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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

- 1. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the progress that has been made towards implementing the Working Time Directive for members of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Brady. [5155/23]
- 2. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his plans to address recent reports that two further ships are to be taken out of service due to the lack of sailors to man the vessels; the progress made to date on measures to retain members in the Permanent Defence Forces; the overall strength of the PDF in each of the past six months; when he expects the authorised strength level to be achieved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Howlin. [5149/23]
- 3. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the progress that has been made in the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Commission on the Future of the Defence Forces report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Brady. [5156/23]
- 4. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his views and those of the Government on, "the Triple Lock"; and if he has any intention to change the current regime to a situation where the Government would have more flexibility to act militarily abroad. Gary Gannon. [5162/23]
- 5. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update regarding the independent review group into the allegations made by a group (details supplied). Sorca Clarke. [4773/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

- 6. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the status of the investigation into the killing of a member of the Defence Forces in Lebanon in December 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Barry Cowen. [4946/23]
- 7. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the strategies and improvements required to attract females to enlist in the Defence Forces and to feel fully respected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Niamh Smyth. [5032/23]

- 8. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of new recruits to the Defence Forces; and the number of discharges in each of the years 2018 to 2022, inclusive. Matt Carthy. [4694/23]
- 9. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the future plans for Custume Barracks, Athlone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Denis Naughten. [2033/23]
- 10. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his Department's response to the change in practice where the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform will no longer allow his Department to retain budget savings arising from the shortfall in the establishment figure of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Brady. [5160/23]
- 11. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he has had engagement with his counterparts in the European Union; if he will report on those engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Gino Kenny. [5168/23]
- 12. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his plans for the Reserve Defence Force in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul McAuliffe. [5135/23]
- 13. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the strength of the Naval Service, Army and Air Corps in each of the years from 2020 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [5021/23]
- 14. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the priorities for 2023 with regard to the implementation of the recommendations of the report of the Commission on the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Aindrias Moynihan. [5045/23]
- 15. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the plans that are in place in relation to the Government jet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cathal Crowe. [4738/23]
- 16. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his Department's plans in relation to further investment to update and procure new aircraft for the Air Corps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. James O'Connor. [5102/23]
- 17. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if the independent assessment (details supplied) with regard to the independent review to examine the effectiveness of the policies, systems and procedures in place for dealing with bullying, harassment, discrimination, sexual harassment and sexual assault in the Defence Forces, has been received by the independent review group to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [4834/23]
- 18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of fully-qualified doctors in the Defence Forces; the establishment figure for doctors in the Defence Forces; the number that are currently active in Ireland at this time; the roles they are employed in; the number of locums that are being used by the Defence Forces; the number that are serving abroad; the specific missions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Brady. [5157/23]
- 19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will declare any conflict of interest in defence matters; if any matters came to him as Taoiseach that required his decision that now mean he has a prior position on them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [5226/23]

- 20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if has met with the representative organisations from the permanent Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Aindrias Moynihan. [5044/23]
- 21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if Collins Barracks, Cork will be the location of the headquarters of the military formation that will control military operations in the southern region of the country, in the new Defence Forces structure that emerges as a result of the recommendations set out in the Report of the Commission on the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [4948/23]
- 22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the initiatives he will be taking in relation to recruitment and retention in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 Cathal Crowe. [4739/23]
- 23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of times that planned Naval Service operations did not go ahead in each of the past five years due to low staffing numbers. Thomas Gould. [5137/23]
- 24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his assessment of the UNIFIL mission at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Barry Cowen. [4945/23]
- 25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he has met or is intending to meet with a group (details supplied) since assuming office as Minister. Brendan Howlin. [5153/23]
- 26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will review the State's overall handing of the Jadotville case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [5199/23]
- 27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the status of the review by his Department and the Defence Forces of the recommendations in the Report of the Commission on the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Smith. [5145/23]
- 28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the anticipated future role of the Defence Forces, Army, Naval Service, and Air Corps in future national and or European defence measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5172/23]
- 29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on the work to implement the Defence Forces Pay Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Farrell. [4092/23]
- 30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his priorities for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [5208/23]
- 31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if there will be a new army headquarters in Athlone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Robert Troy. [4785/23]
- 32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of enlisted members, by rank, who left the Naval Service in 2021 and 2022, respectively, in tabular form; the reasons for leaving; the policies in place to encourage the retention of personnel in the Naval Service; the effectiveness of these policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [4780/23]

- 33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the plans that are in place or under discussion for the role of the Defence Forces in Mali, particularly given the volatile and mutable nature of the security situation in the wider Sahel region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Brady. [5159/23]
- 34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will outline his proposals to tackle the recruitment crisis in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Gino Kenny. [5169/23]
- 35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the total number of the Defence Force members who are eligible to receive the Covid pandemic recognition payment; the total number who have received the payment to date (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [4947/23]
- 36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his views on Ireland's participation in a German-led EU battlegroup; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [5205/23]
- 37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his Department's position on the challenges of retaining qualified maritime engineers and service personnel in the Naval Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. James O'Connor. [5103/23]
- 38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the measures he will take to boost retention rates in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Robert Troy. [4786/23]
- 39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the arrangements that have been made to ensure that former members of the Defence Forces who were involved in the Covid-19 response, for example, administering vaccines, and met the criteria to be categorised as frontline workers, will receive the €1,000 pandemic bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 Sorca Clarke. [4775/23]
- 40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his plans, if any, to expand the role of the Air Corps air ambulance service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Denis Naughten. [2032/23]
- 41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his plans to introduce or amend relevant legislation to allow Ireland to send the Defence Forces overseas on protection missions (details supplied). Brian Leddin. [5222/23]
- 42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the specific additional equipment for the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps that he expects to acquire during 2023; the capital allocated to these acquisitions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Howlin. [5152/23]
- 43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the progress that has been made to date on the strategic defence review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Brady. [5161/23]

- 44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he or other Ministers have sought or looked for legal advice in relation to Ireland's participation in EU battlegroups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [5134/23]
- 45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when he expects to receive the final report of the independent review into dignity and equality issues in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Moynihan. [4740/23]
- 46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he has received the final judge-led report into the allegations made by a group (details supplied); and when he will publish this report. Matt Carthy. [4695/23]
- 47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of Defence Forces personnel currently serving on the UNIFIL mission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Haughey. [4700/23]
- 48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will outline his priorities for his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Gino Kenny. [5166/23]
- 49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he has ordered any reviews into training procedures and gender discrimination in the Defence Forces since becoming Minister; the number of reviews ongoing presently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [5227/23]
- 50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will outline the implications of the ongoing war in Ukraine for Ireland's security and defence. Richard Bruton. [5216/23]
- 51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the rationale for Ireland's participation in EU battlegroups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Gino Kenny. [5170/23]
- 52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how European defence policy has evolved since the start of the war in Ukraine. Richard Bruton. [5217/23]
- 53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of enlisted members, by rank, who left the Air Corps in 2021 and 2022, respectively, in tabular form; the reasons for leaving; the policies in place to encourage the retention of personnel in the Air Corps; the effectiveness of these policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [4781/23]
- 54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the properties that have been identified to accommodate Ukrainians; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [5020/23]
- 55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the progress being made in the investigation into the death in Lebanon of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [4386/23]
- 56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will review the structures and organisation of the Defence Forces with particular reference to the security needs of the Border region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Smith. [5146/23]

- 57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will engage with representative bodies of the Defence Forces to discuss concerns regarding patrol duty allowances, the Naval Service tax credit and the sea service commitment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4805/23]
- 58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how it is proposed to enhance Ireland's defence capability in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul McAuliffe. [5136/23]
- 59. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the up-to-date position on the appointment of an independent chair for the oversight committee for the implementation of the Report of the Commission on Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Howlin. [5151/23]
- 60. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on his recent trip to Lebanon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Gino Kenny. [5167/23]
- 61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 34 of 24 November 2022, the status of the final report of the independent review to examine the effectiveness of the policies, systems and procedures in place for dealing with bullying, harassment, discrimination, sexual harassment and sexual assault in the Defence Forces, which was to be provided to him by the end of 2022 in line with the terms of reference; when he expects to bring the final report before Government; when he expects to publish the final report; his plans for the publication of all interim reports received by him from the review group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [4833/23]
- 62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the progress in relation to plans for the protection of critical State infrastructure in the coming months and years, including against cyber and hybrid attacks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [4385/23]
- 63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if has he full confidence in the investigation into the death of a person (details supplied) following his visit to Lebanon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Niamh Smyth. [5031/23]
- 64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on his trip to Lebanon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. James Lawless. [4736/23]
- 65. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the progress to date in the implementation of the Working Time Directive in the Defence Forces; if he intends to apply the Directive to the Defence Forces in the same way as it is applied to An Garda Síochána, the Prison Service and other public sector organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Howlin. [5154/23]
- 66. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of family quarters and homes managed by his Department; the number that are currently unoccupied; if there are plans to bring them back into use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cathal Berry. [5129/23]
- 67. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update regarding the proposed transfer of lands from his Department to the Land Development Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Sorca Clarke. [4774/23]

- 68. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if there are plans to review the security and safety of Irish troops serving in Lebanon following the death of a soldier (details supplied), particularly with growing geo-political tensions in the region, and the potential impact of events outside their area of operations on the Irish Defence Force Forces in southern Lebanon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Brady. [5158/23]
- 69. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the status of the progress made by the Government in terms of reaching the targeted number of Defence Forces personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [5028/23]
- 70. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on his meeting with the Lebanese Defence Minister; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Haughey. [4699/23]
- 71. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of Defence Forces personnel current serving on United Nations missions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. James Lawless. [4737/23]
- 72. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his plans to work with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to bring the derelict houses in the Curragh Camp, County Kildare, back into the State housing stock and make them available once again for service members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Howlin. [5150/23]
- 73. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide the details of the protections on coastlines to prevent entry of illegal migrants and the importation of drugs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [5027/23]
- 74. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent of progress in recent months in implementing the reforms in the Defence Forces identified in a recent report with particular reference to all of the major recommendations, including on recruitment, pay and conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5171/23]
- 75. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the plans that are in place for capital investment in defence capability in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Moynihan. [4741/23]
- 76. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on efforts to improve gender diversity and equality within the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Farrell. [4093/23]

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Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

77. To ask the Minister for Education if she and her Department and the National Council for Special Education have identified the number of places in special schools and special classes that will be required next September; if so, the number; and the number of places above and beyond what is currently available that will be required; and if all named parties are now beginning to analyse where it may be necessary to make use of legislation to compel schools rather than waiting until late spring. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [5252/23]

- 78. To ask the Minister for Education when the review of school transport will be completed; the plans that she has in place for the delivery of school transport in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Seán Canney. [2873/23]
- 79. To ask the Minister for Education if free schoolbooks will be available to primary schools in September; if so, when the payment schedule will issue to schools; and if she will outline the discussions she has had with booksellers and publishers. Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [5253/23]
- 80. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a timeline for the completion of works on a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [5402/23]
- 81. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has completed its review from the 63 schools that piloted filling out the Education component of the assessment of need; and if it is the intention of her Department to roll out this process beyond the pilot scheme; if so, when; and if a school (details supplied) was one of the schools included in the pilot scheme. Joan Collins. [5479/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

- 82. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline plans for new primary and secondary school developments in Limerick city in order to support the steep population growth targeted for the city under the National Planning Framework; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brian Leddin. [5225/23]
- 83. To ask the Minister for Education if there are proposals to extend the current Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

 Brendan Smith. [4950/23]
- 84. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied that there are sufficient special school places in Cork city and county for the September 2023 intake; the engagement she has had with the National Council for Special Education in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4808/23]
- 85. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to increase the number of places in secondary schools for young people with autism in County Cork. Holly Cairns. [4782/23]
- 86. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to the use of the rapid promoting method to assist learning for children with autism who are non-verbal in primary and secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [4387/23]
- 87. To ask the Minister for Education the timeframe for the completion of the full review of the school transport scheme; the timeframe for the publication of the review and its recommendations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [4556/23]
- 88. To ask the Minister for Education how she intends to ensure that the 10% of post primary schools without school halls can be provided with same. Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [5248/23]

- 89. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine the development of a national strategy on physical literacy and interventions for children who are not able to reach certain developmental benchmarks in physical literacy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Cathal Crowe. [4538/23]
- 90. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that can be taken to increase the admissions at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Christopher O'Sullivan. [4642/23]
- 91. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 947 of 26 April 2022, if her Department has completed the proposed review of the guidelines on the use of school buildings outside of school hours; if new guidelines have or will be issued to schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [5035/23]
- 92. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the work of her Department in ensuring that special education teachers, and special needs assistants, are not used to plug gaps in mainstream classes in schools suffering from a teacher shortage. Gary Gannon. [5163/23]
- 93. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the Raheny primary school reconfiguration review undertaken by her Department and the Catholic Church Archdiocese. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [4714/23]
- 94. To ask the Minister for Education if she will investigate the reason that students (details supplied) from Kilnaleck, County Cavan are paying private bus fees each week to get to school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Niamh Smyth. [4940/23]
- 95. To ask the Minister for Education the plans in place in her Department to deliver a greater number of ASD units in County Louth, particularly to address the issue of creating additional space in a number of schools and other logistical difficulties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [4388/23]
- 96. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the recent change in position with regard to funding for an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

 Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [5250/23]
- 97. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the provision of training for relationships and sexuality education and social, personal and health education teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [5181/23]
- 98. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied with the model being piloted for the transfer of patronage in schools; and if modifications in that approach are planned. Richard Bruton. [5215/23]
- 99. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the process by which DEIS designation is given to schools to ensure that all schools that cater for students from all backgrounds, including refugees, are properly recognised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Seán Canney. [2881/23]
- 100. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an extension for a school (details supplied). Thomas Gould. [5057/23]

- 101. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the minor works grant; when she expects the grant to be paid in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Robert Troy. [4938/23]
- 102. To ask the Minister for Education the up-to-date position on a site purchased by her Department in Clonard, County Wexford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [5004/23]
- 103. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools that have invested in HEPA filters or other ventilation or filtration mechanisms to ensure clean air. Paul Murphy. [5212/23]
- 104. To ask the Minister for Education if the Junior Certificate results in 2023 will be available earlier than the wait time for the 2022 results; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [5203/23]
- 105. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an ndearna agus an ndéanann an Roinn Oideachais conradh le comhlachtaí príobháideacha tacsaí nó bus chun seirbhís a sholáthar do dhaltaí a bhfuil cónaí orthu i gceantair iargúlta nach bhfuil seirbhís ag feidhmiú iontu faoin Scéim Iompair Scoile; mura bhfuil seirbhís ar fáil faoin Scéim Iompair Scoile, an bhféadfaí an Deontas Ceantar Iargúlta a mheas agus a bhronnadh bunaithe ar chostas seirbhís tacsaí/bus don aistear; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [5038/23]
- 106. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the rollout of free solar panels to all schools; the timeline for the initiative to commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Steven Matthews. [4713/23]
- 107. To ask the Minister for Education if she intends to improve and reform the school transport scheme in time for the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [4662/23]
- 108. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine the situation in relation to school transport in north Kildare whereby some students still find themselves unable to access the school transport system, even on a concessionary basis, and notwithstanding the fact that the service can be availed of and put in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5179/23]
- 109. To ask the Minister for Education the research her Department has considered in the context of the value or otherwise of homework for students at primary and secondary level; if her Department has studied outcomes for schools that have adopted a no homework policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [5202/23]
- 110. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to extend the provision of DEIS for those schools with a greater need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul McAuliffe. [5034/23]
- 111. To ask the Minister for Education the regulations and guidelines from her Department for primary and post-primary schools with regard to the operation of any private for-profit companies on school grounds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [5207/23]

- 112. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to increase the lack of places in primary and secondary schools for young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

 Holly Cairns. [4783/23]
- 113. To ask the Minister for Education if she has considered suspending the proposed €65 increase in summer Gaeltacht fees that have risen to €815, given the difficulties faced by college students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [5026/23]
- 114. To ask the Minister for Education the up-to-date position on the delivery of a new building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Aindrias Moynihan. [5132/23]
- 115. To ask the Minister for Education her immediate plans to deal with the concerning issue school place shortages at all levels in north Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5178/23]
- 116. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date in a new ASD class for a school (details supplied). Paul McAuliffe. [5033/23]
- 117. To ask the Minister for Education how her Department assesses standards of literacy and numeracy at school entry and through primary education. Richard Bruton. [5214/23]
- 118. To ask the Minister for Education when the new Gaelscoil national and secondary school campus for Athenry, County Galway, will be completed; the stage that it is at; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Seán Canney. [2880/23]
- 119. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the level of funding and plans for the 2023 July Provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Smith. [4949/23]
- 120. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the revamped relationships and sexuality education junior cycle curriculum, which is due to be introduced in the coming months. Gary Gannon. [5058/23]
- 121. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the approval process for the building of two additional module classrooms sanctioned by her Department in August 2022 for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Frankie Feighan. [5193/23]
- 122. To ask the Minister for Education her views on whether the two-year length of the Professional Master's in Education is a prohibiting factor for many wishing to enter the profession; and if she is considering shortening its length and lessening its cost. Gary Gannon. [5139/23]
- 123. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the School Building Programme; if she is satisfied with the progress to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Moynihan. [4944/23]
- 124. To ask the Minister for Education when the primary school which is mentioned in the Woodbrook-Shanganagh Local Area Plan, Shankill, County Dublin will be provided; and the planned patronage for same. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [4717/23]

- 125. To ask the Minister for Education the total number of late applications received for the school transport scheme in relation to the 2022-2023 academic year; the number from County Monaghan; the number of which have been processed and approved; and the number outstanding. Matt Carthy. [4692/23]
- 126. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the provision of autism spectrum disorder class provision in Carlow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [4935/23]
- 127. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a full report on a school building (details supplied); the details of the reasons for the delay with construction; and if she will outline the plans for September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [5206/23]
- 128. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the implementation of the recommendations of the November 2022 Report on the Summer Programme, by the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Autism; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [4835/23]
- 129. To ask the Minister for Education the timeframe for a decision in respect of the application for capital funding, under the additional school accommodation scheme by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [4693/23]
- 130. To ask the Minister for Education the progress of the summer works scheme 2023; when she expects the announcement of approved works; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brian Leddin. [5224/23]
- 131. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an extension for a school (details supplied). Thomas Gould. [5056/23]
- 132. To ask the Minister for Education the status of digital funding for special education in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Alan Farrell. [4095/23]
- 133. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the impact of the delivering equality of opportunity in schools' programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [5036/23]
- 134. To ask the Minister for Education the number of applications for assistive technology for students with special educational needs received by the National Council for Special Education since the inception of the scheme by county; the number of these applications that have been successful; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Niamh Smyth. [4939/23]
- 135. To ask the Minister for Education the action she is taking to ensure that schools have an atmosphere which is welcoming to LGBTQ+ students. Paul Murphy. [5213/23]
- 136. To ask the Minister for Education when a new school (details supplied) for Tuam, County Galway, is expected to be delivered; the stage that it is at presently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Seán Canney. [2879/23]
- 137. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding a review of the provision of school bus services; if efforts are ongoing to ensure that more students than ever are

accommodated for the next school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [4082/23]

- 138. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the Longford Westmeath Education and Training Board's application for a new headquarters; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Robert Troy. [4936/23]
- 139. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date in ensuring that children attending a school (details supplied) have access to school transport. Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [5251/23]
- 140. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the improvements to deliver on the physical education curriculum in primary and secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [5025/23]
- 141. To ask the Minister for Education her views on providing a Dublin allowance for teachers given the high costs-of-living and accommodation in particular. Paul Murphy. [5211/23]
- 142. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the development of a new literacy, numeracy and digital strategy; the revised timeframe for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Christopher O'Sullivan. [4943/23]
- 143. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a former school building (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Frankie Feighan. [5192/23]
- 144. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider extending the free school transport scheme announced as a one-year measure; and if she will ensure that the capacity issues will be addressed well in advance of September 2023. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [4716/23]
- 145. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte Uimh. 77 den 11 Deireadh Fómhair 2022, an ndéanfaidh sí soiléiriú a thabhairt ar an dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir leis an bplean chun beartas cuimsitheach don Ghaeilge sa chóras oideachais, ó leibhéal an oideachais réamhscoile go leibhéal an oideachais do mhúinteoirí, a fhorbairt agus a fhoilsiú; an ndéanfaidh sí sonraí a thabhairt faoin gcoiste stiúrtha; cé mhéad uair a bhuail an coiste le chéile go dtí seo; an mbreactar miontuairiscí le linn cruinnithe den choiste; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. Catherine Connolly. [4836/23]
- 146. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an bhfuil i gceist aici suirbhé a dhéanamh maidir leis an éileamh atá i ngach pobal ar oideachas dara léibhéal trí Ghaeilge agus an gá atá ann, bunaithe ar an suirbhé seo, le tuilleadh scoileanna dara leibhéal a chur ar fáil a bheidh ag Teagasc trí Ghaeilge le go mbeidh deis reasúnach ag gach dalta gur mian leo oideachas a fháil trí mheán na Gaeilge ag an dara leibhéal é sin a dhéanamh; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. Éamon Ó Cuív. [4661/23]
- 147. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a progress report on a special education site in Glanmire County Cork (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4809/23]
- 148. To ask the Minister for Education the proposed date of the 2023 Leaving Certificate results. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [4715/23]

- 149. To ask the Minister for Education the discussions or arrangements that occur with her Department or local schools in cases in which children, as refugees or asylum seekers, in primary and secondary schools are moved, with little formal notice to the parents or staff involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [5246/23]
- 150. To ask the Minister for Education the action her Department will take in the provision of additional capacity for school transport for the 2023-2024 academic year (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [4951/23]
- 151. To ask the Minister for Education the steps being taken to address teacher recruitment issues in primary and post-primary schools; the actions being taken to recognise foreign-based qualifications of teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [4934/23]
- 152. To ask the Minister for Education the ongoing efforts her Department is making to recruit SNAs and the number of SNAs gaining qualifications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Alan Farrell. [4094/23]
- 153. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary and post-primary schools that have access to home school liaison services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. James O'Connor. [5105/23]
- 154. To ask the Minister for Education the number of face-to-face and online meetings and engagements that she has had with representatives of an organisation (details supplied) in each of the years from 2011 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [5019/23]
- 155. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline for the consultation on the review of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004. Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [5247/23]
- 156. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the efforts of her Department to address teacher shortages. Gary Gannon. [5138/23]
- 157. To ask the Minister for Education the progress on delivery of additional ASD spaces for students in Ballincollig, Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Aindrias Moynihan. [5131/23]
- 158. To ask the Minister for Education the status of SEN provision in Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [4952/23]
- 159. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the development of L1 and L2 specifications in Leaving Certificate Irish; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [5187/23]
- 160. To ask the Minister for Education if she will revise the ratio of clerical and administration staff to pupils in both primary and post-primary schools to ensure that they increase concurrently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [4557/23]
- 161. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén dáta faoin bhfuil sé i gceist aici an tuarascáil de chuid na Comhairle Náisiúnta Curaclaim agus Measúnachta (CNCM) maidir le sonraíochtaí

- T1 agus T2 don Ardteist a fhoilsiú; an bhfuil aon nuashonrú le tabhairt aici faoin tuarascáil athbhreithnithe de chuid CNCM maidir le sonraíochtaí T1 agus T2 don Teastas Sóisearach; agus an n-aithníonn sí go mbeidh díspreagadh ann do dhaoine tabhairt faoi chúrsa T1 atá níos dúshlánaí mura bhfuil buntáiste, spreagadh nó pointí breise ar leith i gceist leis. Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [5037/23]
- 162. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider paying teachers in training for their work in placement schools. Gary Gannon. [5164/23]
- 163. To ask the Minister for Education the allocation of resource hours and supports for schools under the National Council for Special Education that are for the 2023-2024 academic year; when these resources will be made known to schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Moynihan. [4937/23]
- 164. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to enrolment challenges in the primary and secondary schools in Shannon, County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Cathal Crowe. [4539/23]
- 165. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the progress in delivering objective sex education in schools. Paul Murphy. [5209/23]
- 166. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the policy of schools which require a utility bill for proof of address, and the difficulty this presents for families in emergency accommodation. Paul Murphy. [5210/23]
- 167. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to ensure energy use in schools is addressed, with particular reference to installation of solar panels and retrofitting. Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [5249/23]

CEISTEANNA LE HAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

- *168. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to facilitate those who wish to work beyond mandatory employment age under their current contract until such time as they become eligible for the State pension; if this is a matter that will need to be addressed through legislation; the timeline for this issue to be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [5429/23]
- *169. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the work of his Department as one of the three national competent authorities for EU sanctions with specific responsibility for the implementation of trade sanctions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [5337/23]
- *170. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding allocated to water conservation for business in 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5358/23]

- *171. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding allocated to the green skills programmes in 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5360/23]
- *172. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding allocated to innovation vouchers in 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5364/23]
- *173. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the capital, current and total 2023 budget allocation for the Ukraine enterprise crisis scheme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5365/23]
- *174. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding allocated to eSPSV business loan in 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5373/23]
- *175. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding allocated to the agile innovation fund in 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5374/23]
- *176. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding allocated to the research, development and innovation fund enterprise emissions reduction investment fund in 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5375/23]
- *177. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the capital, current and total 2023 budget allocation for capital investment for the decarbonisation process, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5376/23]
- *178. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding allocated to energy monitoring and tracking systems in 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5377/23]
- *179. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding allocated to the lean for micro scheme in 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5378/23]
- *180. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the capital, current and total 2023 budget allocation for Brexit impact loan scheme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5380/23]
- *181. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the capital, current and total 2023 budget allocation for the digital transition fund, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5381/23]
- *182. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the capital, current and total 2023 budget allocation for the Covid-19 business loan phase 2 and Covid-19 loan scheme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5382/23]

- *183. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the capital, current and total 2023 budget allocation for the crisis response business financial planning grant, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5383/23]
- *184. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding allocated to restructuring options for businesses/rescue process for businesses in 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5384/23]
- *185. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the capital, current and total 2023 budget allocation for the future growth loan scheme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5385/23]
- *186. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the capital, current and total 2023 budget allocation for the microenterprise loan fund, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5386/23]
- *187. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the capital, current and total 2023 budget allocation for the skills for better business scheme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5387/23]

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

- *188. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of funding allocated to the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland energy academy in 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5356/23]
- *189. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of funding allocated to the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland support scheme for energy audits in 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5357/23]
- *190. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of funding allocated to the Environmental Protection Agency by his Department in 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5359/23]
- *191. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of funding allocated to the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland large-industry energy network in 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5362/23]
- *192. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the capital, current and total 2023 budget allocation for the EXEED grant scheme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5367/23]
- *193. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of funding allocated to grants for sustainable community projects in 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5369/23]

- *194. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the capital, current and total 2023 budget allocation for the energy-contacting support scheme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5372/23]
- *195. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of funding allocated to the energy-efficiency obligation scheme in 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5379/23]
- *196. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the capital, current and total 2023 budget allocation for community energy grants, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5390/23]
- *197. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the capital, current and total 2023 budget allocation for the support scheme for renewable heat, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5391/23]
- *198. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the capital, current and total 2023 budget allocation for the non-domestic microgen scheme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5392/23]
- *199. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if an increase in electric vehicles will put a substantial amount of pressure on the national grid in the long-term (details supplied); the possible outcomes if the grid becomes overwhelmed in coming years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [5303/23]
- *200. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of approved connection agreements entered into by Eirgrid for the purposes of data centre connection on an annual basis from 2010 to 2022; the number and maximum import capacity each of those which have been granted connection agreements but have yet to be connected; the location of those connection points; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Whitmore. [5313/23]
- *201. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of any register of data centres, including their location, energy and water requirements, held by any public entity; and if not, his views on whether a register should be available to assist with capacity planning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Whitmore. [5314/23]
- *202. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if she will clarify the criteria that community projects must meet in order to access just transition funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [5325/23]
- *203. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department and Inland Fisheries Ireland will support the eradication of invasive perch from lakes in Connemara (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [5332/23]
- *204. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason person (details supplied) gave her their resignation letter in person following their last board meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [5333/23]

- *205. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department will provide additional funding to Inland Fisheries Ireland to fully conduct the Owenriff Fish Population Rehabilitation Plan in Oughterard, County Galway (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [5480/23]
- *206. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department will fully support, financially or otherwise, Inland Fisheries Ireland in its efforts to eradicate invasive pike from Aughrusbeg Lough, Cleggan, County Galway (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [5481/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

- *207. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding that was allocated to a local authority (details supplied) for specific purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 Michael Ring. [4919/23]
- *208. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding allocated to electric vehicle grants in 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5371/23]
- *209. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding that was allocated to EV grants and supports in 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5394/23]
- *210. To ask the Minister for Transport the action he will take to alleviate the backlog of learner drivers waiting to sit their tests (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard O'Donoghue. [5415/23]
- *211. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide in tabular form the number of driving test centre and testers in each county. Richard O'Donoghue. [5416/23]
- *212. To ask the Minister for Transport if the National Transport Authority, in conjunction with Bus Éireann, will provide an additional bus service on the 182 bus route from Monaghan to Drogheda at the weekends, in both directions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [5300/23]
- *213. To ask the Minister for Transport when he expects the average waiting time for an invitation to a driving test will be returned to the service level agreement time of ten weeks; the current waiting time by test centre; the reason for the current long waiting times; the reason for the wide disparity in waiting times in County Galway testing centres, ranging from 13 to 33 weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [5330/23]
- *214. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons waiting for a driving test, by county and by testing centre; the number of persons waiting in the same period in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [5331/23]
- *215. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the timeframe of the publication of the all-island strategic rail review report (details supplied). Marian Harkin. [5346/23]

- *216. To ask the Minister for Transport the action he will take to alleviate the backlog of learner drivers waiting to sit their tests (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard O'Donoghue. [5423/23]
- *217. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving test centre and testers in each county, in tabular form. Richard O'Donoghue. [5424/23]
- *218. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Niall Collins. [5444/23]
- *219. To ask the Minister for Transport if he intends providing dedicated funding to deal with the issue of recurring tidal flooding on county roads in coastal areas near the sea where rising seas have increased the incidence of such flooding, particularly in view of the number of communities that are being affected by this issue; the relatively low cost of sorting this issue out once and for all; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [5451/23]
- *220. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [5515/23]
- *221. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bus users on each individual bus route in Galway city and county in each of the years 2019 to 2022, in tabular form. Sean Sherlock. [5516/23]
- *222. To ask the Minister for Transport when the legislation granting additional certificates for certain renewable transport fuels will be published, which was as committed to in the Renewable Transport Fuel Policy Statement 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [5518/23]
- *223. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address an issue with the student Leap card (details supplied) whereby a person is not eligible for the card if they are working a part-time job as well as studying; and if he will make a statement on the matter. James Lawless. [5531/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

- *224. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of times the financial stability group within his Department has met; the membership of the group; the issues discussed during the period from March 2022, to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [5336/23]
- *225. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of funding allocated to the accelerated capital allowance in 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5370/23]
- *226. To ask the Minister for Finance the capital, current and total 2023 budget allocation for temporary extensions, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5389/23]
- *227. To ask the Minister for Finance the audit that has been carried out since 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 on the impact of benefit-in-kind changes in the Finance Act 2019 on notional pay and the subsequent knock-on taxation implications for workers in pay ranges (details supplied), in tabular form. Sean Sherlock. [5279/23]

- *228. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of workers that have been impacted on changes in benefit-in-kind made in the Finance Act 2019, per county, in tabular form. Sean Sherlock. [5280/23]
- *229. To ask the Minister for Finance if data is available on whether workers who avail of benefit-in-kind are better or worse off due to the changes introduced in the Finance Act 2019; and if emissions are up or down as a result of that change. Sean Sherlock. [5281/23]
- *230. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to re-examine the benefit-in-kind changes introduced in the Finance Act 2019 due to higher emissions and costs to those workers. Sean Sherlock. [5282/23]
- *231. To ask the Minister for Finance the current number of Revenue Commissioners staff, by grade, that answer the personal PAYE hotline number; if he has plans to increase the number of these staff, given that many older people are not able to use computers and or do not have access to the internet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [5299/23]
- *232. To ask the Minister for Finance if the naval personnel sea service tax credit will be increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4806/23]
- *233. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 329 of 18 January 2023, the reason that cohabiting partners cannot be jointly assessed as cohabitants for tax purposes in the same way a married couple would be, in view of the fact that they are assessed jointly for social protection entitlements (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mark Ward. [5328/23]
- *234. To ask the Minister for Finance if a rugby club (detail supplied) might be eligible to claim the support of the TBESS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [5407/23]
- *235. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners' counter service will be reinstated in Athlone; and if, a counter service is available at any other office of the Revenue Commissioners. Brian Stanley. [5476/23]

Chun an Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí, Seachadta ar an bPlean Forbartha Náisiúnta agus Athchóirithe: To the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform.

- *236. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding restoration of pay for prison officers. Richard O'Donoghue. [5414/23]
- *237. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the timeframe for the completion of the refurbishment works on Bailieborough Garda station; the estimated cost of these works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [5301/23]
- *238. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the measures that are being taken to prevent flooding along the river Shannon, in particular for the midlands region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [5323/23]

- *239. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline the process for the selection of sites for modular housing; the process and timeline once a site investigation report is made and the determining factors in deciding what is and what is not a suitable site. Sean Sherlock. [5397/23]
- *240. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if there was a tender process for projects (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [5469/23]
- *241. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline the procedure in relation to the construction phase of projects (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [5471/23]

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

- *242. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports that can be made available to a person (details supplied) to assist with the provision and conservation of energy in their home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [5347/23]
- *243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason for the continuing delay in resolving the dispute in relation to the pension benefits due to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [5398/23]
- *244. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the considerations his Department is giving to the suspension of commercial rates for private nursing homes in Ireland given the surging costs being incurred by private nursing home providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [5426/23]
- *245. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a response will issue to proposed amendments that were submitted by Galway County Council to the heritage section of the National Parks and Wildlife Service in September 2022 for approval in relation to the method statements for the upgrade of the road from Bunakill to Claremont on the N59 in accordance with the planning permission for this project; the reason for the delay in reverting to the County Council on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [5447/23]
- *246. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he or his Department officials are aware of ongoing issues in relation to the State regarding boundary disputes arising from the digitisation of land maps; and if he plans to implement the recommendations of the 2014 Report Of The Inter-Professional Task Force On Property Boundaries. Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [5462/23]
- *247. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he agrees that real-time information and statistics relating to housing construction, namely planning applications per county, housing commencements per county, planning appeals to An Bord Pleanála and the progress on these appeals should be available to his Office on at least a weekly basis to ensure that there is full and immediate knowledge of progress and delays in the housing construction sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Joe Carey. [5474/23]

- *248. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a person (details supplied) will quality for a Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland grant or local authority grant in respect of heat insulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5521/23]
- *249. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing units that have been delivered under the long-term social housing leasing scheme in each of the years since 2018, by local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [5523/23]
- *250. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff employed in each fire service delivery unit in each of the years since 2018, by grade and station, in tabular form. Róisín Shortall. [5526/23]

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

- *251. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the Irish embassies that are scheduled for refurbishment in 2023; the nature of these works; the timeframe for when these works will commence, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [5289/23]
- *252. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will raise the case of a missing Irish citizen (details supplied) with the Spanish authorities; if he is aware that the family of this Irish citizen who disappeared 15 years ago in Spain are seeking to have this case upgraded to a murder investigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Haughey. [5319/23]
- *253. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the work of the cross-departmental international sanctions committee, known as CDISC, which is chaired by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [5338/23]
- *254. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [5345/23]
- *255. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the efforts he and his Department officials are making to resolve the jurisdiction conflict over Lough Foyle with the British Government; if he is aware that this unresolved conflict has led to a large and unregulated aquaculture sector along the Inishowen banks of the Lough; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [5466/23]
- *256. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the matters he discussed recently with other EU foreign affairs ministers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [5204/23]

- Chun an Tánaiste agus Aire Cosanta: To the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence.
- *257. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current position in regard to investigations into the death and injury to Irish soldiers in Lebanon in recent times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [4390/23]
- *258. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of vacancies by rank in the Defence Forces school of music as of 23 January 2023; the timeframe within which each of these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [5288/23]
- *259. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he has plans to invite his French counterpart (details supplied) to Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [5290/23]
- *260. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if a survey of disused properties belonging to the Defence Forces has been undertaken, with a view to their repurposing as accommodation for refugees or those seeking asylum in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael McNamara. [5310/23]
- *261. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the portions of the report of the Defence Forces that have been implemented or are in the course thereof; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5485/23]
- *262. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which gender-based abuse has been fully eradicated at all levels of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5486/23]
- *263. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the degree to which the strength of the Defence Forces is being monitored, with a view to ensuring optimum levels throughout the entire structure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5487/23]
- *264. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the progress made in increasing the strength of the Army; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5488/23]
- *265. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the progress made in increasing the strength of the Air Corps, with particular reference to the need for increased capacity in surveillance, coastal and otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5489/23]
- *266. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the progress made in increasing the strength of the Navy, with particular reference to the need for increased capacity in surveillance, coastal and otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5490/23]
- *267. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which investigations into the killing and wounding of Irish soldiers in Lebanon is progressing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5491/23]

- *268. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the degree to which military equipment is being upgraded in line with international standards and capabilities, given the necessity to identify and recognise potential threats notwithstanding this country's neutrality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5492/23]
- *269. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which various grievances arising from issues in the Defence Forces including pay and conditions, have been met or are in the course thereof; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5493/23]
- *270. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the degree to which gender balance is being achieved in the Defence Forces at all levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 Bernard J. Durkan. [5494/23]
- *271. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which efforts are being made to ensure that serving members of the Defence Forces, who on retirement through injury and or claim, find that on receipt of pension, any award received by them is deducted from their pension; if urgent efforts can be made to address the issue in early date, notwithstanding that provision has been made previously for such a situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5495/23]
- *272. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if obsolete or disused military installations can be utilised to cater for refugees or people who are homeless; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5496/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

- *273. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans a review of the ETB sector as it reaches its ten-year mark; how reports of wrongdoings have been handled and remedied; and the measures in place to ensure that this sector is properly regulated. Paul Murphy. [5309/23]
- *274. To ask the Minister for Education the reasons that her Department did not provide the course for SNAs at University College Dublin with level-7 accreditation; and if her Department will review this decision. Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [5254/23]
- *275. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details of the schools in counties Laois and Offaly that have lodged applications to her Department for assistance in increasing building capacity; the status of these applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

 Carol Nolan. [5403/23]
- *276. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the school building for a school (details supplied); the efforts that her Department is making to ensure that students will be in the new building for September 2024 as per the original plans; the basis for any changes to this commitment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Steven Matthews. [4389/23]
- *277. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the teaching of modern foreign languages in primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [5183/23]
- *278. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the implementation of the new pay deal for school secretaries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [5188/23]

- *279. To ask the Minister for Education the measures being advanced to tackle identity-based bullying in Irish schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [5189/23]
- *280. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the Creative Clusters Programme for primary and post-primary schools; the number of schools involved in the Programme; if there are plans to increase the number of participating schools each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Niamh Smyth. [5029/23]
- *281. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the bringing live arts to students and teachers programme for primary and post-primary schools; the number of schools involved in the programme; if there are plans to increase the number of participating schools each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Niamh Smyth. [5030/23]
- *282. To ask the Minister for Education if she or her Department will consider the case for a new primary school for Carrick-on-Shannon, County Leitrim, given the huge deficit of space and the ever-increasing demand for school places in a town that has grown significantly in recent years. Frankie Feighan. [4037/23]
- *283. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the school build for a school (details supplied), including but not limited to a timetable for establishment of a design team, site purchase, submission of planning permission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Whitmore. [5259/23]
- *284. To ask the Minister for Education if she will establish a design team for the new build of a school (details supplied) to operate in parallel with the finalisation of the purchase of the site in order to expedite the process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Whitmore. [5260/23]
- *285. To ask the Minister for Education if the master-plan has been completed for a site (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Whitmore. [5261/23]
- *286. To ask the Minister for Education if she will conduct a safety audit of the road crossing at the entrance of a school (details supplied) in view of the serious accident that happened to a student there; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Whitmore. [5262/23]
- *287. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide school bus transport for a school (details supplied) to enable students access the site used for PE, which is currently a 20 minute walk each way for the duration that the school remains in its temporary accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Whitmore. [5263/23]
- *288. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the security review conducted at a school (details supplied); when that review will be made available to the school and recommendations implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Whitmore. [5264/23]
- *289. To ask the Minister for Education if she will detail the consultation that has occurred between her Department and Wicklow County Council over the past year in relation to the new school build for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Whitmore. [5265/23]

- *290. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the spend by her Department in the provision of temporary school accommodation in County Wicklow for primary and secondary schools on an annual basis for the years 2010 to 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Whitmore. [5266/23]
- *291. To ask the Minister for Education the process to develop a school (details supplied) given that agreement has been reached in principle with the landowner of a 9.3 acre site; if a parallel process can commence for the design of the new school and the final purchase of the site by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. John Brady. [5272/23]
- *292. To ask the Minister for Education if the 9.3 acre site that has been identified for a school (details supplied) is to meet the needs of that school only; if it is intended for the site to be shared with a primary school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. John Brady. [5273/23]
- *293. To ask the Minister for Education if the development of the new school (details supplied) will be bundled with any other schools; the process that will be used; and if she will make a statement on the matter. John Brady. [5274/23]
- *294. To ask the Minister for Education if any sites have been identified for a new primary school in Bray, County Wicklow; if there have been discussions with Wicklow County Council on the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. John Brady. [5275/23]
- *295. To ask the Minister for Education if a decision has been taken on an application by a school (details supplied) to cover transportation costs to get students to and from a community centre for physical education due to no availability in their current temporary school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. John Brady. [5276/23]
- *296. To ask the Minister for Education if a decision has been taken on an application for funding by a school (details supplied) to increase security measures at the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. John Brady. [5277/23]
- *297. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will put financial supports in place for students undertaking a course at a college (details supplied) who are unable to access the usual Gaeltacht grants and are struggling to meet costs, particularly in view of the increased Gaeltacht fee. Cathal Crowe. [5285/23]
- *298. To ask the Minister for Education the role of her Department and that of the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in relation to developing and funding of upskilling programmes for post-primary teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brian Leddin. [5315/23]
- *299. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to introduce funding for upskilling of home economics teachers in post-primary education; the criteria underpinning the funding of upskilling for maths, physics and Spanish; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brian Leddin. [5316/23]
- *300. To ask the Minister for Education the current number of vacancies in home economics teaching posts in secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brian Leddin. [5317/23]

- *301. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consult with a group (details supplied), teacher unions and managerial bodies with a view to developing a new policy in respect of teacher transfers and redeployment as put forward by a union; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Seán Haughey. [5320/23]
- *302. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on an issue raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Niall Collins. [5326/23]
- *303. To ask the Minister for Education if his Department, in making decisions in relation whether to extend existing schools, build new ones, take no action and so on, takes consideration of the denominational mix of secondary schools in areas in which there is lack of an interdenominational school in relation to the demographics of the area (details supplied). Patrick Costello. [5329/23]
- *304. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 257 of 26 January 2023, if there are any plans to include counties Leitrim and or Sligo in the pilot voluntary redeployment scheme in the next possible slot, given that the scheme has not been deployed in either of counties Leitrim or Sligo since 2014; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Marian Harkin. [5335/23]
- *305. To ask the Minister for Education if financial supports will be offered to registered post-primary teachers (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [5405/23]
- *306. To ask the Minister for Education if the processing of payment for works to a school (details supplied) under the additional accommodation scheme 2021 are scheduled to be expedited for payment. Joe Flaherty. [5412/23]
- *307. To ask the Minister for Education if discussions are expected to offer financial support to registered post-primary teachers to upskill in order to teach home economics as is currently offered to registered teachers to teach mathematics, physics and Spanish. Richard O'Donoghue. [5417/23]
- *308. To ask the Minister for Education when guidelines and funding allocations for the free schoolbook scheme will issue to primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

 Matt Carthy. [5436/23]
- *309. To ask the Minister for Education the reason her Department will fund teachers who are upskilling maths, physics and Spanish but not home economics, despite the subject being the second most difficult subject to employ a teacher; the criteria that were used when selecting the subjects to be supported; the number of vacant home economics posts across the post-primary sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Denis Naughten. [5450/23]
- *310. To ask the Minister for Education if the issue in relation to the fact that there has been no Spanish teacher in a school (details supplied) will be addressed. Paul Donnelly. [5465/23]
- *311. To ask the Minister for Education if she will meet with a delegation of parents, teachers and school authorities from North Kildare, with a view to ensuring the availability of sufficient places at primary and post-primary level in September 2023, with particular reference to

- Maynooth, Clane, Prosperous or other locations as identified by the relevant school authorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5497/23]
- *312. To ask the Minister for Education to indicate the extent to which she continues to address the issue of school bullying; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5498/23]
- *313. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she continues to address pupil-teacher ratios at primary level in County Kildare and throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5499/23]
- *314. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she continues to address pupil-teacher ratios in second level schools in County Kildare and throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5500/23]
- *315. To ask the Minister for Education the most sensitive areas throughout the country currently experiencing school place difficulties arising from demographic developments or the use of obsolete buildings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5501/23]
- *316. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which the school building programme can remain on target in the current and coming years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5502/23]
- *317. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she continues to be in a position to meet accommodation requirements in both primary and second level schools in all areas throughout the country, with particular reference to Kildare North; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5503/23]
- *318. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she hopes to attract and retain teachers at primary and second level in all areas throughout the country; the regions currently showing greatest pressure in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5506/23]
- *319. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which special needs school places are available at primary and second level schools throughout Kildare North and the rest of the country; if sufficient accommodation in this regard has been made for September next and thereafter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5507/23]
- *320. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which it is expected to be in a position to meet the school transport requirements of primary and second level pupils and students throughout North Kildare; if it is expected that the ongoing review of school transport is likely to resolve the situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5508/23]
- *321. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which smaller and rural schools continue to be adequately provided for in terms of modernisation and supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5509/23]

*322. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which special needs teachers and SNAs continue to be available to the extent required in County Kildare and all areas throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5510/23]

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

- *323. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will instruct her Department to immediately reverse the decision to refuse the hot meals scheme for a school (details supplied) which is a DEIS band 1 school operating in one of the most deprived areas in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [5270/23]
- *324. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the actual cost of carer's allowance for 2022, broken down by month, specifying full rate and half rate, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Patrick Costello. [5354/23]
- *325. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the capital, current and total 2023 budget allocation for the humanitarian support scheme, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5388/23]
- *326. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the means test threshold for the households benefits package for people under 70 years will be increased from €120 to €200 a week, in line with the fuel allowance increase implemented in January; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [5302/23]
- *327. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael McNamara. [5305/23]
- *328. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person in receipt of disability allowance whose spouse cares for them, in addition to a person residing outside of the home, is eligible for fuel allowance, assuming that all other criteria are met; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [5306/23]
- *329. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline her plans and schedule regarding the re-opening of a new full-time, face-to-face, social welfare branch office in Castlepollard, County Westmeath, following the sudden closure of the previous branch office in 2022 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Johnny Guirke. [5327/23]
- *330. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of PPS numbers allocated by her Department to beneficiaries of temporary protection and to international protection applicants from March 2022, to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [5339/23]
- *331. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total payments made by her Department to beneficiaries of temporary protection and international protection applicants, including the jobseeker's allowance, child benefit, fuel allowance, exceptional needs' payments, and so on, from March 2022 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [5340/23]

- *332. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine the potential of removing the means tested income threshold for full-time carers, despite increasing the disregard limits in June 2022 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Patrick Costello. [5351/23]
- *333. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for carer's allowance and the number of accepted applications in 2022, broken down by month, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Patrick Costello. [5353/23]
- *334. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expedite an application for partial capacity for a person (details supplied). Robert Troy. [5411/23]
- *335. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a payment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [5442/23]
- *336. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a domiciliary care allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [5463/23]
- *337. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an invalidity pension for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [5475/23]
- *338. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [5477/23]
- *339. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if foster parents can avail of parental leave and benefit or parental leave where a newborn baby or child under stage age of two years is placed with a foster parent or family; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Claire Kerrane. [5478/23]
- *340. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will change the rules to allow deserted wives who applied for deserted wives benefit between 3 August 1993 and 2 January 1997 be treated in respect of their income threshold similar to people who applied prior to 3 August 1992; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Seán Canney. [5482/23]
- *341. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [5484/23]
- *342. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the maximum amount of contributory pension for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [5514/23]
- *343. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for the State pension (non-contributory) in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5519/23]

- *344. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will enable all the pension contributions made in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5520/23]
- Chun an Aire Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige: To the Minister for Children, Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth.
- *345. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps a person should take and who does not want to go to the police, who wants to divulge a historic child abuse case, that took place in a Dublin boys home in the 1970s; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [5284/23]
- *346. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he will publish a report into child sexual abuse (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [5307/23]
- *347. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps a person should take who wants to divulge a historic child abuse case, that took place in a Dublin boys home in the 1970s; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [5283/23]
- *348. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the case of a preschool (details supplied) whose staff have been advised that they will have no access to their current accommodation from September 2023; and if there is any support or assistance available from her Department to ensure that the school can remain open. Eoin Ó Broin. [5304/23]
- *349. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of outstanding payments for commercial accommodation for Ukrainian refugees (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [5341/23]
- *350. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are any circumstances where Tusla can apply for citizenship for children in foster care; if it is included in upcoming legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [5344/23]
- *351. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the attention of Tusla has been drawn to the school safety plan in place for children (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5406/23]
- *352. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 272 of 26 January 2023, if he will review a matter (details supplied) and ensure that the transport needed is provided to a student. Paul Murphy. [5408/23]
- *353. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of the areas in Limerick city and county where the proposed modular homes are to be built, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard O'Donoghue. [5418/23]
- *354. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps being taken to trace the three unaccompanied minors who remain unaccounted for, having

disappeared from the care of Tusla in 2022; if he will outline the location and when these children disappeared; the type of accommodation involved; the steps he is taking to prohibit the use of hotels, bed and breakfasts, or rented accommodation for such asylum seekers, given the hundreds of unaccompanied minors who disappeared without trace in the previous two decades prior to the cessation of the policy of accommodating these children in hostel accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [5453/23]

- *355. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 289 of 19 January 2023, when he will establish a network of family contact centres to enable supervised meetings or handovers of children between parents who are no longer together or where domestic abuse has occurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mary Lou McDonald. [5483/23]
- *356. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will clarify the options available to a child (details supplied). Kathleen Funchion. [5522/23]

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

- *357. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount of funding allocated to the climate ready programme: talent for Ireland's green economy, in 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5363/23]
- *358. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the capital, current and total 2023 budget allocation for the DigiEco programme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [5393/23]

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

- *359. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of evidential breath-testing machines allocated to each Garda division as of 20 January 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [5295/23]
- *360. To ask the Minister for Justice the age of each boat currently in the Garda water unit. Pauline Tully. [5296/23]
- *361. To ask the Minister for Justice if a fresh recruitment campaign for persons to apply to join An Garda Síochána will be launched before the end of Quarter 1 2023. Pauline Tully. [5297/23]
- *362. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who have successfully completed the competency-based driving level 3 course by rank in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [5298/23]
- *363. To ask the Minister for Justice if Ireland's inward migration policy is reviewed and updated as necessary to take account of new developments; the issues he believes should be considered as part of these reviews and updates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Haughey. [5321/23]

- *364. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has taken note of a statement (details supplied) issued in the past number of days by the UK secretary of state for justice; if he will consider introducing such a policy in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [5343/23]
- *365. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prisoners sleeping on mattresses on the floor each night, by prison location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [5419/23]
- *366. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps he is taking to tackle overcrowding in Irish prisons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [5420/23]
- *367. To ask the Minister for Justice the person or body that oversees Coroner's Court recommendations and ensures that they are meaningfully applied to practice, particularly in acute health settings, that is, if the Coroner's Court track the implementation or non-implementation of a recommendation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cathal Crowe. [5430/23]
- *368. To ask the Minister for Justice the average number of proceedings in each of the years since 2018, by court (details supplied), in tabular form; the steps being taken to ensure that right of citizens to a trial and due course of law in a reasonable timeframe are upheld; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [5529/23]
- *369. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí in each of the years since 2018, by division, in tabular form. Róisín Shortall. [5530/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

- *370. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons who died from Covid-19 or with Covid-19 in nursing homes since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. Peadar Tóibín. [5255/23]
- *371. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons who died from Covid-19, having contracted it while in hospital for a non-Covid related condition, since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. Peadar Tóibín. [5256/23]
- *372. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons who died from Covid-19 or with Covid-19 in HSE-run disability residential centres since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic.

 Peadar Tóibín. [5257/23]
- *373. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons who died from Covid-19 or with Covid-19 in HSE-run mental health residential centres since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. Peadar Tóibín. [5258/23]
- *374. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on disability service waiting lists for children's disability networks teams, by CHO/CDNT for January 2022, in tabular form; the average length of wait; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [5267/23]
- *375. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on disability service waiting lists for specialist disability services, by CHO and CDNT for December 2021, in tabular form;

- the average length of wait; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [5268/23]
- *376. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on disability service waiting lists for specialist disability services, by CHO/CDNT for January 2021, in tabular form; the average length of wait; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [5269/23]
- *377. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a matter concerning death certificates in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [5287/23]
- *378. To ask the Minister for Health if the pathfinder alternative care pathway will be extended to cover counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [5291/23]
- *379. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent consultant vascular surgeons attached to each hospital in the RCSI hospital group in the years of 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [5292/23]
- *380. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of recruiting two additional whole-time equivalent advanced nurse practitioners and two additional whole-time equivalent clinical nurse managers for the minor injuries unit at Monaghan Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [5293/23]
- *381. To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite beds that are available for adults with intellectual disabilities in the Cavan-Monaghan area; the number that are occupied at present; when extra respite beds will be made available during 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [5294/23]
- *382. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a report (details supplied) has not been released; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [5308/23]
- *383. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the number of prosecutions brought under section 14 of the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018, for each year since its enactment. Eoin Ó Broin. [5311/23]
- *384. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time persons have to wait in County Tipperary CHO3 and CHO5 before learning their biopsy histology results (details supplied); the HSE policy on waiting times for histology results and if CHO3 and CH05 is compliant with these policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Lowry. [5312/23]
- *385. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) is under a standalone review. Eoin Ó Broin. [5318/23]
- *386. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the potential for inclusion of housekeeping staff in pay increases following job revaluations in CUH. Thomas Gould. [5322/23]
- *387. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1087 of 8 November 2022, the rationale behind not listing Covid-19 as an occupational injury (details supplied). Marian Harkin. [5342/23]

- *388. To ask the Minister for Health if he or his Department have taken note of the decision by the UK's Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation to cease offering a third Covid booster jab to persons aged 16 to 49 years who are not in a clinical risk group at the close of the autumn 2022 vaccination campaign; if he will support such a policy here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [5348/23]
- *389. To ask the Minister for Health the annual breakdown of the bed capacity in Crumlin Children's hospital since 2002; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patrick Costello. [5349/23]
- *390. To ask the Minister for Health the monthly breakdown of the bed capacity in Crumlin Children's hospital since 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patrick Costello. [5350/23]
- *391. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taking to increase the availability of preexposure prophylaxis, given that existing services are oversubscribed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5395/23]
- *392. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for a pre-exposure prophylaxis appointment, by clinic and wait time. Róisín Shortall. [5396/23]
- *393. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive support from the Donegal north children's disability network team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [5399/23]
- *394. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect an assessment for autism to be carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 Pearse Doherty. [5400/23]
- *395. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update regarding the establishment of the promised inquiry on the historical licensing and prescribing of sodium valproate; when he expects the inquiry will be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Johnny Guirke. [5401/23]
- *396. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [5404/23]
- *397. To ask the Minister for Health if he agrees that full-time carers to children and adults with a lifelong disability should be entitled to a medical card; if he will take steps to ensure that this is introduced as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [5409/23]
- *398. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address an anomaly in relation to private health insurance whereby policy-holders automatically have to take out maternity cover; and his views that such cover should be an optional add-on to insurance policies. Robert Troy. [5413/23]
- *399. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that a person (details supplied) will be awarded the pandemic payment bonus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [5421/23]

- *400. To ask the Minister for Health the date he last had face-to-face discussions with an organisation (details supplied) regarding the dental treatment services scheme; the outcome of those discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [5422/23]
- *401. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will make provision to assist in addressing the surging costs being incurred by private nursing homes which has led to the closure of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [5425/23]
- *402. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement his Department has had with private nursing homes in County Wexford regarding the purchase of step-down beds as a means of freeing up capacity in Wexford General Hospital; the details of that engagement; the average quoted weekly costs of step-down beds in private nursing homes in County Wexford against the inpatient hospital weekly cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [5427/23]
- *403. To ask the Minister for Health the number of step-down beds in private nursing homes in County Wexford offered to his Department as a discharge option to ease overcrowding and increase capacity at Wexford General Hospital since 1 December 2022, to date; the number of these beds purchased by his Department as a step-down bed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [5428/23]
- *404. To ask the Minister for Health the protocols, including recourse for patients, which are applied by public hospitals when patient files go missing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cathal Crowe. [5431/23]
- *405. To ask the Minister for Health if information files pertaining to patient health are shared between private hospitals and public hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cathal Crowe. [5432/23]
- *406. To ask the Minister for Health what happens when an external report on an incident at a public hospital is filed; if hospital management are obliged to prepare an action plan in response to identified shortcomings and recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 Cathal Crowe. [5433/23]
- *407. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a unit within his Department or the Health Service Executive that ensures that recommendations set out in external reports into incidents in public hospitals are acted upon; if he will provide details of the level of oversight this unit has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cathal Crowe. [5434/23]
- *408. To ask the Minister for Health the number of incident reports that have been undertaken at University Hospital Limerick; the number of recommendations that have been made arising from these reports; the status of these recommendations; if he will provide an overview of the main changes that have taken place in terms patient care arising from reports; and the recommendations across the past five years, in tabular form. Cathal Crowe. [5435/23]
- *409. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give consideration to locating the proposed surgical hub proposed for the mid-west region at Ennis General Hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Joe Carey. [5438/23]
- *410. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [5439/23]

- *411. To ask the Minister for Health if he will include pain relief patches on the medical card (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [5440/23]
- *412. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a patient (details supplied) and their family were not informed that they could potentially lose their bed in hospital after going to stay with family over Christmas; and if this person will be offered the care they had been receiving prior to Christmas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [5445/23]
- *413. To ask the Minister for Health if the Government will investigate the causes of the large increase in the death rate in Ireland. Peadar Tóibín. [5446/23]
- *414. To ask the Minister for Health the steps taken to date to expand paediatric gynaecology services and out of hours care in line with the Women's Health Action plan; the timeline and intermediate stages for the delivery of this objective; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Denis Naughten. [5448/23]
- *415. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken by the HSE to highlight the condition of endometriosis and its impact on teenage girls; if he will outline the available treatment pathways for teenage girls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Denis Naughten. [5449/23]
- *416. To ask the Minister for Health the number of eligible health care workers that have not yet received the Covid recognition payment to date; the steps he intends taking to ensure all eligible workers get this payment promptly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [5460/23]
- *417. To ask the Minister for Health the reason eligible workers in an organisation (details supplied) have not yet received the $\leq 1,000$ Covid recognition payment; when it will be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [5461/23]
- *418. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which school medical examinations continue on time in all areas throughout the country including Kildare North; the degree to which adequate follow-up takes place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [5505/23]
- *419. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for an appointment. Robert Troy. [5511/23]
- *420. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff that have been working in occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy and psychology year on year since 2016 in two teams; and the number of clients that have been seen by each separate discipline in the same time period, including a breakdown (details supplied). Eoin Ó Broin. [5517/23]

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

*421. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the practice of burning gorse on hillsides and mountains to will be allowable during the prescribed burning season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5443/23]

- *422. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 206 of 26 October 2022, and the subsequent reply from Coillte, if he will clarify an issue (details supplied). Marian Harkin. [5334/23]
- *423. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when applications will open for the voluntary dairy cow scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [5355/23]
- *424. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he sought a report from NewERA before he considered the approval of the agreement between Coillte and a company (details supplied); if so, the conclusions of any such assessment; if he will publish the assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Denis Naughten. [5437/23]
- *425. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he or any officials within his Department attended meetings in 2022, relating to forestry, which included representatives of a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Kelly. [5454/23]
- *426. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he or any officials within his Department were included in correspondence in 2022, relating to forestry, which included representatives of a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Kelly. [5455/23]
- *427. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he or his Department officials were in contact with their counterparts in the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, regarding the joint venture between Coillte and a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Kelly. [5456/23]
- *428. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the dates he or his officials met with Coillte to discuss it's proposed joint venture with a company (details supplied); the attendees, the agenda, and the minutes of such meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Kelly. [5457/23]
- *429. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he had any communication with the Irish Strategic Investment Fund in 2022, relating to forestry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Kelly. [5458/23]
- *430. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he issued a letter of expectation to Coillte in 2022; and if he will provide the details of subsequent correspondence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Kelly. [5459/23]
- *431. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if research is being carried out on increasing the production of sheep milk in Ireland; his views on whether Ireland has a potential market to expand into, given that some EU member states, which have traditionally been the largest sheep milk producers, are witnessing a reduction in their ability to produce sheep milk; if he has any plans to assist in expanding Ireland's production of sheep milk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Martin Browne. [5512/23]
- *432. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has plans to request a detailed analysis from Teagasc regarding the potential for Ireland to increase its sheep milk production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Martin Browne. [5513/23]

- *433. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number and value of grants allocated under the Forestry Programme 2014-2020 for native species, by year and local authority, in tabular form. Róisín Shortall. [5524/23]
- *434. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number and value of grants allocated under the Forestry Programme 2014-2020 for non-native species, by year and local authority, in tabular form. Róisín Shortall. [5525/23]

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

- *435. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if Ballycumber, County Offaly is an area eligible for a season of CLÁR funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [5324/23]
- *436. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will consider providing funding under the CLÁR programme, in tandem with the OPW and the Department of Transport to deal with the recurring flooding problem occurring on some county roads near the coast due to rising tides; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [5452/23]
- *437. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide information on the funding streams available to assist in financing a building project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [5464/23]
- *438. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of dog wardens employed by local authorities in each of the years since 2018, by local authority, in tabular form. Róisín Shortall. [5527/23]
- *439. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of fines issued under the Control of Dogs Act 1986 in each of the years since 2018, by local authority, in tabular form. Róisín Shortall. [5528/23]