timely manner given the many appeals that have to be heard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Paul Phelan. [3519/23]
- \*82. To ask the Minister for Finance if the guidelines for the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal are being updated for the new board when it is in place (details supplied); if the guidelines have changed; and if so, the way they have changed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

   John Paul Phelan. [3520/23]
- \*83. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans, and the timelines involved, to publish legislation securing access to cash; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [3742/23]
- \*84. To ask the Minister for Finance the assessments that have been undertaken 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. Patricia Ryan. [3743/23]

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

- \*85. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a prison officer can apply for a transfer to another Department within the civil service; and if so, the mechanisms that are in place to facilitate such transfers. Marian Harkin. [3623/23]
- \*86. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to reform and or upgrade enforcement sanctions and actions that SIPO may take in respect of non-disclosure and or non-compliance of the Ethics in Public Office Act 1995. Catherine Murphy. [3677/23]
- \*87. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the date on which the first tranche of rapid-delivery homes will be delivered; the total estimated cost per rapid delivery home, including the cost of connecting them to services such as water and electricity; if he will provide a schedule of meetings that the OPW has had with an organisation (details supplied); if he will include the identities of stakeholders and service providers that have been consulted and or engaged on the delivery of rapid-delivery homes; and if he will clarify with whom responsibility lies in the context of repairs and long term upkeep of the rapid-delivery homes over their 60-year lifespan of use. Catherine Murphy. [3678/23]

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

- \*88. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when a person (details supplied) can expect to have salary increments owed to them paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Cathal Crowe. [3415/23]
- \*89. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when details of the Failte Ireland registration process for short-term lets will be available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [3655/23]
- \*90. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she intends to provide additional financial assistance to an organisation (detail supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [3659/23]
- \*91. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if chalets and converted garages which are unsuitable for long-term letting will be exempted from short-term letting registration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [3684/23]
- \*92. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she is satisfied that there will be sufficient holiday accommodation available to meet the demand of holiday visitors to Ireland for the 2023 season; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Aindrias Moynihan. [3736/23]
- \*93. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an ndéanfaidh sí soiléiriú a thabhairt ar an gcostas a bheadh i gceist chun Scéim Labhairt na Gaeilge a thabhairt ar ais; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. Catherine Connolly. [3744/23]
- \*94. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Phairliminte 569322/22, an ndearbhóidh sí go bhfuil oifigeach pleanála teanga

ceaptha i mBearna agus Cnoc na Cathrach; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [3745/23]

\*95. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an ndéanfaidh sí soiléiriú a thabhairt ar an athbhreithniú neamhspleách atá beartaithe ag a Roinn ar an gcóras pleanála teanga; cé atá i mbun an athbhreithnithe; cén dáta a bheidh sé críochnaithe agus foilsithe; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [3746/23]

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

- \*96. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the details of the scheme to rectify defective apartments will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [3442/23]
- \*97. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on unsold affordable homes; the number of homes currently occupied by social housing tenants; and if tenants can purchase the homes as per their contracts. Eoin Ó Broin. [3587/23]
- \*98. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the work of the unencumbered mortgage departmental working group; the number of times this group has meet in 2022 and to date in 2023; the terms of reference of this working group; and the membership of this working group. Brian Stanley. [3609/23]
- \*99. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if short-term lets that can prove they have been operating as holiday lets for seven years or more will receive short-term letting planning exemptions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [3680/23]
- \*100. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if persons who paid for remediation works in respect of pyrite damage can access the fund established for retrospective outlays; and if persons who could not access the original pyrite schemes are eligible to access the new fund. Catherine Murphy. [3682/23]
- \*101. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what supports will be put in place to assist Irish Water and local authorities to develop up-to-date sewage treatment facilities in order to facilitate new residential development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [3739/23]
- \*102. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of the sewage treatment plants by local authority area which currently do not meet environmental standards and as a result, have not been taken in charge by Irish Water in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [3740/23]
- \*103. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the eligibility criteria for the proposed construction defects redress scheme. Ivana Bacik. [3748/23]

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

- \*104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 594 and 595 of 18 January 2023, if he views the staff complement of the embassy of Saudi Arabia in Dublin, which with 28 staff, has the joint second-highest complement of staff of any embassy in Dublin and has as many staff as the embassy of the United Kingdom, as "reasonable and normal", pursuant to Article 11 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations 1961; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Paul Phelan. [3431/23]
- \*105. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will proscribe an organisation (details supplied) in Iran; if European Union foreign ministers have examined the case for proscribing this organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Haughey. [3452/23]
- \*106. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the outcome of the recent British-Irish Intergovernmental Conference; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Smith. [3460/23]
- \*107. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a foreign birth register application by a person (details supplied) will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [3728/23]

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

\*108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update with regard to efforts to develop primary radar within the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [3566/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

- \*109. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the progress made in respect of the proposed building programme at a school (details supplied); if her attention has been drawn to the interest of the school and wider community in the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Niall Collins. [3458/23]
- \*110. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 677 of 18 January 2023, in respect of the concerns and requests by an organisation (details supplied), if he will meet with the stakeholders to discuss this issue, with a view to considering and discussing options to find a solution agreeable to all parties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Fergus O'Dowd. [3474/23]
- \*111. To ask the Minister for Education the status of school bus transport for siblings (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [3502/23]
- \*112. To ask the Minister for Education the number of psychologists employed by the National Educational Psychological Service in each of the years 2018 to 2022; the number of NEPS assessments conducted each year from 2018 to 2022; if she has any plans to increase the number of psychologists employed by NEPS; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [3624/23]

- \*113. To ask the Minister for Education if clarification will be provided in relation to the proposed amalgamation of three secondary schools into one complex (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [3633/23]
- \*114. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) in County Mayo will be approved their SNA post, in view of the fact that it meets the criteria for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [3679/23]

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

- \*115. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ensure that all available supports are made available to the employees of a company (details supplied) affected by the company's announcement to close their Irish operations in June 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Fergus O'Dowd. [3463/23]
- \*116. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that data is not available for the average wait times for additional needs' payments; and her views on whether having this data would better inform the Government of any potential issues with the system. Martin Browne. [3436/23]
- \*117. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Questions No. 681 of 8 November 2022, if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this issue is of great urgency given that the cost-of-living crisis has placed a significant burden on all supervisors and assistant supervisors, and there has been no increase in wages since 2008; his views on whether an urgent increase in wages should be actioned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [3437/23]
- \*118. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for an invalidity pension by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [3444/23]
- \*119. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application by a person (details supplied) for an invalidity pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

   Brendan Griffin. [3445/23]
- \*120. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will request that the Secretary General of her Department considers correcting the public record (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [3514/23]
- \*121. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ensure that a rent allowance issue will be resolved for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [3522/23]
- \*122. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify the situation regarding entitlement to a reduced rate of the State Pension (Contributory); the number of PRSI contributions required for such a payment; if existing contributions plus the homemakers' scheme and homemaking credits can be combined for the purpose of a reduced rate of the State Pension (Contributory); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Creed. [3552/23]

- \*123. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will issue on an investigation on the records of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry who has been awarded a reduced State Pension (Contributory). Alan Kelly. [3588/23]
- \*124. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Cork is entitled to the living alone allowance. Michael Creed. [3681/23]
- \*125. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if it is intended to secure approval to extend the abhaile scheme indefinitely, given the rising need for this service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Cathal Crowe. [3695/23]
- \*126. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the fact that those in receipt of disability allowance are permitted up to  $\leq$ 50,000 in savings, while those on a blind pension are only allowed  $\leq$ 20,000; and if there are plans to rectify this. Gary Gannon. [3737/23]
- \*127. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how income is assessed for a self-employed professional artist on the professional artists on jobseeker's allowance scheme who wins a commission or Arts Council award; and how it affects their entitlement to the professional artists' on jobseeker's allowance scheme. Gary Gannon. [3738/23]

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

- \*128. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are any future plans for a site (details supplied) in Dublin; and if so, if he will outline these plans. Mary Lou McDonald. [3393/23]
- \*129. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of staff in International Protection Accommodation Services by grade and division, in tabular form; the number of additional staff since the beginning of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [3419/23]
- \*130. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons currently employed by his Department; the number of persons assigned to the Integration brief; the number of vacant positions currently under his Department's Integration brief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [3420/23]
- \*131. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason a homeowner (details supplied) who has made their property available to accommodate Ukrainian refugees has not received financial support from the State despite having supplied the relevant invoices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [3516/23]
- \*132. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if County Donegal is still under review in relation to accommodating the needs of additional Ukrainian refugees; and if not, if it is now open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [3526/23]
- \*133. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of contracts that have been entered into by his Department in relation to the accommodation of

- Ukrainian refugees since October 2022, on a weekly basis, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [3527/23]
- \*134. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason his Department has responded to an offer of accommodation from a person (details supplied); if this statement is accurate for all offers of accommodation from County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [3528/23]
- \*135. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of offers of accommodation on a commercial basis that have been made to house Ukrainian refugees in County Donegal; the number of these applications that have been approved by IPAS; the number of applications that are yet to be approved; the total number of Ukrainian refugees that could be housed in County Donegal if the accommodation offered was availed of; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [3529/23]
- \*136. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Ukrainian refugees that have been settled In County Donegal since October 2022 broken down on a weekly basis, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [3530/23]
- \*137. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of registered preschool providers in the country; the number of these that provide the EECE programme only; the number of children attending these EECE only providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Creed. [3570/23]
- \*138. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a list of all community facilities, hotels and similar accommodation that have been used for temporary accommodation for Ukrainian or international protection refugees, covering the four local authorities in Dublin, by the name of the facilities, the type of accommodation provided and the location of each since January 2022 to date. Joan Collins. [3618/23]
- \*139. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when payments will be made to an accommodation provider (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [3646/23]
- \*140. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when payments will be made to an accommodation provider (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [3647/23]
- \*141. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason for tented accommodation being used at a location (details supplied) for a second time after assurances were provided in December 2022 that tents would not be used again at the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [3731/23]
- \*142. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if approval will be granted for a property (details supplied) in County Cork for temporary accommodation-purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [3741/23]

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

\*143. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if assistance will be provided in relation to a matter (details supplied) regarding student fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3435/23]

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

- \*144. To ask the Minister for Justice if a refusal of a visa will be urgently reviewed in the case of a person (details supplied); when a visa is likely to issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [3473/23]
- \*145. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [3476/23]
- \*146. To ask the Minister for Justice the plans that are in place for the appointment of a State solicitor to west Cork to replace a person (details supplied) who retired as State solicitor in December 2022, after 36 years of service.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Collins. [3512/23]
- \*147. To ask the Minister for Justice the process to be followed by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [3513/23]
- \*148. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress that has been made in the determination of an application as part of the recent undocumented scheme in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [3539/23]
- \*149. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application as part of the undocumented scheme in 2022 in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [3540/23]
- \*150. To ask the Minister for Justice if visa applications by persons (details supplied) will be processed. Michael Creed. [3547/23]
- \*151. To ask the Minister for Justice the current status of a visa application appeal by a person (details supplied). Michael Creed. [3571/23]
- \*152. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of referrals added to the national referral mechanism in this jurisdiction in the context of human trafficking in the years 2019 to 2022, and to date in 2023. Catherine Murphy. [3726/23]
- \*153. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress he, his officials and An Garda Síochána have made with their equivalents in Northern Ireland in respect of developing an all-Ireland database to record cases of human trafficking on the island of Ireland. Catherine Murphy. [3727/23]

- Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.
- \*154. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the application by a person (details supplied) for a primary medical certificate; and when they can expect a decision on their case. Chris Andrews. [3394/23]
- \*155. To ask the Minister for Health when a drug (details supplied) will be available again, in view of the fact that this is having a very negative effect on persons who were prescribed the drug but now cannot obtain it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [3395/23]
- \*156. To ask the Minister for Health when it is expected that a child (details supplied) will begin their specialist orthodontic treatment given that they were first assessed on 8 June 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [3397/23]
- \*157. To ask the Minister for Health if a child (details supplied) will be referred to the new procurement that allows patients to have treatment with private specialist orthodontists given that they were first assessed on 8 June 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [3398/23]
- \*158. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in issuing Covid-19 recognition payments; when he expects outstanding payments to be made to frontline workers in private nursing homes, hospices and agency healthcare assistants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael McNamara. [3400/23]
- \*159. To ask the Minister for Health if and when funding will be made available to fund CHO5 for a community neuro-rehabilitation team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [3417/23]
- \*160. To ask the Minister for Health the details of former nursing accommodation blocks in each public hospital in the country; and the current use and state of repair of each in tabular form. Cathal Crowe. [3438/23]
- \*161. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of assessment of needs' applications that were received in 2022; the amount per CHO; the number that are incomplete; and the number that have been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mattie McGrath. [3440/23]
- \*162. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new clinical leadership posts that have been created under the national oral health policy; the number that have been filled to date; the number of other supporting staff that have been put in place; the locations of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Johnny Mythen. [3441/23]
- \*163. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently awaiting dermatology in CHO1 by county and hospital in tabular form; the new services or technologies that have been deployed recently for dermatology in this region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Marian Harkin. [3448/23]
- \*164. To ask the Minister for Health the primary care centres within CHO5 that provide walk-in dentistry services and the locations of each, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [3454/23]

- \*165. To ask the Minister for Health the specific training that is available to general practitioners for the identification and treatment of Lyme disease; the awareness campaigns that will be in place for 2023 in regard to Lyme disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [3455/23]
- \*166. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent consultant ophthalmologists at University Hospital Waterford in each of the years 2020 to 2022, and to date in 2023; the days and times that each consultant is at the hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [3456/23]
- \*167. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the capital build programme to deliver a new disability centre in Waterford in conjunction with a charity (details supplied); the timeline for the project; the capital approvals sought and approved to date; the expected timeline to build and deliver the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Shanahan. [3457/23]
- \*168. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a full list of all services being offered at St. Brigid's Hospital, Carrick on Suir; the operating hours of each; the number of staff employed in the building; the capacity in which they are employed; the services directly available to the public; the services to which the public must be referred; the referral access for each service; the services which are located at the facility temporarily; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mattie McGrath. [3462/23]
- \*169. To ask the Minister for Health if saxenda will be approved for persons covered by a medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Fergus O'Dowd. [3464/23]
- \*170. To ask the Minister for Health the reason it is taking 20 weeks for testing of routine samples at University Hospital Waterford; the efforts that are being made to reduce this time given the concern that such a long wait time can be harmful to a patient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mattie McGrath. [3465/23]
- \*171. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who died from Covid and the flu, respectively in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Dessie Ellis. [3466/23]
- \*172. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who died from Covid and the flu, respectively in each of the years 2014 to 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Dessie Ellis. [3467/23]
- \*173. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can have the medication saxenda liraglutide made available under their medical card, given their medical treatment for cancer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Aindrias Moynihan. [3469/23]
- \*174. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider sponsoring medical, nursing and paramedical students on condition of providing two years contracted employment with the public health service post qualification as a mechanism to meet workforce shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Denis Naughten. [3511/23]
- \*175. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reinstate the motorised transport grant for new applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [3515/23]

- \*176. To ask the Minister for Health if a dentist who is registered in both Ireland and the United Kingdom is obliged to notify the Dental Council if they are struck off in the UK; if they are entitled to continue practising in Ireland in such circumstances; and if he will outline the continuous vetting procedures followed by the Dental Council to ensure that registered dentists are fit to practise. Paul Murphy. [3524/23]
- \*177. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a person (details supplied) has still not been paid the pandemic special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Gino Kenny. [3548/23]
- \*178. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the acreage for land use and square meterage for building use that will be required for the planned elective hospitals in Cork and Galway, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Farrell. [3563/23]
- \*179. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the overall national radiology waiting lists by hospital and scan type (details supplied) by quarter in each of the years 2019 to 2022, respectively. Neasa Hourigan. [3589/23]
- \*180. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were waiting for an urgent colonoscopy by waiting time period for each quarter in each of the years 2019 to 2022, respectively.

   Neasa Hourigan. [3590/23]
- \*181. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were waiting for a colonoscopy through the BowelScreen programme by waiting time period for each quarter in each of the years 2019 to 2022, respectively. Neasa Hourigan. [3591/23]
- \*182. To ask the Minister for Health the number of electronic referrals to lung rapid access clinics by month in each of the years 2019 to in 2023, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. Neasa Hourigan. [3602/23]
- \*183. To ask the Minister for Health the number of eReferrals to prostate rapid access clinics by month in each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date 2023, in tabular form. Neasa Hourigan. [3603/23]
- \*184. To ask the Minister for Health the number of eReferrals to breast clinics by month in each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date 2023, in tabular form. Neasa Hourigan. [3604/23]
- \*185. To ask the Minister for Health the number of urgent eReferrals to breast clinics by month in each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date 2023, in tabular form. Neasa Hourigan. [3605/23]
- \*186. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GP cancer referrals received electronically as a proportion of overall GP referrals. Neasa Hourigan. [3606/23]
- \*187. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the development funding available to cancer services in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Neasa Hourigan. [3607/23]
- \*188. To ask the Minister for Health when the 2023 HSE Services Plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Neasa Hourigan. [3608/23]

- \*189. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the issuing of the pandemic bonus payment to two healthcare workers (details supplied). Cathal Crowe. [3632/23]
- \*190. To ask the Minister for Health if persons (details supplied) will receive the part needed for their wheelchair in the allotted delay period of 11 weeks indicated in a representation made on their behalf; if not, the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mark Ward. [3634/23]
- \*191. To ask the Minister for Health when the clinical review of the medical cannabis access programme will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Gino Kenny. [3638/23]
- \*192. To ask the Minister for Health the action he will take to ensure that the pandemic bonus payment is paid to employees of private companies who have refused to complete the paperwork to ensure that their staff can get the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [3656/23]
- \*193. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 808 of 5 April 2022, the reason a buy-and-leaseback arrangement is preferred rather than the HSE retaining full ownership of the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [3683/23]
- \*194. To ask the Minister for Health the number and proportion of persons diagnosed with all cancers (details supplied) from 2012 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [3685/23]
- \*195. To ask the Minister for Health the number and proportion of persons diagnosed with colorectal cancer at stages I, II, III, IV or unknown stage from 2012 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [3686/23]
- \*196. To ask the Minister for Health the number and proportion of persons diagnosed with breast cancer at stages I, II, III, IV or unknown stage from 2012 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [3687/23]
- \*197. To ask the Minister for Health the number and proportion of persons diagnosed with lung cancer at stages I, II, III, IV or unknown stage from 2012 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [3688/23]
- \*198. To ask the Minister for Health the number and proportion of persons diagnosed with cervical cancer at stages I, II, III, IV or unknown stage from 2012 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [3689/23]
- \*199. To ask the Minister for Health the number and proportion of persons diagnosed with prostate cancer at stages I, II, III, IV or unknown stage from 2012 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [3690/23]
- \*200. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staffed chairs available to deliver chemotherapy by month in each of the years 2019 to 2022, in tabular form. Róisín Shortall. [3691/23]
- \*201. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who started chemotherapy by month in each of the years 2019 to 2022, in tabular form. Róisín Shortall. [3692/23]

- \*202. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons attending chemotherapy within the recommended timeframe by month in each of the years 2019 to 2022. Róisín Shortall. [3693/23]
- \*203. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who are currently waiting to access chemotherapy; and the number and proportion of whom are waiting longer than the recommended timeframe. Róisín Shortall. [3694/23]
- \*204. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 559 of 6 December 2022, the geographical spread of all GP leads onboarded and in advanced stage of recruitment in CHO3, by local electoral area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [3732/23]
- \*205. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff in this Department in each of the years 2018 to 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form. Róisín Shortall. [3735/23]

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

- \*206. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding farm inspections in bad weather; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

   Michael Healy-Rae. [3399/23]
- \*207. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if clarification will be provided on the proposed sale of lands by Coillte (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [3443/23]
- \*208. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will clarify an issue in relation to a Coillte felling licence (details supplied). Marian Harkin. [3449/23]
- \*209. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons employed by An Bord Iascaigh Mhara; and the location in which they are employed. Louise O'Reilly. [3503/23]
- \*210. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number and location of An Bord Iascaigh Mhara ice plants in the State. Louise O'Reilly. [3504/23]
- \*211. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if all An Bord Iascaigh Mhara ice plants are complaint with fire safety and health and safety regulations. Louise O'Reilly. [3505/23]
- \*212. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he is planning to support growing exports deriving from the horticulture sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Farrell. [3565/23]
- \*213. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to a matter in relation to pay issues at a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Sean Sherlock. [3626/23]
- \*214. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine at what point his Department began to engage with an organisation (details supplied) on the Irish Strategic Forestry Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [3733/23]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Coillte employed an open tender process for partnership on the Irish Strategic Forestry Fund before partnering with an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [3734/23]

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

- \*216. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding schemes in her Department which have funded communities in urban areas; and the monetary value of that funding in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. Paul McAuliffe. [3432/23]
- \*217. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the monetary value of funding provided by her Department to communities in Dublin north west in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022. Paul McAuliffe. [3433/23]
- \*218. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the details of all funding provided by her Department, broken down by county or other administrative area across Ireland.

   Paul McAuliffe. [3434/23]

CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH, I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 26 EANÁIR, 2023 QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 26 JANUARY, 2023

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

- 1. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will confirm the action that her Department is taking to market and promote the island of Ireland overseas as an attractive place to visit in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [3203/23]
- 2. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update in respect of the Action Plan for Sport 2021-2023 and the Government target to have 40% female representation in the board membership of the National Governing Bodies of Sport. Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [3562/23]
- 3. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 60 of 17 November 2022, the status of the legacy framework arising from Galway 2020; when the framework will be published; the breakdown of the way that the remaining €1 million from her Department's commitment to Galway 2020 will be spent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [3698/23]
- 4. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of organisations that have adopted the safe to create programme's code of conduct; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Niamh Smyth. [3554/23]

- 5. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén dáta faoina bhfoilseofar an tuarascáil maidir le stáisiún raidió trí Ghaeilge don aos óg atá geallta don mhí seo i bhfianaise é a bheith geallta roimh dheireadh na bliana seo caite, de réir freagraí atá tugtha aici ar mo chuid ceisteanna parlaiminte go dtí seo. Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [3671/23]
- 6. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to issues raised by film crew at the recent Oireachtas Committee on Budgetary Oversight hearings on section 481 tax relief in terms of their vulnerability to blacklisting and failure to vindicate their rights as employees under EU and national law; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [3722/23]
- 7. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the next round of sports capital funding will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

   Steven Matthews. [3062/23]
- 8. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the measures that are being put in place to address the expected increase in participation at a grassroots level in women's football ahead of the FIFA Women's World Cup in July 2023 in Australia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Chris Andrews. [2737/23]
- 9. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps she continues to take to ensure that tourism is given every opportunity to develop and grow in the future notwithstanding the future challenges; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [3639/23]
- 10. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department has engaged in any discussions with a sporting club (details supplied) with regards to the much-needed redevelopment of a stadium. Gary Gannon. [3707/23]
- 11. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the plans that are in place to promote the Famine walkway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Robert Troy. [3660/23]
- 12. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on the night-time economy forum which she recently attended; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Gary Gannon. [3709/23]
- 13. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of artists in Dublin Bay north that are in receipt of the basic income for the arts scheme. Seán Haughey. [3572/23]
- 14. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of artists in Cork south-west who are in receipt of the basic income for the arts scheme. Christopher O'Sullivan. [3555/23]
- 15. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the plans she has in place to protect Ireland's tourism, given that 55,000 hotel rooms are assigned to Ukrainian refugees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [3629/23]

- 16. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there will be increased funding or new funding streams for an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Robert Troy. [3661/23]
- 17. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to the campaign to have a permanent public pool constructed in Blessington, County Wicklow following the success of a temporary pop-up pool installation; if she will consider meeting the campaign team to discuss the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

   Steven Matthews. [3061/23]
- 18. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department intends to undertake a mid-term review of the basic income for the arts scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Aindrias Moynihan. [3551/23]
- 19. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what concrete proposals she intends to take to combat the dearth of artistic venues in the city of Dublin. Gary Gannon. [3706/23]
- 20. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the efforts she has made in respect of funding for independent, regional and community radio stations; if she will outline any future plans for funding for these important areas within media circles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. James O'Connor. [3616/23]
- 21. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department intends to re-open the basic income for the arts scheme for additional applications, given that approximately only 2,000 individuals are in receipt of the scheme. Seán Haughey. [3573/23]
- 22. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding that is available to support athletes representing Ireland at international competitions with their travel and accommodation expenses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [3644/23]
- 23. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the incentives, if any, in place to encourage the provision of tourist accommodation in areas where a lack of such accommodation is evident; if she will carry out an audit of such accommodation needs nationwide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [2852/23]
- 24. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the action she is taking to ensure that Foras na Gaeilge can reopen the scéim forbartha líonra Gaeilge to accept applications from new entrants and where applicable, allow current beneficiaries to move up to the next tier; the reason, given the lack of a functioning executive in the north and the need for cross-border agreement on Foras na Gaeilge budgets, that her Department has not determined an alternative route for funding and support of scéim forbartha líonra Gaeilge-qualified groups, for example, through a ciste na Gaeilge; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [3645/23]
- 25. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to ensure that sports clubs and associations in disadvantaged areas receive adequate support and funding. Willie O'Dea. [3580/23]

- 26. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the awards for the sports capital scheme will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Emer Higgins. [2859/23]
- 27. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of artists in Dún Laoghaire that are in receipt of the basic income for the arts scheme. Cormac Devlin. [3557/23]
- 28. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the changes that are under consideration to the terms of Sports Capital Grants. Richard Bruton. [2835/23]
- 29. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline plans for the funding of the necessary and planned works for a theatre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [3724/23]
- 30. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will report on the work of the night-time economy forum; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

   Alan Farrell. [3543/23]
- 31. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to promote the use of the Irish language outside of Gaeltacht areas; if there are funding streams available through her Department for an Irish language centre in Cork, similar to the centre established in Clondalkin, Dublin 22; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [3696/23]
- 32. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cad iad na tacaíochtaí atá beartaithe aici a chur ar fáil do mhná tí na Gaeltachta chun a chinntiú go mbeidh dóthain acu ann le freastal ar éileamh na gcoláistí samhraidh i mbliana i bhfianaise na géarchéime a léiríodh ó thaobh mná tí a bheith ag éirí as, agus cén dáta faoina mbeidh na tacaíochtaí sin ar fáil. Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [3667/23]
- 33. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Phairliminte 56944/22, cén dul chun cinn atá déanta ar an athbhreithniú ar chás na gcoláistí samhraidh; an bhfuil grúpa oibre bunaithe ag a Roinn; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. Catherine Connolly. [3701/23]
- 34. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the review of the sports grant will be complete; and when the next round of applications will be opened for same. Michael Moynihan. [3550/23]
- 35. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans, if any, to extend the basic income for the arts pilot scheme, given that the pilot scheme is due to run only until 2025. Willie O'Dea. [3579/23]
- 36. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to promote eco-tourism in Cork south-west; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Christopher O'Sullivan. [3556/23]
- 37. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she intends to respond to requests made by an organisation (details supplied) for greater Government support

for musicians and others working in the industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3725/23]

- 38. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will report on her plans to regulate short-term letting providers; the reason for the delay for the implementation of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Cian O'Callaghan. [58835/22]
- 39. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on the 'Speak Up: A Call for Change' report which was commissioned by an organisation (details supplied); and what actions she intends to take to address its findings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Gary Gannon. [3705/23]
- 40. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her future plans for the expansion of the Imbloc/Bridget of Faughart festival in the coming years; if specific funding for the festival has been ringfenced; if specific funding for County Louth is available for the festival; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [3295/23]
- 41. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén teagmháil a bhí aici le Údaras na Gaeltachta faoi Choláiste Íosagáin, Baile Mhuirne; an bhfuil sé sásta go bhfuil Údaras na Gaeltachta ag gluaiseacht chomh tapaidh ar féidir leo leis an togra seo; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. Aindrias Moynihan. [3402/23]
- 42. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to concerns being raised by Equity about the failure of producer companies to vindicate the rights of actors, performers, directors and writers in relation to intellectual property and EU directives and whether she intends to take action; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [3721/23]
- 43. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé acu de na forálacha nach bhfuil i bhfeidhm fós d'Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021 a bhfuil sé i gceist aici tosach feidhme a chur leo i mbliana; an ndéanfaidh sí amchlár a leagan amach dó sin; agus an ndéanfaidh sí an doiciméad oibre atá ag a Roinn ina leith a fhoilsiú. Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [3670/23]
- 44. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has engaged with the GAA regarding the cost to the viewer of streaming club matches. Thomas Gould. [3615/23]
- 45. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán conas atá sé i gceist aici tacú le gealltanas fostaíochta fiche faoin gcéad laistigh d'Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021 chun a chinntiú go gcuirfear seirbhísí ar fáil i nGaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [3447/23]
- 46. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the sports capital grants programme will be re-opened for applications; the proposed timetable for the processing of these applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Joe Carey. [3611/23]
- 47. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the up-to-date position in relation to the development of a Wild Atlantic Walkway, as included in the Programme for Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [3666/23]

- 48. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide details on the way the Government is encouraging national sporting bodies/organisations to actively promote integration, unity and activity for asylum seekers and refugees nationwide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Fergus O'Dowd. [3506/23]
- 49. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has details on future plans for the sports capital funding; if she will provide a timeline if possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. James O'Connor. [3617/23]
- 50. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to promote the participation of girls and young women in sport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [3561/23]
- 51. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department has considered creating a funding line for lighthouses in order to enhance their tourism and accommodation value; and if she has had engagement with the Commissioners of Irish Lights on the potential for her Department to provide funding in townlands where lighthouses exist. Sean Sherlock. [62547/22]
- 52. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline the preparatory work her Department and its agencies are engaged with in promoting the women's Irish open golf tournament in Dromoland Castle later in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Joe Carey. [3610/23]
- 53. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil aon taighde déanta go fóill ar an tionchar sochtheangeolaíoch agus geilleagrach a bheidh ag teifigh ón Úcráin a lonnú i lóistín Gaeltachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sí cur síos sonrach ar na tacaíochtaí atá curtha ar fáil don phobal, do scoileanna Gaeltachta, agus do na teifigh féin chun a chinntiú gur féidir leo páirt iomlán a ghlacadh i saol an cheantair trí Ghaeilge, agus chun a chinntiú go mbeidh lóistín ar fáil freisin do thurasóirí do shéasúr shamhraidh 2023. Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [3668/23]
- *54.* To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if he will provide an update on the joint Ireland and UK bid to host the UEFA EURO 2028 competition. Cormac Devlin. [3558/23]
- 55. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a report on the pilot basic income for artists scheme; if she intends to implement it for all artists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [3723/23]
- 56. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the measures her Department has committed to in 2023 to increase film production in Ireland; if she will support future investment along the Wild Atlantic Way following the huge success of a film (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [3628/23]
- 57. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the degree to which she expects to be in a position to continue to assist the sporting sector given the increased importance of sporting activity in terms of health and well-being; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [3640/23]

- 58. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department has carried out, or would consider carrying out, a review of hotel and other tourist accommodation provision and availability across the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [2851/23]
- 59. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cad iad sonraí agus stádas an fheachtais earcaíochta maidir le Coimisinéir Teanga nua a cheapadh; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. Catherine Connolly. [3699/23]
- 60. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil sé i gceist aici Scéim Labhairt na Gaeilge a thabhairt ar ais, nó Scéim nua um Labhairt na Gaeilge a chur ar bun sna ceantair Ghaeltachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. Catherine Connolly. [3702/23]
- 61. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she or her Department have considered the Joint Oireachtas Committee report on Working Conditions and Skills Shortages in Ireland's tourism and hospitality sector. Louise O'Reilly. [62044/22]
- 62. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of artists in counties Cavan and Monaghan that are in receipt of the basic income for the arts scheme.

   Niamh Smyth. [3553/23]
- 63. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of new Gaeltachts since 2000; and the location of same. Thomas Gould. [3614/23]
- 64. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the up-to-date position in relation to The Gathering initiative; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [3665/23]
- 65. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of artists in Cork north-west who are in receipt of the basic income for the arts scheme. Michael Moynihan. [3549/23]
- 66. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline the plans there are in 2023 for the employment of a fulltime tourist officer in Dundalk, County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [3294/23]
- 67. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cad iad na bearta a dhéanfar chun rochtain níos fearr a chinntiú do phobail faoi mhíbhuntáiste agus do phobail faoi ghannionadaíocht ar an nGaeilge agus ar na ceantair Ghaeltachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [3446/23]
- 68. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will address the current status of opening of the next round of the Sports Capital Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Chris Andrews. [2738/23]
- 69. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén dáta faoina mbeidh an Straitéis Náisiúnta d'Ealaíona Teangabhunaithe na Gaeilge foilsithe agus curtha i bhfeidhm; cén dáta faoina mbeidh an tuarascáil a coimisiúnaíodh faoin ábhar sa bhliain 2018 foilsithe; agus cén dáta faoina mbeidh an chistíocht atá geallta di don bhliain 2023 curtha ar fáil; agus as cén clár buiséid a thiocfaidh sé. Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [3669/23]

- 70. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the expected timeline for the opening of the next round of the sports capital grant scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Fergus O'Dowd. [3507/23]
- 71. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Phairliminte 56942/22, cén dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir leis an tríú gné den obair athbhreithniúcháin atá idir lámha ag Údarás na Gaeltachta maidir leis na córais agus maidir leis an gcur chuige atá i ngníomh ag an Údarás faoi láthair chun tacú le cur chun cinn na Gaeilge sna cliantchuideachtaí agus maidir leis na bealaí ina ndéantar an t-ábhar a bhaineann leo a riaradh; an bhfoilseofar torthaí an tsuirbhé; an ndéanfaidh sí soiléiriú a thabhairt faoi stádas an phlean gníomhaíochta; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. Catherine Connolly. [3700/23]
- 72. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the measures she is considering to promote domestic holidaying within the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Alan Farrell. [3544/23]
- 73. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views with the condition of the loughcrew cairns. Peadar Tóibín. [3537/23]
- 74. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the progress that has been made to date in the pilot scheme to provide a basic income to artists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Richard Bruton. [2836/23]
- 75. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to develop high performance women's sports in the near and long-term; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brian Leddin. [3641/23]

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

- 76. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of people that have applied for the vacant property refurbishment grant; if he plans any more changes to the terms and conditions of the grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [3427/23]
- 77. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with regard to the scheme for the remediation of defects in apartments and duplexes, the procedures that are in place if a homeowner wants to undertake remediation works but other homeowners in a housing complex do not; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [3534/23]
- 78. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are any plans to change the housing adaptation grant for people with a disability so as to take sensory disabilities into account; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Moynihan. [3421/23]
- 79. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 14 of 1 December 2022, the status of the development of the promised section 28 guidelines for planning in Gaeltacht areas; when it is expected that the public consultation will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [3532/23]
- 80. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of rural oneoff houses completed in each local authority area in 2022; the percentage of overall completions

that these houses represent in each local authority area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3664/23]

- 81. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the legislation for a directly elected mayor with executive functions in Limerick; the date for the publication of the legislation; if he plans to proceed with the mayoral election in Limerick in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brian Leddin. [3654/23]
- 82. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans he has for further reform in the rental sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cormac Devlin. [3714/23]
- 83. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason for the delays in the publication of measures considered by the rural water working group for inclusion in the 2022-2025 multi-annual rural water programme; when the framework for local authority submissions will be opened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [3631/23]
- 84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the review of the capital advance leasing facility scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [3533/23]
- 85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the overall amount available in 2022 and 2023 for the vacant properties refurbishment grant as part of the Croí Cónaithe (Towns) Fund; the amount made available for each local authority; the amount drawn down to date by each local authority; the number of applications per local authority completed; the further number being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [2853/23]
- 86. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of newbuild social homes that were delivered in 2022 in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [3719/23]
- 87. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to assist communities in improving wastewater infrastructure. Holly Cairns. [3404/23]
- 88. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on his trip to COP15; the pledges and commitments that were made on behalf of the Government at that conference; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [3472/23]
- 89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the next call for applications under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund will be made given the need for public realm infrastructure improvements in east Cork as a result of rising population levels in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [2525/23]
- 90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a detailed timeline for the completion of works under the defects scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [3657/23]
- 91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the provision of affordable housing in County Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [3424/23]

- 92. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the proposed approach to support remediation of defects in apartments and duplexes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Haughey. [3518/23]
- 93. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can detail, the expected increase in social housing applicants as a result of the recent changes to the income thresholds; the measures his Department is taking to deal with any increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [3717/23]
- 94. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline his plans to accelerate the servicing of housing land in order that councils can include plans for social and affordable homes on these lands in their targets to 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [3651/23]
- 95. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way that the Government plans to encourage 16-to-18-year-olds to pre-register for the electoral register; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Steven Matthews. [3197/23]
- 96. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the owner occupier guarantee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. James Lawless. [3710/23]
- 97. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a report on the operation of the Croí Cónaithe scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [3559/23]
- 98. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the publication of a report from the Commission on Housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mick Barry. [3577/23]
- 99. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on any work that is happening in his Department and the National Parks and Wildlife Service in relation to management of Ireland's uplands, including issues around degradation of blanket bog coverage, upland burning, invasive species management and overgrazing; if the National Parks and Wildlife Service is adequately resourced to support and implement management changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [3471/23]
- 100. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the large delays experienced by renters who try to contact the Residential Tenancies Board to retrieve their details in order to claim the renters' tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

   Patrick Costello. [3567/23]
- 101. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Croí Cónaithe (cities) project has a limit on the total value of subsidy it will provide to successful applicants per unit. Brian Stanley. [3582/23]
- 102. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the delivery of affordable purchase and cost rental housing; if the targets set out in 2022 for Housing for All were met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cian O'Callaghan. [3576/23]

- 103. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the developments to be covered by the defects scheme and an approximate timeline on when each development will be remediated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [3658/23]
- 104. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a report on the operation of the first home scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Haughey. [3517/23]
- 105. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps being taken to ensure that house building in 2023 does not decrease. Peadar Tóibín. [3536/23]
- 106. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the initiatives being developed to activate some of the many outstanding planning permissions for apartment developments which have not yet been commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Bruton. [2837/23]
- 107. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the provision of modular build homes in County Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [3423/23]
- 108. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the new draft rural planning guidelines; when it is expected that the public consultation will commence; the reason for the delay in the publication of the draft guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [3531/23]
- 109. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable homes delivered by each of the Cork local authorities; the number of homes being advanced through the various schemes for the next three years; the target number of homes for each of the next three years; and the rationale for these target figures. Aindrias Moynihan. [3662/23]
- 110. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the Government's plan for the future of Moore Street. Peadar Tóibín. [3535/23]
- 111. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is planning to extend the moratorium on certain evictions after 31 March 2023; what other measures will he put in place to stop the flow of people into homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

   Richard Boyd Barrett. [3648/23]
- 112. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the way the construction sector can increase the use of timber framed dwellings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Farrell. [3546/23]
- 113. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if any changes are likely to be made in relation to the price ceiling under the first home scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [3674/23]
- 114. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of tenants that were housed in counties Cavan and Monaghan under the housing assistance payment scheme.
  Niamh Smyth. [3583/23]

- 115. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social and affordable homes that were built in County Cork in the years 2021 and 2022. Holly Cairns. [3403/23]
- 116. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action he is taking to ensure buildings built now and in the future are not defective; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [3560/23]
- 117. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has any plans to review the legislation outlined in Section 34 of the Residential Tenancies Act 2004 as regards sale of homes as grounds for termination of tenancies in view of the recent headlines that report over 1,800 renters were at risk of homelessness in the past three months (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Francis Noel Duffy. [3226/23]
- 118. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way he will ensure that all the people now eligible for social housing due to change in income limits will be put back on the list urgently so they will be eligible for allocations as a matter of urgency as many of these people have missed out on allocations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [3649/23]
- 119. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the projected total budget allocation available to the Croí Cónaithe (cities) project in 2023, 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brian Stanley. [3581/23]
- 120. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of people waiting on local authority housing list per local authority; the average waiting time per list; the use of choice-based letting system per local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mark Ward. [3426/23]
- 121. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the levels of take-up to date on the various Croí Cónaithe strands in each local authority area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [3663/23]
- 122. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the regeneration of St. Andrews flat complex in the south inner city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Chris Andrews. [2153/23]
- 123. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the level of engagement his Department has had with Clare County Council to manage additional heritage sites; the amount of additional expenditure involved for his Department; when he expects this process to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Joe Carey. [3612/23]
- 124. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will give consideration to increasing the rate of HAP in line with market rents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [3704/23]
- 125. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on proposed changes to the operation of An Bord Pleanála; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [3428/23]

- 126. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding given to local authorities to remedy mould and damp in 2022. Thomas Gould. [3600/23]
- 127. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of financial support that will be available under the scheme for the remediation of defects in apartments and duplexes; if homeowners who have done remediation works will be entitled to retrospective financial support under the scheme for the remediation of defects in apartments and duplexes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [3675/23]
- 128. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to the recently announced Croí Cónaithe scheme for the refurbishing of derelict properties, why, if a person demolishes the property and builds a better structure, they cannot avail of the grant as the local councils are refusing on the direction received from his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Fitzmaurice. [3510/23]
- 129. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the regeneration of Pearse House flat complex in the south inner city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Chris Andrews. [2152/23]
- 130. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the targets for 2023 for the construction of public housing on land owned by Louth County Council; the 2023 targets for the construction of housing on otherwise publicly owned lands in County Louth; his plans for progressing these targets in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [3592/23]
- 131. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has plans to provide additional funding to An Bord Pleanála to assist in alleviating the backlog in their caseload that is affecting current housing projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [3642/23]
- 132. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which extra methods and means can be employed to provide extra housing in sufficient volume to meet requirements to address homelessness, child homelessness and family homelessness; if he continues to identify extra measures likely to positively impact in this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [3635/23]
- 133. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can detail the reason that social housing targets were missed in 2022; the actions he intends to take to ensure targets are met for the coming period; the estimated time it will take to provide social housing units to meet current and predicted demand in the coming years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [3716/23]
- 134. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the regulations for and the opening of the enhanced defective concrete block redress scheme. Eoin Ó Broin. [3597/23]
- 135. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action his Department intends taking in respect of approximately 500 standalone sewage treatment plants, which were erected to facilitate the development of housing estates over fifteen years ago and which currently do not meet current environmental standards, and as a result have not been taken in charge by Irish Water; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [3673/23]

- 136. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the recently published Eurostat data showing that rents in Ireland rents are rising at one of the fastest rates in the EU; the actions he will take to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cian O'Callaghan. [3574/23]
- 137. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the recent record levels of people accessing emergency accommodation; the action he is taking to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cian O'Callaghan. [3575/23]
- 138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider an extension of the eviction ban given the high levels of homelessness and the lack of availability of affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mick Barry. [3578/23]
- 139. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to develop a mechanism for evaluating embodied carbon in our existing building stock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brian Leddin. [3653/23]
- 140. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a full updated brief on the Narrow Water Bridge project, including expected commencement dates, expected funding requirements and expected funding schemes which will be utilised to progress the long-awaited project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Fergus O'Dowd. [3239/23]
- 141. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the schemes available in County Mayo for the delivery of affordable housing; the affordable housing targets for 2023, and progress in the delivery of affordable housing schemes in Castlebar and Ballina; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [3630/23]
- 142. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the CALF and CREL reviews; and the number of CALF and CREL homes delivered in 2022. Eoin Ó Broin. [3596/23]
- 143. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the principal changes to apartment design standards set out in the Guidelines for Planning Authorities published in December 2022; and if this set of guidelines fully supersedes the two previous sets of guidelines published in 2018 and 2020. Eoin Ó Broin. [3593/23]
- 144. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to increase the cap on the housing aid for older persons grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul McAuliffe. [3429/23]
- 145. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which he can identify through the various local authorities suitably developed sites on which builders can be contracted to provide extra homes in the shortest possible time and utilising variations of housing proposals to achieve these including modular homes, log cabins as well as conventional methods to provide houses for both those on local authority waiting lists and those who have so far failed to qualify for a mortgage or an affordable house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [3636/23]
- 146. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will introduce urgent amendments to the remediation of dwellings damaged by the use of Defective Concrete Blocks Act 2022 following his announcement of the details of the scheme to assist homeowners of

defective apartments, to ensure that all victims of the failure of State regulation and oversight are treated the same and have access to the same State support and redress. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [3720/23]

- 147. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number for each Cork local authority of croí cónaithe applicants, in tabular form; the number of approved applicants; if they are vacant or derelict properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Aindrias Moynihan. [3401/23]
- 148. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the recently announced Celtic Tiger building defects redress scheme will apply retrospectively; if the same terms will be extended to homeowners in County Mayo and other counties effected by mica and pyrite; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [3718/23]
- 149. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the Croí Cónaithe vacant property refurbishment grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Farrell. [3545/23]
- 150. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that a mechanism is put in place for councils/AHBs to buy homes where there is a notice to quit and the tenants are above the income limits for social housing but below the limit for cost rental; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Gino Kenny. [3713/23]
- 151. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the person or body that will be eligible for financial support with remediation works in apartments and duplexes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. James Lawless. [3711/23]
- 152. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports the Governments intend putting in place to assist the development of residential apartment blocks in view of the fact that the cost of erecting same far exceeds the sale value once completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [3672/23]
- 153. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress he has made to date on progressing the pilot scheme for unsewered villages; the up-to-date position on progress made for these projects; the timetable for the completion of these projects in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Joe Carey. [3613/23]
- 154. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to provide affordable purchase and cost rental housing in Dublin 9 and Dublin 11; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul McAuliffe. [3430/23]
- 155. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the implementation of the 32 recommendations from the Expert Group Report on Traveller accommodation. Eoin Ó Broin. [3595/23]
- 156. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his Department's allocation to local authorities in 2023 for schemes (details supplied), including when the local authorities will be able to draw down the money; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [3306/23]

- 157. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeframe for the introduction of proposed planning reforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cormac Devlin. [3715/23]
- 158. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the delivery of affordable homes in the Poolbeg SDZ, St. Michaels Estate, O'Devaney Gardens and Oscar Traynor Road. Eoin Ó Broin. [3594/23]
- 159. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the new regulations that will require a changing places toilet to be included in certain buildings as signed by him (details supplied); if these regulations are now in operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Steven Matthews. [3193/23]
- 160. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the recent legislation in the Netherlands which regulates embodied carbon in the built environment; if he will consider introducing same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Francis Noel Duffy. [3227/23]
- 161. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the housing budget allocated per local authority; the housing budget not spent by local authorities in each of the years 2017 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mark Ward. [3425/23]
- 162. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the means of housing assistance payment can be increased to match increases in rent and cost-of-living in counties Cavan and Monaghan. Niamh Smyth. [3584/23]
- 163. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide all details of the way he will address the huge shortfall in the delivery of social housing under Housing for All; his plans to address, particularly, the lack of three and four bedroomed family homes in the pipeline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [3652/23]
- 164. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the planning regime designed to make it easier to develop renewable energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Bruton. [2838/23]