



# DÁIL ÉIREANN

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**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 further to Parliamentary Question No. 1 of 17 November 2022, if she will provide an update on whether or not the wide range of alternative options being explored by Government will be made available in time for reopening hotels to tourists in summer 2023, and on the engagement carried out by her Department on the senior officials group, including a copy of or details of the concerns she communicated on behalf of the tourism sector to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, and any response received; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [3676/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she is aware of the recent hearings at the Budget Scrutiny Committee in relation to section 481 film credit and the concerns 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; the concerns raised by representatives of film crew about the failure of producer companies to vindicate their rights in terms of employment legislation, in particular the Fixed Term Workers Act 2004 and whether she intends to take action; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3876/23]

3. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén dáta faoina mbeidh bord nua ceaptha d'Údarás na Gaeltachta; conas a ligeadh do thréimhse an bhoird teacht chun críche gan tús a bheith curtha fiú le ceapadh an bhoird nua agus cé na bearta atá déanta chun a chinntiú nach dtarlóidh a leithéid arís i gcás boird Stáit; agus an dtabharfaidh sí soiléiriú maidir le dáta an toghcháin atá beartaithe a thabhairt ar ais; cad é an tionchar a bheidh ag an athstruchtúrú sin ar thréimhse oifige an bhoird; agus cén tábhacht a bhaineann le bord a bheith i bhfeidhm go dtí go dtarlaíonn an t-athstruchtúrú sin. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [3877/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the proactive measures her Department is taking to address and resolve the current recruitment and retention difficulties of the tourism industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [3848/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the plans in place to give relief to the hotel sector at this time with the ongoing energy costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [3880/23]

## CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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 tapaídh ar féidir leo leis an togra seo; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aindrias Moynihan. [3402/23]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán conas atá sé i gceist aici tacú le gealltanús 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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 trío 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

## CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

81. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of cost rental homes delivered through the cost rental equity load in 2022; the number of cost rental homes delivered by the Land Development Agency in 2022; and the number of affordable purchase homes delivered through the Affordable Housing Fund in 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3842/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the slow-down in the construction of social housing, and on the implications of this slowing-down for renters reliant on the housing assistance payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [3749/23]

83. 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]

84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage why his Department failed to spend its 2022 capital allocation for new build housing; the action he will take to ensure this does not happen in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [3828/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 89 of 30 November 2022 and 60 of 28 September 2022, if he has received the report in respect of 2021 and 2022 to date from the Galway social housing taskforce; if so, if he will provide a copy of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [3857/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is planning to extend the moratorium on certain evictions after 31 March 2022; the other measures he will put in place to stop the flow of people into homelessness; if these measures will include increasing the numbers of Part V being bought, allowing councils and AHB’s to buy homes where people have a notice to quit and would be eligible for cost rental and accelerating the programme to bring vacant homes back into use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3875/23]

## CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of rural one-off 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new-build 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

110. 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]

111. 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]

112. 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]

113. 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]

114. 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]

115. 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]

116. 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]

117. 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]

118. 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]

119. 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]

120. 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]

121. 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]



122. 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]

123. 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]

124. 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]

125. 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]

126. 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]

127. 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]

128. 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]

129. 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]

130. 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]

131. 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]

132. 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]

133. 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]

134. 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]

135. 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]

136. 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]

137. 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]

138. 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]

139. 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]

140. 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]

141. 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]

142. 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]

143. 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]

144. 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]

145. 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]

146. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the recently published Eurostat data showing that rents in Ireland 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]

147. 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]

148. 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]

149. 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]

150. 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]

151. 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]

152. 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]

153. 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]

154. 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]

155. 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]

156. 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]

157. 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]

158. 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]

159. 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]

160. 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]

161. 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]

162. 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]

163. 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]

164. 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]

165. 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]

166. 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]

167. 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]

168. 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]

169. 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]

170. 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]

171. 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]

172. 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]

173. 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]

174. 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]

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

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

\*175. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the timeline for the transposition into Irish law of Article 8 of the Broadband Cost Reduction Directive and the implementation of technical guidance or standards to support same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [3860/23]

\*176. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the ongoing ESB utilities delays for new builds; when these delays are expected to be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [3756/23]

\*177. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the timeline for when a universal service obligation scheme will be introduced in respect of the provision of high speed, next-generation broadband; the form this scheme will take; how this scheme will be funded; if all applicable broadband operators will be eligible and or required to participate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [3858/23]

\*178. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total number of premises which currently have broadband download speeds of between 30 Mbps to 100 Mbps and which are outside the National Broadband Plan intervention area, and in circumstances where commercial operators have indicated they do not intend to roll-out to some or all of these areas or individual premises; if his Department has a plan to ensure that these premises can access a minimum of 100 Mbps; if so, the form such a plan will take; the timelines for execution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [3859/23]

\*179. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider establishing a pilot project to test the approach of having sustainability coaches in local communities (details supplied). — Richard Bruton. [3874/23]

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

\*180. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the challenges Ukrainian refugees are experiencing in accessing car insurance due to the non-recognition of previous driving experience and claims history; the steps he is taking to ensure equitable access to car insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3827/23]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Transport if community transport providers are permitted to charge active retirement groups for their services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3747/23]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Transport the stage of legislation to regulate the use of electric bikes; if such legislation will be enacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [3768/23]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of complaints for assault, anti-social behaviour, sexual misconduct and drug use on the Luas from 2018 to 2022; the number of complaints against security staff in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [3776/23]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Transport what consultation process his Department had with the National Transport Authority prior to the press release of the rural hackney pilot scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [3797/23]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Transport in light of the difficulties being experienced by applicants in sourcing insurance for the rural hackney pilot scheme, if he can indicate the consultation process his Department had with the insurance industry companies prior to the press release on the rural hackney pilot scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [3798/23]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can furnish a list of insurance companies, with contact details, who have indicated to his Department that they will quote for insurance for participants in the new rural hackney pilot scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [3799/23]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Transport if the rural hackney pilot scheme grant should go towards an electric vehicle or can it also be used towards a diesel/petrol vehicle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [3800/23]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to reports of significant travel safety issues related to deer population in the vicinity of Colligan, Waterford, involving crossings of the R672; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [3838/23]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will contribute funding along with the Department of Rural and Community Development for local improvement schemes, the current funding not being enough to make a significant impact on local authority lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3845/23]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Transport the latest timeline from TII on the delayed upgrade on the N22 between Killarney and Farranfore, given the route selection was to take place in December 2022; when the timeline will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3846/23]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Transport when the regulations around e-scooters will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3852/23]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Transport if the enabling legislation that set up the National Car Testing Service allows for a rebate on the cost of a test. — Sean Sherlock. [3861/23]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Transport if a customer is entitled to a free test or a rebate on the cost of a test if it is not offered in a defined time period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [3862/23]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Transport if charges at airports are subject to oversight or approval to prevent overcharging by near monopoly operators. — Richard Bruton. [3872/23]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to reform the national car test; his plans to move away from a first date on which a vehicle is registered in the context of due test dates; and if he has engaged with insurance providers in the context of providing cover in the absence of a valid NCT certificate for the vehicle. — Catherine Murphy. [3885/23]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has concluded his consideration of the air connectivity review, which is a commitment under the New Decade, New Approach agreement, and includes the Dublin-Derry route; the progress he has made in the reopening of the Dublin-Derry route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [3891/23]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Transport if additional funding will be provided for the widening of the R154 and R159 Kilnaleck to Killeshandra regional road in the interests of health and safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [3643/23]

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

\*198. To ask the Minister for Finance if community clubs and halls are eligible to apply for the temporary business energy support scheme; if he plans to provide specific supports for such facilities in dealing with the current energy price crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [3752/23]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to a report by an organisation (details supplied) on wealth in Ireland; the steps he is taking to address the unequal distribution of wealth in this country; if he intends to introduce measures to increase taxes on capital and wealth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [3824/23]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Finance if a matter regarding the renter's tax credit (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3850/23]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider revisiting the policy change on benefit-in-kind rates on company vehicles as there is widespread concern that this change will have a significant impact on people's finances and additionally disincentivise the purchase of electric vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [3866/23]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is considering modifications to the changes to benefit-in-kind for company cars, given that many of those who drive for work are hugely affected by the changes and cannot afford them, which in turn may lead to people refusing company cars and purchasing less efficient cars on the open market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [3889/23]

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

\*203. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform why the pension for a person (details supplied) has not been transferred; when this will be done considering that he finished with



the Permanent Defence Force in March 2020 before the freeze was put on the transfer of pensions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [3853/23]

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

\*204. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which it is anticipated to assist the sporting sector by way of grants or other means, given the need to assist in its recovery notwithstanding Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3909/23]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she and her Department continue to monitor developments in the media, with particular reference to the need to ensure that local print media and radio stations are not endangered by unregulated entities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3910/23]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she continues to liaise with local community groups in County Kildare and throughout the country, with a view to ensuring that adequate support is available to facilitate their ongoing requirements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3911/23]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the emphasis she expects to place on Sport in the coming year, with particular reference to the need for facilities in all areas throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3912/23]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she expects to be in a position to offer capital sports grants in the current or future years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3913/23]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of valid applications received by her Department for sporting and recreational grants, with particular reference to major and minor grants which might be payable in the course of the current year; when the allocations are likely to take place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3914/23]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she expects to be in a position to continue to support the arts in the current year at local level by way of a particular scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3915/23]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she expects Irish culture to continue to be promoted for economic as well as cultural reasons in the course of the current year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3916/23]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she expects to be in a position to support the arts at local level by way of support for festivals and events which are of benefit to the arts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3917/23]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she continues to liaise with voluntary and community groups throughout the country, with a view to assisting by whatever means is appropriate in the course of the current year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3918/23]

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

\*214. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for the implementation of the wind energy planning guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3840/23]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider under force majeure the request for an appeal on behalf of a person (details supplied) who applied for a grant under the domestic water waste treatment systems regulation and due to circumstances beyond her control her application was refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [3508/23]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the role that his Department has in ensuring that funding is in place to meet the pay demands of the members of an organisation (details supplied) in the retained Fire Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2364/23]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether the National Development Plan commitments on social housing are currently being fulfilled by Housing for All; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2366/23]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will take steps to ensure that additional funds are allocated to improve the pay and conditions of retained firefighters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [2253/23]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to extend his proposals (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [3761/23]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if homes in rural Ireland will be included in his recently announced proposals (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [3762/23]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the research by or on behalf of his Department into premature deaths of persons experiencing homelessness. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3810/23]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the person who ultimately made the decision to exclude certain members of all ranks of Dublin Fire Brigade from the pandemic payment; the information they are working off in relation to same; and the person or body that supplied them with the information. — Paul Murphy. [3811/23]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the proof that is required under the croí cónaithe towns fund to show that a property is the applicant's principle primary residence. — Thomas Gould. [3817/23]



\*224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the assistance that may be available for a family (details supplied) via the current schemes to assist with house purchase and rental; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [3830/23]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost of Part V social housing units by local authority for 2020, 2021 and 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3832/23]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average annual cost of Part V leasing social housing units by local authority for 2020, 2021 and 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3833/23]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost of turnkey social housing units by local authority for 2020, 2021 and 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3834/23]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Dáil Éireann constituency review following the most recent census; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3841/23]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when local authorities can expect guidelines from the working group on live streaming council meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3844/23]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the funding of €2.72 million to bring 74 vacant local authority houses back into use will be provided by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3849/23]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what sections of the Electoral Reform Act 2022 have yet to be commenced; if there is a timeline for the commencement of these sections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [3863/23]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the proposed amendments to building regulations regarding fire safety and proposals in relation to smoke toxicity and building materials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [3864/23]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the degree to which housing policy can and is being modified to deliver the end product at an accelerated pace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3897/23]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applicants on the various housing lists held by the various local authorities nationwide as of 1 January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3898/23]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if plans can be put in place to arrange for modular-or chalet-type wooden housing as a means of addressing the severe housing shortage as well as the shortage of accommodation for asylum seekers, with a view to reducing the dependence on high priced rental accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3899/23]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps, if any, he has taken to improve the planning process in terms of more rapid determination of applications

and appeals to An Bord Pleanála, having regard to the situation in respect of backlogs and waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3900/23]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which housing availability to the local authority under the part 5 procedure continues to be made available to Kildare County Council or approved housing bodies; the extent to which this is impacting on the numbers on the local authority housing waiting list; the extent to which regulations affecting their allocation to suitable applicants continue to be determined by way of statutory regulations or otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3901/23]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of houses provided by approved housing bodies in County Kildare for suitably qualified applicants in each of the past five years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3902/23]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of houses provided by approved housing bodies, by county, for suitably qualified applicants in each of the past five years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3903/23]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total funding provided to Kildare County Council by way of direct grant to fund the building of new houses for suitably qualified applicants in each of the past five years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3904/23]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of persons housed by way of directly built houses by Kildare County Council in the past five years, excluding houses provided by approved housing bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3905/23]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which it is expected to address the large numbers of applicants for local authority houses currently on waiting lists over the next two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3906/23]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the degree to which the various forms of assistance available for first-time house buyers are upgrading satisfactorily without contributing to house price inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3907/23]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which affordable housing can be made available in such a way as to ensure that those in need are not being subjected to market price inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3908/23]

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

\*245. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if an application for a passport card for a person (details supplied) will be accepted in view of the circumstances in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [3767/23]

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

\*246. To ask the Minister for Education if a child (details supplied) can be given an urgent appointment to undergo an assessment for dyslexia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [3883/23]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to ensure that young persons, especially in schools and colleges, are not exposed to indirect advertising by drinks companies; if she will ensure that an organisation (details supplied) is not permitted in secondary schools; if she will ensure that there is a prohibition on alcohol industry funded programmes in Irish secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [3751/23]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Education if she will issue a brief formulation report in respect of a school project in Maynooth; and the reason for the delay in issuing same (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [3758/23]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Education further to the Programme for Government 2020 commitment, the status of the roll-out of free, adequate, safe and suitable period products in all educational publicly-funded settings, including schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [3760/23]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the ASD unit at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [3766/23]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the proposed secondary school in a location (details supplied); when this school will be constructed given the recent population increase with the population to continue to grow over the coming years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [3774/23]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the primary school in a location (details supplied); if, in light of the recent judicial review proceedings being lodged in respect of a planning application on this site, she will now commence the process of identifying another location for this much-needed school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [3775/23]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [3792/23]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that post-primary teachers have no secure way to switch jobs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [3804/23]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that schools have to cancel junior cycle technology subjects in-service training due to the lack of substitute teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [3805/23]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Education if a student (details supplied) can be accommodated in a school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [3806/23]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 696 of 18 January 2023, the counties in which the pilot scheme was deployed; and the dates that each scheme was deployed in each county. — Marian Harkin. [3819/23]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Education if she will investigate the reasons a place on the school bus has not been approved in the case of a student (details supplied); if this route will be examined to determine if it is operating to maximum capacity; if further places on the bus can be provided for those in need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [3820/23]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify the situation regarding the minor works grants for schools for the 2023-2024 school year; when schools can expect payment for this grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [3821/23]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of a school building project (details supplied); if the project will be expedited and the necessary funding provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [3822/23]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Education when a project (details supplied) will proceed to the next stage in view of the urgency of providing additional permanent accommodation at this school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [3823/23]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Education in view of comments made by An Uachtaráin if she will review his Department's guidance on students receiving homework; if she plans to issue a circular on the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [3835/23]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Education if the National Council for Special Education submitted its policy advice on education provision in special classes and special schools in December 2022; and when she will publish this advice. — Mary Lou McDonald. [3888/23]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Education when a brief formulation report in respect of a school (details supplied) will issue and be shared with KWETB, given the project cannot move forward without same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3920/23]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport tickets will be facilitated in the case of the two sons of a person (details supplied); if their case will be considered as a matter of urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3924/23]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 249 of 19 January 2023, if the information requested in the original question will be provided; if not, if the information is not known to her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [3927/23]

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

\*267. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the accuracy of a statement made at a recent committee meeting regarding community employment scheme supervisors will be reviewed (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3795/23]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to the method of payment for a jobseekers' benefit recipient (details supplied) and the difficulties it will create with managing their finances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [3796/23]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is any financial assistance that a child (details supplied) can be given to allow them to avail of a private assessment for dyslexia. — Chris Andrews. [3884/23]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an emergency payment/supplementary welfare allowance will issue in the case of a person (details supplied) who is currently unable to work due to illness; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3921/23]

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

\*271. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if extra resources, particularly personnel, are now in place to deal with the significant backlog of applications lodged through the information and tracing legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [3754/23]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will urgently review the situation regarding accommodation for families (details supplied) to ensure that a bus will bring a child to school and that the accommodation being offered is appropriate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [3790/23]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when accommodation providers for Ukrainian refugees across the country, who are experiencing delays with receiving payment will be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [3825/23]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update in respect of the work of a person (details supplied) in respect of historical matters relating to St. John's ambulance. — Catherine Murphy. [3836/23]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a person and their children (details supplied) currently being provided with temporary accommodation via the IPAS system have the option to relocate to an alternative and more suitable accommodation provider while remaining under the IPAS system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3865/23]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he and or Tusla has received any interim or final reports in respect of the St. John Ambulance inquiry undertaken by a person (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [3890/23]

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

\*277. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a location (details supplied) of an apprenticeship can be changed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3777/23]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of a student grant application for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [3881/23]

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

\*279. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 244 of 18 January 2023, the number of fixed charge notices issued in respect of persons cycling without reasonable consideration in 2021, 2022, and to-date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [3816/23]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of women's refuges in Ireland; the locations of these centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [3757/23]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are circumstances in which a person (details supplied) can apply for a visa to enter the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [3771/23]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Justice to detail what is considered a serious offence that would prevent the appointment of a Peace Commissioner; the process by which a peace commissioner is removed from their role if they commit a serious offence while serving in this capacity; the person or body is responsible for the removal of a Peace Commissioner if they commit a serious offence while serving in this capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [3772/23]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps An Garda Síochána is taking to address the issue of bike theft in Dublin as highlighted by a recent RTÉ piece (details supplied). — Neasa Hourigan. [3802/23]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Justice if a visa application by a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [3815/23]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on an application by a person (details supplied) for a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3882/23]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of incidents in which a person was arrested by a member of An Garda Síochána who had apprehended the suspect having pursued them on foot in each of the years 2019 to 2022, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [3894/23]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress made to date in determination of residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3922/23]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason for the refusal of visa applications in the case of persons (details supplied); the process to be followed to appeal same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3925/23]

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

\*289. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3763/23]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [3764/23]



\*291. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a device for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3765/23]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Health the status of full-time residential care for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3773/23]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Health the number and proportion of overall patients currently waiting longer than the recommended timeframe for cancer surgery (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [3778/23]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer surgeries postponed or cancelled each month in each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [3779/23]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients who had surgery for lung cancer; the number and proportion seen within the NCCP target timeframe for lung cancer surgeries in each quarter in each of the years 2018 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [3780/23]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients who had surgery for breast cancer; the number and proportion seen within the NCCP target timeframe for breast cancer surgeries in each quarter in each of the years 2018 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [3781/23]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients who had surgery for cervical cancer; the number and proportion seen within the NCCP target timeframe for cervical cancer surgeries in each quarter in each of the years 2018 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [3782/23]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients who had surgery for prostate cancer; the number and proportion seen within the NCCP target timeframe for prostate cancer surgeries in each quarter in each of the years 2018 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [3783/23]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients who had surgery for pancreatic cancer; the number and proportion seen within the NCCP target timeframe for pancreatic cancer surgeries in each quarter in each of the years 2018 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [3784/23]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients who had surgery for colorectal cancer; the number and proportion seen within the NCCP target timeframe for colorectal cancer surgeries in each quarter in each of the years 2018 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [3785/23]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients who had surgery for stomach cancer; the number and proportion seen within the NCCP target timeframe for stomach cancer surgeries in each quarter in each of the years 2018 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [3786/23]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients who had surgery for brain cancer; the number and proportion seen within the NCCP target timeframe for brain cancer surgeries

in each quarter in each of the years 2018 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [3787/23]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients who had surgery for bladder cancer; the number and proportion seen within the NCCP target timeframe for bladder cancer surgeries in each quarter in each of the years 2018 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [3788/23]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to develop a proposed 60-bed unit planned for St. Patrick's Hospital Cashel; the reasons for its delay; if he will provide an update on plans to progress the development going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [3791/23]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Health if he and officials from his Department will meet with representatives from the Mater long-Covid clinic (details supplied) and will he make a statement in relation to this. — Paul Murphy. [3793/23]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Health the reason different rates of funding are being paid in respect of wigs and hair pieces to medical card holders residing in different areas in the country; if a breakdown of funding based on each local authority could be provided; if this will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3794/23]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the length of time women are waiting for biopsy results that are sent to a laboratory in Waterford, and that it is a serious concern to these women; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [3803/23]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3807/23]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the project for paramedics to treat patients in Mallow General Hospital; the number participating in the project to date; and the funding allocated to the pilot project. — Sean Sherlock. [3808/23]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive services. — Sean Sherlock. [3809/23]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Health if funding is available to assist persons to receive necessary medical treatment that is not available in Ireland or in the United States; if so, the person in his Department of Health who can be contacted regarding same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [3812/23]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Health what options are open to ensure the allocation of a social worker for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3826/23]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a private patient (details supplied) has not received the results of a test which was performed on 5 October 2022 and has been told they will not receive results for a further 20 weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [3829/23]



\*314. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting to be seen by child and adolescent mental health services by CHO and LHO, in tabular form; and the length of time persons are waiting to be seen. — Sean Sherlock. [3837/23]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Health when the provision of bone density scans was first suspended in Portlincula University Hospital, Ballinasloe; the reason they were suspended; if any patients on the waiting list were referred to other hospitals for the scans during this period; the number of people currently on the waiting list; the amount of time they have been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [3873/23]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the mental health crisis de-escalation team in Limerick; the number of positions that are filled; the number of positions that are left to be filled; the expected opening of the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [3886/23]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria one must meet in order to qualify for free orthodontic treatment from the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [3892/23]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Health what options are available to children who have been refused free orthodontic treatment from the HSE; if there is an appeals process or an option to seek a second opinion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [3893/23]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Section 39 agencies that have not submitted the necessary paperwork which would ensure payment of €1,000 pandemic bonus to frontline workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [3895/23]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Health the plans for a change in the ownership or operation of an out-of-hours service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [3896/23]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Health if a medical card renewal can be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3919/23]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in the determination of a medical card renewal in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3923/23]

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

\*323. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what are the standard regulations relating to quarantine for pets brought into Ireland; the basis on which they were returned to normal having been eased previously; if the matter is being kept under review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3813/23]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will urgently meet with representatives of the Irish fishing industry to discuss their serious concerns about the Brexit Voluntary Permanent Cessation Scheme, more commonly known as the Decommissioning Scheme, and make changes to the scheme to address their concerns. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [3851/23]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the 7,343 hectares referred to by his Department as ready for planting is based on a 100% conversion rate, with the assumption that every licence issued gets planted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [3854/23]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of the 1,005 afforestation contracts described by his Department as ready for planting were approved within the timelines set out in the farmer's charter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [3855/23]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of licences approved by his Department each year of the past forestry programme which were in breach of the 90-day timeline set out in the farmer's charter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [3856/23]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to detail in tabular form the conversion rate from approval to actual planting for licences approved within 90-days by his Department; the conversion rate from approval to planting of licences approved beyond 90-days in each year of the past forestry programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [3867/23]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the length of time each of the 1,005 unused afforestation licences were with his Department awaiting a decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [3868/23]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the dates each of the 1,005 unused afforestation licences were approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [3869/23]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the area of afforestation applied for each year of the past forestry programme and the actual area planted in each of those years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [3870/23]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentages by year for when the 1,005 unused afforestation licences were issued in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [3871/23]

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

\*333. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the supports that are available for community halls and clubs from her Department, especially in relation to energy costs and the current high energy costs incurred by many clubs and halls in keeping their facilities heated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [3753/23]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development what assistance is available to an organisation (details supplied) with set-up costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [3769/23]