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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the gender pay gap report from his Department. — Bríd Smith. [4421/23]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the gender pay gap report from his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [5645/23]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the gender pay gap report from his Department. — Mick Barry. [5795/23]
4. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the gender pay gap report from his Department. — Gary Gannon. [5889/23]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3405/23]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Paul Murphy. [3410/23]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Bríd Smith. [3412/23]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Cian O’Callaghan. [4445/23]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Mary Lou McDonald. [4089/23]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Ivana Bacik. [4377/23]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Peadar Kirby. [4788/23]
12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Jim O’Callaghan. [4696/23]
13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Mick Barry. [5796/23]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Peadar Tóibín. [5798/23]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Cormac Devlin. [5853/23]

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

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Cian O’Callaghan. [4446/23]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Ivana Bacik. [4378/23]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Paul Murphy. [4428/23]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Mary Lou McDonald. [5644/23]

21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Peadar Tóibín. [5797/23]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Brendan Smith. [5799/23]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Cathal Crowe. [5873/23]

24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [4084/23]

25. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [5719/23]

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on European Union and International Affairs will next meet. — Seán Haughey. [5758/23]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [5851/23]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5891/23]

29. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [5894/23]

30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the role of his Department in the north-east inner-city initiative. — Mary Lou McDonald. [4086/23]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the role of his Department in the north-east inner-city initiative. — Ivana Bacik. [5720/23]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the north-east inner-city task force. — Gary Gannon. [5887/23]

33. To ask the Taoiseach when the Housing for All progress report for Q4 2022 will be published. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [4417/23]

34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Housing for All progress report for Q4 2022 will be published. — Paul Murphy. [4420/23]

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Housing for All progress report for Q4 2022 will be published. — Ivana Bacik. [5721/23]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [5783/23]

37. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff that were employed by the public relations unit and press office in his Department as of 20 January 2022; and the number currently employed by the public relations unit and press office of his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [4437/23]

38. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [4088/23]

39. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5892/23]

40. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [5895/23]

41. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet sub-committee that deals with a humanitarian response to Ukraine will next meet. — Pa Daly. [5817/23]

42. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [5852/23]

43. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5893/23]

44. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [5896/23]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*45. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Gary Gannon. [5890/23]

*46. To ask the Taoiseach when a new Chair will be appointed to the north east inner city initiative; and if he will outline the process by which a new Chair will be appointed. — Neasa Hourigan. [5532/23]

*47. To ask the Taoiseach the percentage of social media videos posted on his Department's social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under the remit of his Department, that included closed captioning/subtitling and Irish sign language translations between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022, inclusive. — Neasa Hourigan. [5578/23]

*48. To ask the Taoiseach the dates of the past five meetings of the Housing for All State lands subgroup. — Thomas Gould. [5615/23]

*49. To ask the Taoiseach if it remains the case that the Central Statistics Office continues to publish crime statistics using data recorded on An Garda Síochána's PULSE system "under reservation"; the length of time the CSO has been dissatisfied with the quality of recorded crime data; and when it is expected that the crime data will be of a standard to enable its publication without requiring the "under reservation" qualifier. — Catherine Connolly. [5690/23]

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

*50. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to introduce a universal basic income pilot in the lifetime of the Government, following the publication of a report (details supplied) by the ERSI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [5549/23]

*51. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on concerns raised by a small business owner (details supplied) in respect of upcoming sick leave changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5553/23]

*52. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the percentage of social media videos posted on his Department's social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under the remit of his Department, that included closed captioning/subtitling and Irish sign language translations between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022, inclusive. — Neasa Hourigan. [5567/23]

*53. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if ambulance drivers are governed by the same working time directives as other workers employed to drive vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [5734/23]

*54. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if an employee on an intra-company transfer work permit, who remains on a contract in their home country, has an entitlement to statutory leave under Irish law, such as annual leave, maternity leave, paternity leave and parent's leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [6023/23]

*55. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has received a request from the Minister for Social Protection to designate long-Covid as an occupational illness; the current status of the request; the timeline for responding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [6066/23]

*56. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he would support the large energy users who wrongly benefitted from the rebalancing subvention repaying that overpayment to households. — Eoin Ó Broin. [6157/23]

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

*57. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will engage with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland in order to broaden the criteria on houses that can qualify for grant aid to fit heat pumps (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [5555/23]

*58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will clarify a matter (details supplied) concerning his proposals for electric cars; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5560/23]

*59. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the percentage of social media videos posted on his Department's social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under the remit of his Department, that included closed captioning/subtitling and Irish sign language translations between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022, inclusive. — Neasa Hourigan. [5568/23]

*60. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the adequacy of existing measures to prevent dog fouling at a local authority level; if his Department is considering any further measures to reduce this activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [5605/23]

*61. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the publication date for the National Clean Air Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [5613/23]

*62. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the publication date for the National Adaptation Framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [5614/23]

*63. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if an organisation (details supplied) can access funding for refurbishment and insulation grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [5625/23]

*64. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 128 of 18 January 2023, if he will provide an update on the matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5740/23]

*65. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how the approximately 60 private households in a location (details supplied) can avail of the electricity grant when their landlord is on a commercial account; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5819/23]

*66. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider providing a grant to small to medium-size businesses, similar to the grant scheme

available to farmers to erect solar PV panels on their premises which would offset the high cost of electricity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5879/23]

*67. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the legislative timeframe for the legislation which is being brought forward by the Government to release the financial aid announced in 2022 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5898/23]

*68. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average tree cover in the 100 largest towns in Ireland; if he plans to increase tree cover to counteract higher temperatures in the summer months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [5905/23]

*69. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of current operational constraints on Wicklow harbour due to the siltation of the area, which will impact on the ability of the harbour to deliver on windfarm projects and or businesses; if he has held any discussions with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with regard to this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5980/23]

*70. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding broadband in schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [6063/23]

*71. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way the large energy user rebalancing subvention was compliant with EU State aid rules. — Eoin Ó Broin. [6081/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*72. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the ongoing scheduling issues with the 102 bus from Malahide to Sutton; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5551/23]

*73. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of 102 bus services that did not arrive as scheduled for the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5552/23]

*74. To ask the Minister for Transport the percentage of social media videos posted on his Department's social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under the remit of his Department, that included closed captioning/subtitling and Irish sign language translations between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022, inclusive. — Neasa Hourigan. [5580/23]

*75. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is taking to reduce wait times for NCT appointments (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5597/23]

*76. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the N2 Kilmoon Cross to Rath roundabout project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5598/23]

*77. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will clarify whether the NCT operator has a sanctioned derogation in respect of the qualifications that testing staff must have in order to test vehicles in the European Union. — Catherine Murphy. [5599/23]

*78. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will seek an update from a company (details supplied) as to whether it will be providing the 50% reduction to students in the Louth/Meath area on their route to Maynooth University, which, to date, has seen no reduction in price since the Government's announcement last year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5601/23]

*79. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered allowing NCT certificates to last two years from the delayed date on which they were tested, since the delay was in no respect caused by the motorist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [5632/23]

*80. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 279 of 18 January 2023, if he will clarify the total commitment to the project to upgrade the A5 road; if the commitment is worth €75 million or if there is a higher number/percentage that has been committed to when statutory approval is provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5704/23]

*81. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update, as of January 2023, on the Dart+ North project and its implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5713/23]

*82. To ask the Minister for Transport the total amount of active travel funding awarded to Galway City Council to date; the amount of funding that has been drawn down by Galway City Council; if he will provide a breakdown of each project and the associated funding, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [5764/23]

*83. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new posts for active travel teams in Galway City Council and Galway County Council that have been filled; the number that currently remain outstanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [5765/23]

*84. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driving test can be expedited for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal for employment purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5821/23]

*85. To ask the Minister for Transport if Iarnród Éireann plans to introduce new rapid security hubs throughout 2023; if so the locations of these new hubs; and when these new hubs will come into operation.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [5857/23]

*86. To ask the Minister for Transport the various classifications of county roads in each county; the standard existing speed limit on all these roads outside of urban areas at present; if he intends on introducing lower standard speed limits on local roads of various classifications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5871/23]

*87. To ask the Minister for Transport when he expects a scheme (details supplied) to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála for approval. — Neasa Hourigan. [5902/23]

*88. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of flights that have deviated from their flight paths early coming across Dublin 15 community including the Ongar LEA, the Blanchardstown LEA and the Castleknock LEA during October, November and December 2022, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [5914/23]

*89. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the maps of the flights that have deviated from their flight paths coming across the Dublin 15 community including the Ongar LEA, the Blanchardstown LEA and the Castleknock LEA early during, October, November and December 2022. — Paul Donnelly. [5915/23]

*90. To ask the Minister for Transport will he engage with Transport Infrastructure Ireland to bring the decades-long delay regarding the N80 Mountmellick relief road to a final resolution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [5920/23]

*91. To ask the Minister for Transport if Transport Infrastructure Ireland has indicated to his Department any intention to prevent the development of the N80 Mountmellick relief road project because it does not align with the Government's climate action ambition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [5921/23]

*92. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding that has been applied for under the NTA active travel programme from the western division of Cork County Council.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [5923/23]

*93. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of applications that have been submitted by the west Cork municipal district of Cork County Council for funding under the National Transport Authority's active travel programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [5924/23]

*94. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the situation regarding the lack of staff and funding leading to Dublin City Council being unable to have safe school zones outside secondary schools, given the backlog for primary schools; the steps his Department is taking to speed-up the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5932/23]

*95. To ask the Minister for Transport if an issue with a bus service (details supplied) from Clane to Naas will be examined; if this bus service will be reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [5933/23]

*96. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for their driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [6080/23]

*97. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons that are waiting on NCT appointments in County Kerry. — Brendan Griffin. [6164/23]

*98. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline his engagement with disabled persons' organisations concerning legislation regulating e-scooters. — Holly Cairns. [6186/23]

*99. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on concerns expressed by visually-impaired persons around e-vehicles and e-scooters. — Holly Cairns. [6187/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*100. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the policy of removing the 0% benefit-in-kind rate on electric vehicles; his views on whether this policy will remove an incentive to switch to electric vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [6158/23]

*101. To ask the Minister for Finance the percentage of social media videos posted on his Department's social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under the remit of his Department, that included closed captioning/subtitling and Irish sign language translations between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022, inclusive. — Neasa Hourigan. [5569/23]

*102. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the low uptake of the temporary business energy support scheme to date; if analysis has been conducted to ascertain the reason that take-up has been so low; and the estimated number of eligible businesses that are yet to apply. — Louise O'Reilly. [5596/23]

*103. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated savings that have accrued to print and digital newspapers following the decision to apply a zero-rate of VAT to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [5716/23]

*104. To ask the Minister for Finance if he supports a reduction to 5% in the VAT rate on hairdressing and barbering; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [5773/23]

*105. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has plans to review the degree to which the change in benefit-in-kind is impacting on persons that require the provision of a vehicle as part of their work; if he will set out the rationale for applying the charge on the end user rather than the provider of the vehicle; and if he plans to mitigate increased charges on workers in the context of the cost-of-living crisis. — Catherine Murphy. [5791/23]

*106. To ask the Minister for Finance if he can arrange for the Revenue Commissioners to issue confirmation of property tax affairs being in order to a home proprietor (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [5823/23]

*107. To ask the Minister for Finance if he spoke with the First Permanent Secretary and Chief Executive of HMRC during his recent visit to London. — Kathleen Funchion. [5843/23]

*108. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year yield if the local property tax rate for houses valued at between €1.487 million and €1.575 million increased to €2,485, between €1.575 million and €1.662 million increased to €2,830, between €1.662 million and €1.750 million increased to €3,100 and over €1.750 million increased to €3,370, based on 2022 figures. — Kathleen Funchion. [5844/23]

*109. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of applications made to the Revenue Commissioners for the rent tax credit to date; the number of applications that have been approved; the number that have been rejected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5876/23]

*110. To ask the Minister for Finance the nature of NAMA's 20% interest in the Poolbeg SDZ development; and if he will describe the nature of the interest, that is, equity, equity with development cost liabilities, or other. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5954/23]

*111. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered the business case for deferring stamp duty liability on properties that have been purchased by individuals, groups or businesses with the sole purpose of improvement in order to encourage investors to fix up older, less energy efficient stock for resale, thereby creating a green flipping business model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [5983/23]

*112. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on the comprehensive review of the primary medical certificate scheme, to include a broader review of mobility supports for persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [6079/23]

*113. To ask the Minister for Finance the total amount in dividend payments made to the State in the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and year end 2022, by commercial semi-State companies and non-commercial semi-State companies, in tabular form; and if he will provide individual sums by company for those years. — Catherine Murphy. [6091/23]

*114. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the requests by a representative body (details supplied) seeking the retention of the 9% VAT rate for hair and beauty services. — Holly Cairns. [6183/23]

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.

*115. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on a compulsory purchase order (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5540/23]

*116. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the percentage of social media videos posted on his Department's social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under the remit of his Department, that included closed captioning/subtitling and Irish sign language translations between 1 January and 31 December 2022, inclusive. — Neasa Hourigan. [5575/23]

*117. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding the Ukraine contingency fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [5606/23]

*118. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when the OPW drew up plans for the repair of a bridge in treacherous condition in County Mayo (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [5655/23]

*119. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the plans that the OPW have for a bridge in County Mayo (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [5656/23]

*120. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the OPW will carry out much needed urgent works on a bridge (details supplied) in County Mayo in view of the fact that this bridge is in treacherous condition and is a health and safety risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [5663/23]

*121. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [5706/23]

*122. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he anticipates a further allocation from the remaining €1.2 billion reserve, following the draw-down of €1.5 billion from the €2.77 billion held in reserve in Budget 2023 for additional non-core supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [5717/23]

*123. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the reason Ireland has not drawn down any money from its allocation under the EU Recovery Fund approved in September 2021. — Patricia Ryan. [5776/23]

*124. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the current status of the Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill 2021; and when this bill will move to the next stage. — Kathleen Funchion. [5841/23]

*125. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the date in 2018 when the business case for a national electronic health record proposal was rejected by his Department; if he plans to review the criteria used in deciding the business case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [5938/23]

*126. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he is aware of the case concerning a person (details supplied); if he will detail his involvement or former Ministers' involvement in this case; if he can provide an update on this case; and when a response will be issued to the person concerned. — Louise O'Reilly. [6014/23]

*127. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his plans to make changes to Ireland's Recovery and Resilience Fund National Plan in line with the EU's RePowerEU initiative; the timeline for any such changes; if he intends making use of additional options like transferring monies from the Brexit Adjustment Fund or structural funds into the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [6150/23]

*128. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the measures and actions that will be included in Ireland's RePowerEU chapter of the RRF Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [6151/23]

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

*129. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the percentage of social media videos posted on her Department's social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under the remit of her Department, that included closed captioning/subtitling and Irish sign language translations between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022, inclusive. — Neasa Hourigan. [5579/23]

*130. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when it is expected that her Department will open applications for the 2023 sports capital grants scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [5610/23]

*131. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a company (details supplied) has retained for its own use any element of its former or current budget allocation for its former orchestra, either on a once-off or ongoing basis; the costs and expenses that have arisen, or are anticipated to arise, in the transfer of the orchestra to the National Concert Hall; if she will confirm which entity is discharging these costs and expenses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [5627/23]

*132. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide details of the funding and supports being provided by her Department to the St. Patrick's Festival (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [5708/23]

*133. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the recommendations of the Report of the Future of Media Commission to establish six new support schemes, including the establishment of a local democracy reporting scheme and a Courts reporting scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [5714/23]

*134. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update in relation to the installation of the National Famine Commemoration Day plaque in the Custom House. — Paul Murphy. [5913/23]

*135. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the criteria applied by the Arts Council in providing funding for the publication of books and whether the criteria concerned takes into consideration of the financial resources already available to the applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [5918/23]

*136. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the funding by the Arts Council of a book (details supplied) took into consideration the financial resources already available to the applicant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [5919/23]

*137. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will confirm whether she expects to receive the report from the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland on support for the independent radio sector within 100 days of the Report Stage of the Online Safety and Media Regulation Bill 2022, as outlined in Dáil Éireann on 30 November 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [6064/23]

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

*138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider constructing modular housing at locations across counties Donegal and Mayo to assist defective block homeowners who have to demolish their existing homes and source temporary alternative accommodation in the years ahead. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [6113/23]

*139. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown of the number of applications and the number of unsuccessful applications per each local authority area for the first-home scheme since its introduction; the last time that property price ceilings were reviewed for each local authority area, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [5538/23]

*140. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the last time that the property price ceiling was reviewed for County Meath under the first-home scheme; if he will consider reviewing the price ceiling under the scheme to reflect current market value property prices in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [5539/23]

*141. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the attention of his Department has been drawn to the deteriorating status of the ruins of Tyone Abbey, Tyone, Nenagh, County Tipperary; if his Department has had any engagement with local landowners, the Office of Public Works, or Tipperary County Council in relation to the surveying or preservation of the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [5545/23]

*142. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on a matter (details supplied) concerning the rental market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5558/23]

*143. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify if land zoned in recent development plans as residential reserve will be subject to the land value tax, or if he is considering exemptions to residential reserves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [5561/23]

*144. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the percentage of social media videos posted on his Department's social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under the remit of his Department, that included closed captioning/subtitling and Irish sign language translations between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022, inclusive. — Neasa Hourigan. [5573/23]

*145. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the establishment of a directly-elected mayor for Limerick; the range of executive powers and functions that the holder of this office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [5593/23]

*146. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the tenant-in-situ scheme can be amended and expanded to facilitate persons and families who do not qualify for social housing but who do qualify for affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [5594/23]

*147. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 16 of 11 November 2021, the financial proposals that his Department received from Clare County Council to meet the needs of homeless individuals from 2022 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5603/23]

*148. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total amount of outstanding development contributions and levies owed to each local authority for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Denise Mitchell. [5624/23]

*149. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will introduce a scheme with funding to allow local authorities to provide wastewater treatment plants in towns and villages where none exist, solely to facilitate social and affordable housing development, which will increase the locations available to provide social and affordable housing in all towns and villages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [5705/23]

*150. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the multi-annual rural water programme call-out to local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [5751/23]

*151. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will fund the installation of water softeners in council-owned homes to protect appliances and plumbing systems from damage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [5777/23]

*152. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when new regulations under Part 18 of the Local Government Act 2001 regarding the holding of plebiscites to change placenames will be resolved; when amendments will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [5806/23]

*153. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the maximum amount that an applicant who is applying for social housing support can have in their bank account; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [5824/23]

*154. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the regulations to facilitate the commencement of the Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks Act 2022; and when further details will be available. — Patrick O'Donovan. [5834/23]

*155. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications that have been received for the croí cónaithe scheme to date; and the number of applications that were received from people with Kerry addresses. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5910/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way he will ensure the outcomes of the public consultation on the Review of Part B (Fire Safety) of the Building Regulations will be included in the drafting of legislation to support the remediation of apartments and duplexes with fire safety, structural safety and water ingress defects, constructed between 1991 and 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [5941/23]

*157. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the legislation for remediation of apartments and duplexes, with fire safety, structural safety and water ingress defects, constructed between 1991 and 2013, will ensure the replacement of cladding systems paid for by public redress funds will be targeted towards the application of non-combustible materials only; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [5942/23]

*158. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update and timeline on the progress on the Housing for All Action plan for a standardised national differential rents scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5975/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a foreshore licence for the maintenance of Wicklow harbour has been received by his Department; if he is aware of the considerable constraints placed on the users of the harbour currently due to the extreme siltation of the harbour; if there have been recent discussions with Wicklow County Council in relation to this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5977/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the process by which emergency dredging works could be undertaken in Wicklow harbour to address the immediate issues of siltation in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5978/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeframe required for the assessment of an application for a foreshore licence currently within his Department; if he will expedite any application made with respect to Wicklow harbour maintenance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5979/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to publish the new planning guidelines for planning authorities concerning short-term lettings in advance of or simultaneously with the consideration of the Registration of Short-Term Tourist Letting Bill 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [6009/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the criteria involved for the setting of price thresholds for the shared equity scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [6075/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown of the number of successful applicants under the shared equity scheme in each county since the scheme commenced in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [6076/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will permit Donegal County Council to deliver housing under the affordable housing scheme. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [6111/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will raise the family income threshold for social housing in County Donegal from €30,000. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [6112/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will task and resource the Housing Agency and or Donegal County Council to oversee the construction of modular housing at locations across counties Donegal and Mayo to assist defective block homeowners who have to demolish their existing homes and source temporary alternative accommodation in the years ahead. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [6121/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the caravan purchase loan scheme will be operational; what the maximum funding will be; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [6165/23]

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

*169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the percentage of social media videos posted on his Department's social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under the remit of his Department, that included closed captioning/subtitling and Irish sign language translations between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022, inclusive. — Neasa Hourigan. [5570/23]

*170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he intends to use the European Peace Facility Fund to purchase non-lethal weaponry and other equipment to intercept lethal force weapons such as those used in the recent Russian attack on residential buildings in Dnipro, Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [5223/23]

*171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if there are plans to appoint a cultural officer to the Embassy of Ireland in Paris. — Marian Harkin. [5732/23]

*172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide a breakdown of aid, including finance and non-lethal military aid, provided by Ireland to Ukraine since the illegal invasion by Russia in February 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [5829/23]

*173. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement his Department has had with the Colombian authorities regarding Cerrejón coal mine; if concerns have been raised regarding human rights and the importation of coal to Ireland from the mine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [5830/23]

*174. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if consideration has been given to opening an Embassy in Cuba; if discussions have taken place with the Cuban authorities on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [5832/23]

*175. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken to the new Prime Minister of New Zealand. — Kathleen Funchion. [5839/23]

*176. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to have a bilateral meeting with his Dutch counterpart. — Kathleen Funchion. [5840/23]

*177. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to provide an update on the post-Brexit Northern Ireland protocol. — Sorca Clarke. [5906/23]

*178. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will expedite legislation for the establishment of an independent commission on information retrieval as committed to under the Stormont House Agreement, and propose a timeline for the legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [5962/23]

*179. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the requirement placed by certain airlines to Irish citizens to hold a valid Irish passport for travel infringes on the rights of Irish citizens in the Common Travel Area (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [6017/23]

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

*180. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the percentage of social media videos posted on his Department's social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under the remit of his Department, that included closed captioning/subtitling and Irish sign language translations between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022, inclusive. — Neasa Hourigan. [5565/23]

*181. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the reason that a person who lodged a redress of wrong on 22 July 2021 has not received a reply, despite an obligation to have a reply within three months. — Paul McAuliffe. [5581/23]

*182. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the land and buildings owned or leased by his Department in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023. — Sorca Clarke. [5904/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*183. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to include additional upskilling in the area of home economics, which is one of the most difficult subjects for which to find suitably-qualified teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [5554/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Education the percentage of social media videos posted on her Department's social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under the remit of her Department, that included closed captioning/subtitling and Irish sign language translations between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022, inclusive. — Neasa Hourigan. [5566/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for Education the number of DEIS schools nationally that are currently off service with the National Educational Psychological Service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [5582/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Education the number of DEIS schools in County Wexford that are currently off service with the National Educational Psychological Service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [5583/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) will be assigned a National Educational Psychological Service psychologist for the 2023/2024 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [5584/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Education her views on a matter (details supplied) concerning overtime for Bus Éireann drivers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5602/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Education if the State, which funds private schools, has any input or control over their enrolment policy; if the practices reported at a school (details supplied) constitute a breach of State guidelines or are in keeping with present rules and criteria; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [5604/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider offering financial support to post-primary teachers to upskill in order to teach home economics, similar to the support being offered

to registered teachers to teach subjects such as mathematics, physics and Spanish; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [5620/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Education the number of vacant home economics teacher positions in secondary schools in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, by county in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [5621/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the survey published by an organisation (details supplied) in October 2022, which found that home economics is the second-most difficult subject for which to find a teacher; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [5622/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education if post-primary teachers who decide to upskill in order to teach home economics will be given the same financial assistance as those upskilling to teach mathematics, physics and Spanish; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [5623/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a new school building for a school (details supplied); the current status regarding land acquisition for the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [5629/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Education if she will indicate the initiatives which her Department have taken to attract career changers into areas in secondary education where there are shortages of suitably qualified teachers; and if she will provide details of the programmes involved. — Richard Bruton. [5631/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education the value of all grants given annually by her Department to each voluntary management body, both primary and secondary, currently managing schools, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [5634/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education when the value of grants to voluntary management bodies were last increased, by body, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [5635/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the shortage of second level teachers, as shown by the inability of a school (details supplied) to fill a temporary language post; the strategies her Department has put in place to address the shortage of second level teachers in general and in the language area in particular; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [5649/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education if steps will be taken to ensure there is a qualified Spanish teacher provided for all years in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [5692/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the shortage of language teachers in secondary schools; the number of unfilled vacancies for foreign language teachers; the number of students unable to avail of a foreign language class as a result of unfilled vacancies; the measures she intends to take to fill these vacancies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [5693/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education the measures being taken to improve the learning of foreign languages in secondary school given Eurostat figures show Ireland to have the second lowest level of foreign language learning in the EU and a decline since 2013 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [5694/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will offer the same financial support to registered post-primary teachers to upskill in order to teach home economics, as is currently being offered to registered teachers to teach mathematics, physics and Spanish, given that home economics is currently the second-most difficult subject to find a teacher for, ahead of mathematics and Spanish; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [5707/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education the ASD units in schools in County Monaghan, and the number of students attending each, in tabular form; if she will approve additional places at these units; if she intends to approve additional ASD units in other schools in the county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5709/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider the establishment of an ASD unit at a school (details supplied) in County Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5710/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the case of qualified post-primary teachers seeking to upskill and teach home economics at both Junior and Leaving Certificate levels; if a similar support programme to an existing scheme (details supplied) has been considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [5711/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of a school building project (details supplied) in County Tipperary; if the project will be expedited and the necessary funding provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [5723/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the case of a person (details supplied) whose child had a place confirmed in an autism class for the academic year of 2023/2024 but had the place subsequently revoked; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [5743/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Education if staff engaged in the provision of school-based psychological services in primary schools have substance abuse training; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [5746/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on an application to the school transport section for a concessionary school bus ticket for a sibling of a student (details supplied) with special educational needs, which was submitted in July 2022, where there has been no communication with the applicant's family since the application was submitted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [5749/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the new school building for a school (details supplied); if the basis for any delays on the project to date could be outlined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [5757/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review and approve an application by a person (details supplied) in respect of incremental credit. — Catherine Murphy. [5813/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Education the total amount that has been paid to survivors of institutional abuse based off the State's indemnification of the religious orders in 2002. — Pa Daly. [5825/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a plan to extend funding to post-primary teachers who are willing to return to education for other subjects for example, but not exclusive to, home economics, similar to that currently available for mathematics, physics, Spanish and Irish; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [5826/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Education the criteria used to establish which subjects will be funded for post-primary teachers who wish to return to college and add a further subject; the last year this was revisited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [5827/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Education if it is possible for a post-primary teacher who returns to study a further subject to apply for funding in cases in which there is a need by her Department for teachers for certain subjects; if her Department will fund subjects that are outside of the ones currently on offer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [5828/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Education when refurbishment works on a school (details supplied) will move to the next stage of works. — Kathleen Funchion. [5854/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Education when refurbishment works on a school (details supplied) will move to the next stage of works. — Kathleen Funchion. [5855/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Education the amount that her Department spent on works under the emergency works scheme in each of the years 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [5856/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of a new build application that has been sanctioned for a new school (details supplied); when the project will be allowed to progress for a planning application; and when construction will commence on site. — Alan Kelly. [5858/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on accommodation for a school (details supplied); when this additional accommodation project will proceed to tender; the reason for delays in the procurement process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5864/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding a bus to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5867/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Education if a series of matters (details supplied) will be clarified in relation to the newly announced changes to summer courses, requiring online courses to have eight hour synchronous time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5886/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Education if a series of matters (details supplied) will be clarified with regard to newly announced changes to summer courses, requiring online courses to have eight-hour synchronous time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5901/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to extend the free of charge programmes to upskill registered post-primary teachers to those wishing to teach home economics; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [5903/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [5909/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Education the number of vacancies for home economics teachers in secondary schools; if she will extend the financial supports for those upskilling in mathematics, physics and Spanish to home economics teachers; the criteria used to extend supports to mathematics, physics and Spanish and not to other subjects with large vacancies such as home economics; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [5912/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Education if she will work with the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to add home economics to the programme to upskill registered post-primary teachers join mathematics, physics, Spanish and Irish as a subject with a high difficulty in accessing teachers in view of the fact that home economics was reported in a TUI survey from 2022 to be the second most difficult subject to find a teacher; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [5916/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the increase in class sizes in a school (details supplied). — Martin Browne. [5934/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider introducing a bursary in order that registered post-primary teachers can upskill in order to teach home economics, given that a bursary scheme is currently being offered to registered teachers to teach mathematics, physics and Spanish; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [5943/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a school development project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [5961/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a school transport matter in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [5963/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide additional resources and capitation in respect of a school in Maynooth, County Kildare in order for it to accommodate increased demand on the school for places (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [5966/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to provide schools in Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth with additional resources to assist with their ability to provide education for persons seeking international protection. — Catherine Murphy. [5967/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Education the status on the payment of the remote area grant for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [5984/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Education to include home economics as a subject in the post-primary upskilling initiative (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [6001/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Education when an appeal in respect of school transport will be adjudicated upon in the case of a person (details supplied) who lodged an appeal in September 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6002/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Education the timeframe for the completion and publication of the review of the Summer Programme 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [6010/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Education if all efforts can be made to ensure that the son of a person (details supplied) can attend school in Kilcock, County Kildare, given that is where his sibling is due to attend; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6015/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Education is she aware of any plans to introduce Romanian to the Junior Cycle curriculum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [6019/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Education the way her Department monitor projected need for school places; the way her Department communicates and works with local schools to prepare places and school infrastructure based on these projections; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [6021/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide guidance for residents of a development in an area (details supplied), in relation to applications for enrolment to schools where the development does not fall into any catchment area for enrolment purposes, and as a result, children are refused admission to schools on that basis. — Eoin Ó Broin. [6044/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details of each school in each of the Wicklow school planning areas, national and secondary; the capacity of each school; the current enrolment figures for each school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [6045/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a map of each of the Wicklow school planning areas; if she will specify whether results from Census 2022 have been incorporated into the planning for those areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [6046/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Education if the Department has conducted a review of requirements for additional places for each school planning area in County Wicklow for both primary and secondary schools; if so, if she could provide the results of that review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [6047/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Education how her Department collects data on the number of pupils with special educational needs at primary level; how that data is processed; if this data is communicated to second level schools in the area to ensure future suitable school places for these pupils; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [6051/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Education if she will accept the application from a person (details supplied) under incremental credit circular - 0139/2006, as is her entitlement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [6052/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration has been made to offer financial support to registered post-primary teachers to upskill in order to teach home economics; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [6058/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Education if DEIS schools are mandated to provide reading recovery and the associated whole class programme literacy lift-off as a condition of accessing extra funds for DEIS and the DEIS scheme in general; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [6065/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Education when the national roll-out of free period products will be completed in all secondary education and training centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [6106/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider introducing additional supports for second level schools to develop autism-friendly rooms for recently diagnosed students (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [6107/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Education the number of unfilled and or vacant teacher positions at primary and second level in County Kildare, by school and number of vacancies. — Catherine Murphy. [6110/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Education to provide children with Down syndrome with early intervention facilities and accompanying home tuition, similar to the schemes available to children with ASD/autistic children. — Holly Cairns. [6181/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Education to provide the same financial support to registered post-primary teachers to upskill in order to teach home economics as is currently being offered to registered teachers to teach mathematics, physics and Spanish. — Holly Cairns. [6182/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Education if a decision has been made regarding SNA allocations for September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [6189/23]

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

*255. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a fuel allowance application by a person (details supplied; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [5536/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the percentage of social media videos posted on her Department's social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under the remit of her Department, that included closed captioning/subtitling and Irish sign language translations between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022, inclusive. — Neasa Hourigan. [5577/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) will qualify for a carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [5619/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rationale behind only giving carer's benefit to people previously working 18 hours per week, as some applicants were working 16 hours per week at higher per hour averages, and were taking home more wages and paying more in PRSI than those on the minimum wage working 18 hours per week; if she will consider amending the

current criteria in view of the severe shortage of available carers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [5633/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Kildare is not entitled to a higher weekly state pension contributory; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5654/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of additional families that will be eligible for the working family payment as a result of the €40 income increase announced in Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [5722/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); when the application will be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [5730/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of a disability allowance review for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [5739/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a domiciliary care allowance claim in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [5752/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be reached on the application for carer's allowance by a person (details supplied). — Patricia Ryan. [5775/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in respect of an appeal for domiciliary care allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5780/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will amend the social welfare eligibility rules in order that work is calculated on a cumulative hours basis rather than days, particularly given the impact the current binary system is having on homecare staffing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5804/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will arrange to issue a pension statement in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [5822/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will issue on an application for fuel allowance by a person (details supplied) recently widowed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5863/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the fuel allowance will be awarded to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5936/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) is entitled to the carer's grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [5958/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a fuel allowance application for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5960/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 505 of 31 January 2023, if she will outline the advantages to the applicant of switching from disability allowance to invalidity pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [5987/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) has been refused on the basis of doing less than 38 hours per week when her payslips for two weeks showed 16 hours and 24 hours respectively, indicating more than 38 hours; if a decision can be reviewed at an early date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5988/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for fuel allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5992/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if advice will be provided on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [6008/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will review a decision in respect of an application by a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [6062/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide itemised specific details of all documentation outstanding both in the disability allowance section and the State pension section in respect of an individual (details supplied) in County Tipperary whose State pension has been stopped for two years due to an assessment of overpayment against them; the reason that the findings of the Revenue joint investigator and investigating officer from her Department who issued a decision on 30 September 2019 are not accepted and forming part of the investigation into a suspected overpayment in this case; if all documentation submitted on behalf of this individual received both by the disability allowance section and the State pension section has been shared with both Departments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [6122/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to expand the schools meals programme to additional schools in 2023; her plans to increase the rates of funding provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6149/23]

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

*279. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress made by the European Union and the international unit of his Department in finalising Ireland's child guarantee action plan, for which work was initiated by his officials in 2021. — Mary Lou McDonald. [5543/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Ukrainian refugees or asylum seekers who are being accommodated at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [5548/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the percentage of social media videos posted on his Department's social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under the remit of his Department, that included closed captioning/subtitling and Irish sign language translations between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022, inclusive. — Neasa Hourigan. [5564/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 423 of 14 October 2022, if the issues raised (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [5617/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if approval will be granted for a property (details supplied) in County Kerry for temporary accommodation purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5636/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the circumstances under which it is possible for a child's parents to apply for an early childhood care and education programme over-age exemption or deferral to delay their child's entry into the ECCE programme; if he will outline the qualifying requirements for this exemption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [5715/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when payments for services (details supplied) will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [5744/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the date when the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2023 will be operational; to report on the delays for the signing of statutory instruments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [5835/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of people, indicating those under 18 and over 18 years of age, who were taken into wardship in December 2022 and January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [5836/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a family is permitted to access information about a relative who was adopted under the Birth Information and Tracing Act 2022 (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [5862/23]

*289. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he and his Department will take to increase information provision to communities in relation to new international protection accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [5907/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the case of a person (details supplied) has been drawn to his attention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [5908/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans to expand the accommodation recognition payment scheme past its current end date of 31 March 2023. — Neasa Hourigan. [5928/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress that has been made in relation to implementing the report of the advisory group on the provision of support, including accommodation to persons in the international protection process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [5946/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if Tusla's CEO will engage with or meet with a person (details supplied) who has requested a meeting; if he will respond to correspondence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [5947/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a schedule of additional supports, resources and funding for the towns of Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth; if he will liaise with his colleagues in the Department of Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and the Department of Education and Skills, regarding the provision of extracurricular and recreational activities for persons here seeking international protection. — Catherine Murphy. [5968/23]

*295. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide the amount provided for in Communities Integration Fund in 2023; the way in which this fund can be accessed; if the fund provides for the provision of spaces that is, use of locations for education and English language lessons for persons seeking international protection. — Catherine Murphy. [5969/23]

*296. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when proposed legislation on flexible working will be brought before the Houses of the Oireachtas. — Pa Daly. [6005/23]

*297. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when legislation for flexible work (details supplied) will be brought before the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [6030/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he will publish the study commissioned by him to evaluate the processes for implementation of three equality strategies, the National Strategy for Women and Girls as well as the Migrant Integration Strategy and the National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy. — Mary Lou McDonald. [6077/23]

*299. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding core funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [6078/23]

*300. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the position regarding his Department's recent communication on accommodation and support for refugees; the reason it discriminates between different refugees and specifically offers less support to international protection refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [6082/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on an accommodation centre for Ukrainian refugees (detailed supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [6090/23]

*302. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding given to an organisation (details supplied) in Cork; and the number of stays utilised by survivors of institutional abuse since 2020, by year, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [6154/23]

*303. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the strategies in place within his Department in engaging and communicating with local communities on buildings identified for temporary and permanent direct provision and Ukrainian accommodations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [6159/23]

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

*304. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the percentage of social media videos posted on his Department's social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under the remit of his Department, that included closed captioning/subtitling and Irish sign language translations between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022, inclusive. — Neasa Hourigan. [5571/23]

*305. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has considered supports for persons to change career into a teaching role; if he will consider waiving the rules for grant aiding at a level of study previously undertaken, in view of the particular value of attracting people with wide career experience into teaching; and if he will indicate whether this issue arose in his consultation on the future of support for higher level education. — Richard Bruton. [5630/23]

*306. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of a training allowance for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5965/23]

*307. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will clarify whether students studying for a masters or postgraduate degree would qualify for the reduced fee contribution of €1,000. — Robert Troy. [6027/23]

*308. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the national roll-out of free period products will be completed in all tertiary education and training centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [6106/23]

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

*309. To ask the Minister for Justice the current situation regarding the provision of a domestic violence refuge in County Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [5792/23]

*310. To ask the Minister for Justice the current situation regarding the provision of a domestic violence refuge in County Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [5793/23]

*311. To ask the Minister for Justice the percentage of social media videos posted on his Department's social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under the remit of his Department, that included closed captioning/subtitling and

Irish sign language translations between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022, inclusive. — Neasa Hourigan. [5574/23]

*312. To ask the Minister for Justice the laws and regulations, if any, that exist to ensure that weapons must be disarmed within a certain distance from the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [5600/23]

*313. To ask the Minister for Justice if Ballyfermot, Crumlin, Kilmainham, Sundrive, Terenure and Kevin Street Garda stations are to be included in the Garda Capital Investment Plan 2022 – 2030. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [5679/23]

*314. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of a visa application in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5729/23]

*315. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda cars and motorcycles attached to Sligo-Leitrim roads policing unit as of 30 June 2021 and 10 January 2023, in tabular form. — Marian Harkin. [5731/23]

*316. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 472 of 30 November 2021, if he will clarify when the review will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [5735/23]

*317. To ask the Minister for Justice if consideration is being given to banning the sale and importation of nitrous oxide canisters, commonly known as laughing gas, in view of its widespread use for recreational purposes by young people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5803/23]

*318. To ask the Minister for Justice if his Department intends to introduce a system, independent of the Courts, to enforce payment child maintenance orders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [5811/23]

*319. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Government is prepared to drop the visa requirement for Turkish officials visiting Ireland; the discussions that have taken place with Turkish authorities on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [5831/23]

*320. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated cost of providing four new crime prevention officers per annum, including all associated costs, such as administrative and technological support. — Kathleen Funchion. [5842/23]

*321. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason for the long delay in assessing visa appeals for those applicants who have already secured employment permits; is he aware of the serious affect these delays are having on small and medium business due to lack of staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5869/23]

*322. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are plans to extend the age limit for recruitment to An Garda Síochána. — Peter Burke. [5872/23]

*323. To ask the Minister for Justice if the officials in his Department have completed their examination and analysis of the Study on Familicide and Domestic Homicide Reviews submitted to him in the summer of 2022. — Mary Lou McDonald. [5927/23]

*324. To ask the Minister for Justice if his Department has received further contact from the Garda College, Templemore regarding public access to the swimming pool; and if he sought an update on the issue since his visit to Templemore on 13 January 2023. — Martin Browne. [5935/23]

*325. To ask the Minister for Justice if there is a strategy to deal with the explosion of use of nitrous oxide, such as restricted sale of large cannisters, sale to minors, online sales and the restriction of sales to legitimate businesses, requiring warning labels. — Paul Donnelly. [5937/23]

*326. To ask the Minister for Justice if his attention has been drawn to reports that over 5,000 persons arrived at Dublin Airport in 2022 without valid documentation or with no documentation at all (details supplied); if he agrees that this constitutes an egregious abuse of the immigration process; the steps he will take to combat this phenomenon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [5949/23]

*327. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of unpublished chaplaincy reports from Irish prisons that are outstanding in each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date in 2023; if he will provide a schedule by prison location that the unpublished reports originates from; and if he will outline for the reasons for not publishing the reports. — Catherine Murphy. [5976/23]

*328. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the transfer of public sector staff that will be placed under the remit of An Garda Síochána and the Garda Commissioner; if relevant unions are being consulted as part of this process; if all staff will have to agree to this transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [5986/23]

*329. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 1208 of 19 January 2021, if the visa immigration arrangement is still in place for international contracted circus artists working for Irish traditional circuses (details supplied); if any such review of the arrangement involved consultation with traditional circus owners where the introduction of a work permit would be cost prohibitive and would not reflect the transient nature of traditional circus owners' business needs for contracting international artists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [5989/23]

*330. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); when a decision is likely to be reached in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5991/23]

*331. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will clarify the rules around Ukrainian refugees leaving Ireland for short periods to visit other countries where their family are being accommodated before returning to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [6103/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*332. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the recent RTÉ investigates report that showed that up to 12,000 vulnerable people were denied their disability allowances by State actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [6083/23]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health if a summary report of the public submissions to the abortion legislative review has been compiled and provided to the chairperson of the review; if so, if such a report will be made available to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [5533/23]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the number of submissions from the total 6,968 public submissions to the abortion legislative review that advocated the retention of the three-day waiting period; the number that advocated for the reduction of the three-day waiting period; the number that advocated for the extension of the three-day waiting period; the number that advocated for the abolition of the three-day waiting period; the number that expressed no view on the three-day waiting period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [5534/23]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health the number of submissions from the total 6,968 public submissions to the abortion legislative review that mentioned the issue of foetal pain relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [5535/23]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite the case of a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5544/23]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health the State services that have been removed from the Irishtown and Ringsend primary care centre over the past 24 months; the location of each of these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [5556/23]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health the services that are currently available from the Irishtown and Ringsend primary care centre; if any of these services are scheduled to be removed from this primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [5557/23]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of social media videos posted on his Department's social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under the remit of his Department, that included closed captioning/subtitling and Irish sign language translations between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022, inclusive. — Neasa Hourigan. [5572/23]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has rented accommodation at a location (details supplied); the amount paid; the way the building was selected; the person or body that received the rental money; and for how long the payments were made. — Peadar Tóibín. [5608/23]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the development of national standards for homecare and support services as recommended by the HIQA report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [5609/23]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the respite houses for SOS in County Kilkenny, given that a commitment was made to fund two; if he will confirm that this is the case; if so, when this funding will be released; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [5611/23]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health when frontline healthcare staff employed by agencies will receive their Covid bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [5612/23]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health if publicly-funded fertility care, outlined in the Programme for Government, will include treatment options for single women; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5616/23]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the refurbishment, refit and extension of the Castlebellingham health centre to a new primary care centre; the total expected cost of the project; the list of services that will be provided in the new premises; the expected completion date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5628/23]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on his plans to tackle the understaffing of the CDNT services in north County Dublin; how and when more staff will be recruited into these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [5642/23]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline details as to the difference in the Mental Health Commission's (MHC) position on the Owenacurra Centre closure that took effect between 18 November 2022 and 8 December 2022 such that the MHC moved from being able to brief a national newspaper on aspects of its closure oversight to not being able to take any questions from the Oireachtas Disability Matters Committee on this subject; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [5650/23]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the restraints which prevented the Mental Health Commission from meeting with families of Owenacurra Centre residents in October 2021; when these restraints came into effect; what occasioned them; when they expired; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [5651/23]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health if the Mental Health Commission (MHC) has concerns about Owenacurra Centre residents being offered shared rooms in long-stay wards far outside east Cork as alternative placements, as well as temporary accommodation in Cork city; the way this action is in line with our commitments to the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [5652/23]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position regarding a pandemic healthcare payment for a person (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5653/23]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the ongoing infrastructure improvements to the neo-natal intensive care facilities at the Rotunda Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [5657/23]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health the home support waiting list for funding and for carers in each month of 2021 and 2022 for each LHO and CHO, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [5658/23]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours delivered in each LHO and CHO in 2021 and 2022, compared to the targeted hours of delivery, including the split

between directly and indirectly delivered care, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [5659/23]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for not including the average length of time waiting for a home support package in national KPI reporting requirements; if consideration has been made for reporting the same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [5660/23]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health the opening hours of Southdoc, Blackpool. — Thomas Gould. [5661/23]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health if GP charges for employee medical certificates are available free of charge for medical card holders (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5662/23]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has plans to relocate the Kilrush unit of Shannondoc from its current location on the Cooraclare Road to Kilrush primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5667/23]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health the counties where out-of-hours GP services have service level agreements with the HSE, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5668/23]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital admissions that occurred through the University Hospital Galway accident and emergency or the acute medical assessment unit due to hypoglycaemia in each of the years 2017 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5669/23]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital admissions that occurred through the University Hospital Galway accident and emergency or the acute medical assessment unit due to hypoglycaemia in the age ranges of 18-24 years, 25-34 years, 35-44 years, 45-54 years, 55-64 years, and over 65 years of age, in each of the years 2017 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5670/23]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital admissions that occurred through the University Hospital Galway accident and emergency or the acute medical assessment unit due to diabetic ketoacidosis in each of the years 2017 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5671/23]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital admissions that occurred through the University of Limerick Hospitals Group accident and emergency or the acute medical assessment unit due to diabetic ketoacidosis in the age ranges of 18-24 years, 25-34 years, 35-44 years, 45-54 years, 55-64 years, and over 65 years of age, in each of the years 2017 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5672/23]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health what are the dedicated whole-time equivalents of consultant endocrinologists, dietitians, advanced nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, staff nurses and administrative support posts currently dedicated to the outpatient adult diabetes clinic in each of the hospitals under the University of Galway Hospitals Group; the dedicated whole-time equivalents of consultant endocrinologists, dietitians, advanced nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, staff nurses and administrative support posts currently in place in the

paediatric diabetes and endocrinology service at University Hospital Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5673/23]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times that the adult diabetes outpatient clinic was cancelled at University Hospital Galway during the years 2021 and 2022; the number of patients that were scheduled to attend on each date that was cancelled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5674/23]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health the total staff working in IT-related roles and digital transformation within the HSE, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5675/23]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health if he will instruct Southdoc to operate a text service for people hard of hearing. — Thomas Gould. [5687/23]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health if the drug romosozumab will shortly be regulated by the Health Products Regulatory Authority in Ireland and be made available on the drug payment scheme and to medical card holders, given that this drug is used to treat osteoporosis in many countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [5689/23]

*368. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the assessment of needs for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5695/23]

*369. To ask the Minister for Health if medication (details supplied) can be added to the GMS scheme for medical card users. — Dara Calleary. [5724/23]

*370. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies across the children's disability network teams in Enniscorthy, New Ross, Wexford, and Gorey, County Wexford; the description of those vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [5725/23]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the introduction of pension increases (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [5728/23]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dementia daycare centres currently opened in CHO1. — Marian Harkin. [5733/23]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health if a CAMHS referral can be made for a child (details supplied) in County Donegal; if associated funding can be applied for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5741/23]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health if and when a child (details supplied) will receive access to dental treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [5742/23]

*375. To ask the Minister for Health the number of excess deaths that occurred over and above the five-year pre-Covid average death rate in each of the past 12 months; if he will institute an independent investigation of the large increase in excess deaths that are occurring; the measures that the Government has taken to determine the cause of the spike in excess deaths; and if he will outline the Government's plan to halt the elevated death rate. — Peadar Tóibín. [5745/23]

*376. To ask the Minister for Health if the requirements under the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018 on alcohol labelling will apply to alcohol advertisements and sponsorships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [5747/23]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider affording children on the orthodontic waiting list the opportunity of continuing treatments once they turn 18 years of age, given that many will have to wait years for treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [5750/23]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the case of a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [5753/23]

*379. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the tendering process involved in the commissioning of works by the HSE to Glenwood House, Carrigaline, following its purchase of same in January 2021; the number of companies involved in the tendering; the name of the company granted the contract for these works; the funding source for these works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [5754/23]

*380. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of any contracts granted by the HSE for building and maintenance works on St. Mary’s Health Campus, Cork, since January 2019; the number of companies in each case that tendered for the works; the cost in each case for the works; the name of the company that was granted the contract in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [5755/23]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide clarity surrounding the home care package in a service (details supplied) surrounding an issue with an administrator not being replaced since before Christmas; and when this person, who is based in Blackrock, will be replaced. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [5759/23]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the number of people in the Cork south Lee area that are waiting to be assessed for a carer; and when they will be assessed. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [5760/23]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health the research that was carried out in consultation with women who opted not to proceed with a second appointment for termination of pregnancy following the three-day waiting period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [5761/23]

*384. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 649 of 23 November 2021, the number of live births that were registered of babies who survived the abortion procedure; and the number of death certificates that were issued between 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2022. — Seán Canney. [5762/23]

*385. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will have their much-needed assessment of needs carried out. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [5763/23]

*386. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that fistula surgery is not performed in Merlin Park Hospital, Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [5766/23]

*387. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the pandemic bonus payment offered to frontline workers (details supplied). — Dara Calleary. [5767/23]

*388. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the GP shortage in Monasterevin, given the only GP in the vicinity of the town is no longer accepting medical card patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [5768/23]

*389. To ask the Minister for Health when each day care centre in County Kildare that is currently closed temporarily will reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [5769/23]

*390. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently awaiting dermatology service in Naas General Hospital; the number waiting for over 1, 2 and 3+ years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [5770/23]

*391. To ask the Minister for Health the new services or technologies that have been deployed recently for dermatology in the CH07 region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [5771/23]

*392. To ask the Minister for Health if Naas General Hospital has availed of any public or private external services that have been provided to it by HSE acute services in reducing the number of patients on hospital waiting lists for dermatology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [5772/23]

*393. To ask the Minister for Health the options that are open to medical card holders who are unable to find a dentist who is taking on new patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [5774/23]

*394. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on waiting lists and the average length of time spent on waiting lists as of 31 December 2022; and his proposals for addressing this for specific HSE primary care services (details supplied). — Duncan Smith. [5784/23]

*395. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of staffing, by CHO, as of 31 December 2022 (details supplied). — Duncan Smith. [5785/23]

*396. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a medical procedure (details supplied). — Duncan Smith. [5786/23]

*397. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration is being given to provide more ophthalmic services in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5787/23]

*398. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients travelling from Donegal to receive treatment for age-related macular degeneration at the ophthalmic clinic in Sligo University Hospital in each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5788/23]

*399. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients travelling from Donegal to receive treatment for diabetic-related macular degeneration at the ophthalmic clinic in Sligo University Hospital in each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5789/23]

*400. To ask the Minister for Health if private clinics offer age and diabetic-related macular degeneration ophthalmic services in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5790/23]

*401. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to address the increased recreational use of nitrous oxide canisters, commonly known as laughing gas, particularly by young people and in view of its growing extensive use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5802/23]

*402. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting so long for a chiropodist appointment in the primary clinic in Cavan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5805/23]

*403. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE psychology managers with the specific title of ‘area principal psychology manager’; the CHOs in which they are based; the difference between this title and ‘principal psychology manager’; how the title was conferred and by whom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5807/23]

*404. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE psychology managers with the specific title of ‘director of psychology’; the CHOs in which they are based; the difference between this title and ‘principal psychology manager’; how the title was conferred and by whom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5808/23]

*405. To ask the Minister for Health if saxenda will be approved for persons with a medical card or under the drugs payment scheme for the purposes of GP-supported weight loss; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [5809/23]

*406. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 301 of 27 October 2022, received on 23 January 2023, the names of the persons and the companies involved in carrying out these reports; the monies paid to each; the title of each report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [5810/23]

*407. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a child (details supplied) in County Mayo who was referred for an occupational therapy appointment in 2021 has been advised by the HSE that it will be January 2025 before they will be seen; if this child can be called for an occupational therapy appointment before January 2025 in view of the very negative impact that this delay will cause to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [5814/23]

*408. To ask the Minister for Health if a medical card application can be reopened for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal who has cancer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5818/23]

*409. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention and or that of his Department and the HSE has been drawn to any incidences where women requested abortion-pill reversal treatments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [5820/23]

*410. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time staff by job title that will be required to work in the new National Cervical Screening Laboratory, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [5837/23]

*411. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant neurologists based in Beaumont Hospital in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [5838/23]

*412. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE respiratory medicine consultants at St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [5845/23]

*413. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time general practitioners who are employed in primary care centres within CHO5, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [5846/23]

*414. To ask the Minister for Health for the full attendance record of the meeting of mid-west Oireachtas members with the HSE and the Taoiseach on 11 January 2023. — Alan Kelly. [5859/23]

*415. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients with an address in the north of Ireland that have used hospital services in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [5865/23]

*416. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of children waiting for braces after a public orthodontist recommended them for braces under the PRSI system; the average waiting time, per CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5868/23]

*417. To ask the Minister for Health if he, the Minister for Mental Health, his Department or the HSE asked the Mental Health Commission to delay the publishing of the interim report into CAMHS; if so, the reason for this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5870/23]

*418. To ask the Minister for Health the advice for persons resident in County Monaghan who have been informed by all GP practices in their locality that there are no spaces for new registrations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5877/23]

*419. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the situation of oversight in some private nursing homes, whereby patients are charged automatically for activities in which, due to incapacity, they cannot meaningfully partake; if a system is in place for these charges to be refunded to the patients and or families; if an audit can be undertaken of the charging of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [5878/23]

*420. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adolescents currently on the waiting list for CAMHS treatment in counties Kerry and Cork; the wait time to be seen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [5880/23]

*421. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adolescents that are on a waiting list to be seen by CAMHS, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [5881/23]

*422. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with Kerry addresses that are on waiting lists for speech and language services in counties Kerry, Cork and Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [5882/23]

*423. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time persons are on the waiting list for home help services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [5883/23]

*424. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people that have been approved for home help services but are still waiting to be allocated the service. — Danny Healy-Rae. [5884/23]

*425. To ask the Minister for Health if he expects to receive the report into the review of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 by 7 February 2023; when the report will be made available to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5922/23]

*426. To ask the Minister for Health the number and cost of independent investigations carried out and finalised by his Department since January 2019; the persons and companies carrying out the investigations; the outcome of these investigations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5925/23]

*427. To ask the Minister for Health if there is an option for reimbursement for an essential treatment paid for privately when there is no public service available in the area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [5926/23]

*428. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances involved in single vehicle accidents in each of the regions in each of the past three years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [5929/23]

*429. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider establishing a fund for registered cancer support groups that would allow for the purchase of an electric vehicle to transport clients to hospital appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [5951/23]

*430. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been excluded from weekend day-respite services at Galro Centre, Kilbixy Paddocks, County Westmeath; if this decision will be reversed or alternative weekend day-respite services will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5952/23]

*431. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been excluded from weekend day-respite services at Galro Centre, Kilbixy Paddocks, County Westmeath; if this decision will be reversed or alternative weekend day-respite services will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5953/23]

*432. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5955/23]

*433. To ask the Minister for Health when security staff working for a company (details supplied) in Merlin Park Hospital Galway will receive the pandemic bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [5956/23]

*434. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied) in the Mercy Hospital Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5957/23]

*435. To ask the Minister for Health if there is any data within his Department as to the cause of the recent rise in excess death rates in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5959/23]

*436. To ask the Minister for Health the services in place for medical card holders and GPs with GMS lists who are seeking to provide vasectomies; if appropriate training is in place for GPs wishing to provide such a service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5964/23]

*437. To ask the Minister for Health the way employees in (details supplied) who worked alongside HSE staff throughout the pandemic can apply for the pandemic special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5990/23]

*438. To ask the Minister for Health if a respite facility will be made available in the greater Killarney area of County Kerry as a matter of urgency (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5999/23]

*439. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of an application for reimbursement under the Cross Border Healthcare Directive by a person (details supplied); when they will receive reimbursement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [6006/23]

*440. To ask the Minister for Health the reason students from a college course (details supplied) have been informed that they are now not entitled to the pandemic recognition payment, despite having been previously informed that they would receive the payment, if consideration would be given to granting students from this course who worked in healthcare settings during the pandemic this payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [6007/23]

*441. To ask the Minister for Health if there is still a delay in individuals being called for BreastCheck screening in County Wexford, since the disruption of the Covid-19 pandemic; the length of this delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [6020/23]

*442. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 584 of 13 December 2022, if his Department is still considering a proposal to establish a working group to assist in developing an updated strategy that addresses the hearing needs of the Irish population; the timeline he is working towards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [6024/23]

*443. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposal to create an additional 900 nursing posts within the first five years of Sláintecare implementation in order to resource and develop a universal child health and wellbeing service; the timeline he is working towards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [6025/23]

*444. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the First 5 action to develop a dedicated child health workforce, adopting a population-based approach; the timeline he is working towards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [6026/23]

*445. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 306 of 10 November 2022, if the structure of the €750,000 funding announced in Budget 2023 in relation to trainee counselling psychologists has been finalised; if so, the number of trainees who will benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [6029/23]

*446. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will be scheduled for a procedure in Beaumont Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [6043/23]

*447. To ask the Minister for Health if he will explore a simplified process for the treatment abroad scheme, whereby if a person or a child is required to make multiple trips for surgery and or observation, that paperwork would be reduced or a separate pathway created to simplify their paperwork to reduce bureaucracy on the patient. — Sean Sherlock. [6048/23]

*448. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for an operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [6049/23]

*449. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to provide a Jigsaw youth mental health service in County Wexford; the reason that this service is not currently provided for the young people of the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [6050/23]

*450. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for an operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [6053/23]

*451. To ask the Minister for Health the CHO that has a CAMHS service that is operated independently of the HSE that was referenced in the Mental Health Commission's interim report into CAMHS; the name of the independent provider; if any efforts are being made to replicate the "excellent care" being provided by that provider elsewhere in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [6057/23]

*452. To ask the Minister for Health the number of parents have that taken his Department to court due to the fact that their child did not receive an assessment of needs within the statutory time frame, in each of the years 2018 to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [6060/23]

*453. To ask the Minister for Health the cost to the State in defending the court cases brought since late 2018 by parents whose children did not receive an assessment of need in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [6061/23]

*454. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received a request from the Minister for Social Protection to designate long-Covid as an occupational illness; the current status of the request; the timeline for responding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [6067/23]

*455. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1410 of 18 January 2023, the number of residents placed in a mental health facility (details supplied) on 30 December 2018, 30 December 2019, 30 December 2020, 30 December 2021, and 30 December 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [6105/23]

*456. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatients at each acute hospital across the State for the years 2016 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [6141/23]

*457. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses at each acute hospital across the State for the years 2016 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [6142/23]

*458. To ask the Minister for Health the number of NCHDs at each acute hospital across the State for the years 2016 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [6143/23]

*459. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants at each acute hospital across the State for the years 2016 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [6144/23]

*460. To ask the Minister for Health the budget allocated to each acute hospital across the State for the years 2016 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [6145/23]

*461. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds at each community hospital in County Donegal for each of the years 2011 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [6146/23]

*462. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses at each community hospital in County Donegal for each of the years 2011 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [6147/23]

*463. To ask the Minister for Health the number of doctors at each community hospital in County Donegal for each of the years 2011 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [6148/23]

*464. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) did not receive a Covid bonus payment. — Robert Troy. [6152/23]

*465. To ask the Minister for Health the funding given by the Cork drug and alcohol taskforce to an organisation (details supplied) in Cork and the number of stays utilised in the facility since 2020 by year in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [6153/23]

*466. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to reports that a unit (details supplied) in Cork has yet to open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [6155/23]

*467. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds in a unit (details supplied) in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [6156/23]

*468. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that a medication for hyperemesis (details supplied) is made available through the drugs payment scheme with a prescription from a GP. — Holly Cairns. [6184/23]

*469. To ask the Minister for Health the average response time of ambulances in west County Cork; the number of ambulances ordinarily based at each location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [6185/23]

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

*470. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he intends to introduce in order to ensure that additional TB testing in cattle a result of new EU animal health

laws will not lead to additional costs being incurred by farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [5559/23]

*471. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of social media videos posted on his Department's social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under the remit of his Department, that included closed captioning/subtitling and Irish sign language translations between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022, inclusive. — Neasa Hourigan. [5563/23]

*472. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the rights of an owner (details supplied) of a fee-simple bog who does not have turbary rights. — Peter Burke. [5592/23]

*473. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will investigate a BEAM application for a person (details supplied) in County Cork where there is an alleged non-compliance; if he will take circumstances into account when considering this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [5626/23]

*474. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if allowing a named individual to enter a dog in a greyhound race in Shelbourne Park on 20 January 2023, while the individual is the subject of an exclusion order imposed by Rásaíocht Con Éireann for multiple serious doping offences, undermines the integrity of the greyhound industry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [5696/23]

*475. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing stud greyhounds registered with the Irish Coursing Club in each of the years 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [5697/23]

*476. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of mating certificates for non-coursing dogs obtained from the Irish Coursing Club in each of the years 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [5698/23]

*477. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing litters registered with the Irish Coursing Club in each of the years 2021 and 2022, in tabular form (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [5699/23]

*478. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing dogs tattooed and microchipped with the Irish Coursing Club in each of the years 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [5700/23]

*479. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of naming forms for non-coursing dogs obtained from the Irish Coursing Club in each of the years 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [5701/23]

*480. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing dogs named with the Irish Coursing Club in each of the years 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [5702/23]

*481. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing dogs for whom markings were put on their identity book by the Irish Coursing Club in each of the years 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [5703/23]

*482. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of the annual maintenance costs incurred by Coillte for the management of forests under its control; the percentage of these annual maintenance costs covered by income from Coillte's commercial activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [5718/23]

*483. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the costs for all mandatory TB tests will be covered by his Department, as opposed to just annual tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [5726/23]

*484. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the 'forgotten farmers' proposal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [5727/23]

*485. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the process that has been undertaken since 2020 to December 2022 by the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board to obtain technical advice in relation to oyster licences (details supplied), which are subject of appeals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5736/23]

*486. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of appeals of licences to cultivate pacific oysters currently before the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board for decision, disaggregated by the year that the appeal was lodged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5737/23]

*487. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of appeals of licences to cultivate pacific oysters that the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board has determined in each year from 2010 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5738/23]

*488. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will amend the voluntary permanent cessation scheme to ensure that applicants do not face deductions in their offer amount based on payments they previously received under the Brexit tie-up scheme. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [5756/23]

*489. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the regulatory impact assessments or any other analyses or assessments that have been carried out in respect of a deal with a company (details supplied) and its impacts on walking and mountain bike trails on Coillte properties. — Pa Daly. [5779/23]

*490. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the over-population of Sika deer in the Glengarriff area; the steps he plans to take in relation to the issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [5833/23]

*491. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total hectareage of land affected by ash dieback within the State; if such affected hectares are included within national afforestation statistics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5860/23]

*492. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when his Department was first provided with the draft guidelines and regulations to Government State aid in agriculture, forestry and fisheries for 2023 to 2027; if his Department made any submission to the process generally

that would have facilitated Coillte accessing State supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5861/23]

*493. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures being taken by his Department to assist farmers with the transition to increased TB testing; if he will honour a 1990 agreement with farming organisations to fund increased mandatory testing for a period of two years as a transition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [5911/23]

*494. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the participation payment of the organic farming scheme will be paid; if the timing of such has been revised; if so, when; the reason for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5948/23]

*495. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he can explain the reason a Coillte-owned company (details supplied) based in Clonmel is charging all its Irish MDF customers more expensive prices for its products compared to its customers in England. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [6000/23]

*496. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to confirm the Directors appointed by his office to the board of Coillte; if he has had engagements with these Directors from December 2022 to date; if he has communicated the Government's dissatisfaction with a company's (details supplied) deal to these Directors; if he considers the positions of the Directors appointed by his office to be tenable following the deal between Coillte and the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [6089/23]

*497. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of each bonus payment to employees of the Coillte and Greyhound Racing Ireland in 2020, 2021 and 2022. — Catherine Murphy. [6094/23]

*498. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 662 of 24 January 2023, the way in which a farmer can avail of an onsite farmyard inspection by his Department's staff to ensure that a solar PV installation meets the minimum requirements of his Department's technical and safety specifications, not least specification S198 -minimum specification for the installation of solar pv panels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [6175/23]

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

*499. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the percentage of social media videos posted on her Department's social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under the remit of her Department, that included closed captioning/subtitling and Irish sign language translations between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022, inclusive. — Neasa Hourigan. [5576/23]

*500. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason that the €800,000 funding support for men's sheds was not announced earlier in 2022; the reason that it was only open for applications for a short number of weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [5585/23]

*501. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason that the period of qualified utility and operating expenses differs between the community support fund and the funding supports allocated to support Irish men's sheds, both announced in November 2022, given that they are similar grants in nature; if any consideration was given to the IMSA allocation having the same expenses timeframe of April 2022 to March 2023, given that this would have alleviated issues that have arisen whereby a number of sheds have been left ineligible for the full allocation following funding allocations from other streams in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [5586/23]

*502. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the further efforts that are to be made on a Government level to assist in the sustainability of stand-alone men's sheds in Ireland; if the Government has consulted with IMSA in this regard, especially following issues that arose in relation to the €800,000 grant that it was allocated late last year by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [5587/23]

*503. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason that the €800,000 funding support for men's sheds did not allow further discretion for sheds in greater need of financial assistance, sheds that may have forgone items deemed as eligible expenditure due to their uncertain financial futures in 2022, sheds that have received support from their local communities through non-monetary means, ensuring their survival, but leaving the shed ineligible for this financial support as they have not incurred the costs listed as eligible expenditure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [5588/23]

*504. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason that the €800,000 funding support for men's sheds cannot be used for part payments on the total cost of capital expenditure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [5589/23]

*505. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of fines that have been issued for controlled breeds of dogs for being in breach of regulations in each county for the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [5607/23]

*506. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if grants are available to upgrade a defibrillator (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5778/23]

*507. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the community services programme will open to new applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [6059/23]

*508. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if Cahir, County Tipperary, which received approximately €12 million from her Department for town centre renovation, will be able to draw down funds to begin work on the car park and library projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [6123/23]

*509. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her attention has been drawn to any instances where the public relations unit and or press office of her Department undertook to create social media accounts under false names, which were operated in order to further the messaging or communications of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [4876/23]

*510. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount spent by her Department on online advertising in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023, in tabular form; if she will provide details in relation to this spending; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [4858/23]

*511. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the way in which other State or local authority funds can be used in conjunction with community centres investment fund-funding to carry out works; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [6180/23]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 9 FEBRUARY, 2023**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will detail the usage of the mobile unit to visit the homes of those who cannot attend the Intreo office, by county from 2016 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; the action she has taken to make persons aware of the mobile unit and home service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [5945/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide details of the length of time that it is taking in different areas to process additional needs' payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [6087/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports she has put in place to deal with the consistent delays in processing applications for additional needs' payments; the actions she has taken to ensure that persons who require the payment to pay for a deposit or first month's rent are not missing out on possible house rentals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [5944/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on a State pension solution for long-term family carers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [6036/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the review of the part-time substitute service in Castlepollard will be finished and available for the public to read; and if she has carried out any research into the reduction of footfall in shops in Castlepollard since the part-time closure. — Peadar Tóibín. [5801/23]

6. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications received in 2022 for disability allowance, domiciliary care allowance and carer's allowance; the number that were awarded; and the number of applications under appeal, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [5997/23]

7. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on engagement from her Department with community employment supervisors regarding their employment-related concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [6038/23]

8. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide details of the total allocation of extra funding to community welfare officers to deal with applicants for additional needs' payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [6073/23]

9. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will report on the provision for wigs for those who have lost their hair due to medical reasons, not specifically cancer-related; the exact amount of the grant available to support such persons towards the cost of non-surgical hair replacement in each county per calendar year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [6040/23]

10. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on her Department's review of the extension of the free travel scheme to persons with epilepsy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [6035/23]

11. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline the process by which her Department contacts the British work and pensions department seeking contribution information about people who have made social protection applications based on their British contributions; the current average waiting times for this information to be received; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [6108/23]

12. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures that are being taken to reduce child poverty; the impact of these measures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [6099/23]

13. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is actively seeking to give a double payment of social welfare payments to assist with meeting costs, given that inflation is still running at just below 9%, the price of groceries has gone up by 15%, and gas bills have gone up by nearly 60%. — Joan Collins. [6126/23]

14. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline the legal basis in which welfare inspectors are entitled to enter a person's home. — Gary Gannon. [6173/23]

15. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider amending the eligibility criteria for illness benefit to cover workers under 25 years of age who do not have 104 weeks of PRSI contributions and who do not have contributions in the relevant tax year, to ensure access to a short-term illness payment when ill just after commencing employment for the first time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [6101/23]

16. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of requests for additional needs' payments in the month of January; the number granted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [6085/23]

17. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will give consideration to reviewing age-related rates of jobseeker's allowance with respect to those under 25 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5666/23]

18. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will give consideration to providing a free travel scheme to all persons with epilepsy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [6161/23]

19. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which it continues to be possible to address particularly sensitive issues in respect of family income and the cost-of-living impact; if she is satisfied regarding the adequacy of her Department's resources to address such circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6132/23]

20. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps being taken to process the applications for the exceptional needs' payment and supplementary welfare allowance and clear the backlog. — Sorca Clarke. [6178/23]

21. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures being taken to deal with the delays in processing of applications for fuel allowance for the over-70s under the new income criteria under the cost-of-living measures introduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [6160/23]

22. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress made in identifying additional agricultural schemes under the new CAP which will be disregarded with regard to farm assist. — Matt Carthy. [5847/23]

23. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will indicate the trends in the numbers seeking jobseeker payments; the number who are being facilitated into pathways of training and work experience; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [6100/23]

24. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has read the recent NESC report on the self-employed. — Denis Naughten. [2046/23]

25. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to extend the period of time that participants can remain on the Tús scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [6102/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which she expects an increase in the demand for social welfare payments in the current year; if she is satisfied that these demands will be met in full; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6133/23]

27. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the intended timeframe to introduce legislation underpinning the provision of pensions to carers. — Matt Carthy. [5848/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will immediately review social welfare rates in light of the rising cost of groceries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [6088/23]

29. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department is undertaking any research into providing an enlarged school meals programme for national and post-primary education in Ireland; and if estimates are available on the costings of such an undertaking. — James O'Connor. [5104/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps she is taking to increase the pension entitlements of full-time family carers. — Holly Cairns. [6115/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if efforts are to address the anomaly affecting secondary schools recently approved for DEIS status; if the recent funding increase for school

dinner clubs will now be applied for all affected secondary schools; if so, when this will take place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [5939/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to further expand the school meals programme; the number of applications for inclusion in the scheme that were received for the 2022/2023 school year; the number of these applications that were successful and unsuccessful; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [6169/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on reforming the stillbirth registration process. — Holly Cairns. [6114/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of exceptional needs' payments applied for through the community welfare service in Dundalk, County Louth, in 2022; the number of these applications granted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [6109/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures being put in place to prevent delay in the processing of additional needs' payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6129/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount dispersed in additional needs' payment for the month of January; the amount requested; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [6084/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is concerned at the lack of access to community welfare officers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [6086/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a breakdown of exceptional needs' payments under the supplementary welfare allowance paid in January 2023; the total and individual value of each payment; and the total expenditure by category, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [5998/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her proposals to review the means test for the carer's allowance. — Sean Sherlock. [5994/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide the statistics of exceptional needs' payments from the two Intreo offices in the Dublin 8 and Dublin 12 areas for November 2022, December 2022 and January 2023. — Joan Collins. [6134/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for additional needs' payments to date in 2023; if she can clarify the number of these that have been rejected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [6074/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 113 of 26 October 2022, if she has received the final report on the school meals programme; if so, the actions, if any, she plans to take as a result; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [6170/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will advise on her Department's review of means testing for carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [6039/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will publish the report on the impact of employee PRSI contributions on minimum wage employees. — Sean Sherlock. [5996/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will reopen a full-time social welfare office in Castlepollard, County Westmeath. — Peadar Tóibín. [5800/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of staff in her Department that are working remotely on a permanent basis; the number working from home; the number working from a remote hub; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2043/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she plans to increase the carer's allowance/benefit rates and the income disregard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2041/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 131 of 30 November 2022, the status of the review of the school meals programme; when the final report will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6124/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the target processing time for schemes under her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2044/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to the passing of the Social Welfare Act 2022, when her report on the provision and cost of community welfare officers will be completed. — Sean Sherlock. [5995/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the promised 'strawman' proposal for the restructuring of long-term disability payments; the timeline for the public consultation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6125/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person receiving the benefit payment for 65-year-olds is precluded from receiving the carer's benefit; if receipt of the same benefit payment precludes persons from receiving other welfare payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [6041/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the consultation process as part of her Department's work on addressing the cost of disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [6037/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps that will be taken to address an anomaly whereby a recipient of a non-contributory pension will not be able to rent out their empty home under the terms of fair deal scheme, as the former family home will now be treated as an asset and contribute to their means assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [6190/23]

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

55. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of childcare services that have signed a core funding contract to date; the number of services that have entered a core funding agreement that have ceased operations since the scheme began in September 2022; the number of those which cited financial sustainability issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [6034/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the plans his Department has to deal with the shortfall of accommodation for refugees; if his Department has planned for an increase in the number of ‘rest centres’ for refugees coming to Ireland where they can stay temporarily before being moved to alternative accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [6054/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on new accommodation being procured in County Clare to cater for those entering Ireland seeking international protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [6056/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he is taking to ensure that adequate accommodation is available for refugees arriving in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [6070/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is satisfied that adequate support exists for all children insofar as is possible who might be subjected to a threat from any quarter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6130/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the roles and responsibilities of the newly-appointed Minister of State with special responsibility for Integration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [5815/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the latest level of take-up of the core funding model for childcare for childcare providers; if any need to adapt the existing suite of supports has been identified for providers who have sought additional transitional support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [6098/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking in response the delays experienced by individuals seeking personal information under the Birth Information and Tracing Act 2022. — Holly Cairns. [6118/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the long overdue national action plan against racism will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [6071/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons seeking international protection currently in emergency accommodation and or direct provision centres within each local authority area. — Matt Carthy. [5850/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider allocating additional resources in Cork; if he will address a growing shortfall of childcare facilities in areas experiencing substantial housing and population growth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [4453/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the protocols in respect of modular housing; if he will provide an outline of the Departments and agencies of the State that are involved in the construction of modular housing. — Sean Sherlock. [5970/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the engagement there has been with sports stadiums in relation to accessibility for those with a disability, including hidden disability. — Sorca Clarke. [6176/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has taken responsibility for disability services. — Sean Sherlock. [5973/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline any proposals that his Department has in relation to dealing with accommodating international and temporary protection applicants in the coming quarter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [6166/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he expects paid domestic violence leave to come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5940/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures he is taking to improve living conditions for international protection applicants in his Department's Citywest facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [6137/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can clarify the position in relation to the Programme for Government commitment to end the direct provision system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [6072/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the numbers of international protection applicants who have not been provided with accommodation and have been directed to homeless services; if he will end this policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [6138/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a full update on the status of the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Right of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [6179/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way he is supporting young adults with disabilities to access training and employment post-second level education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [6172/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 93 of 17 November 2022, the status of the review of projected

timelines for the implementation of the White Paper to End Direct Provision and to Establish a new International Protection Support Service; his plans to publish the outcomes of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6139/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline future plans for the delivery of a sustainable model for early and pre-school education to children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [6167/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the little book bag initiative; the number of books that have been distributed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [6004/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of unaccompanied minors currently seeking asylum in Ireland; and the number who are resident in direct provision centres, in residential care or in foster care. — Peadar Tóibín. [5637/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans for the implementation of the recommendations of the recently published 2021/2022 Annual Report by the Special Rapporteur on Child Protection; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6140/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the engagement that he has had with the Department of Education, with a view to progressing integration of students from new communities in primary and post primary schools. — Sorca Clarke. [6177/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he remains satisfied that the interests of children remains to the fore to the greatest extent possible in all situations where their interest might be challenged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6131/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the engagements he has had in relation to the disabled drivers' and disabled passengers scheme. — Matt Carthy. [5849/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the many Ukrainians fleeing Russia's war and currently housed in hotels will be accommodated during the peak tourist summer season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [6162/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he intends to expand the provisions of flexible working and remote working contained in the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2022 to all employees, beyond those who are in care relationships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [6033/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to support workers in the childcare and pre-school sector. — Holly Cairns. [6116/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide data on the new national childcare scheme to demonstrate participation and average

subsidy rates for January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [6042/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to provide information to individuals and families impacted by the commencement of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015. — Holly Cairns. [6120/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is satisfied that in cases in which proposals are presented by individuals, organisations or commercial entities to provide accommodation to IPAS, that applications are expedited in a timely way. — Sean Sherlock. [5971/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on the new report on rapid-build housing published by his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57890/22]

91. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can clarify his Department's recent communication on accommodation and support for refugees; the reason that it discriminates between different refugees and specifically offers less support to international protection refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [6068/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the role played by the Oak Report in the development of the mother and baby homes redress scheme. — Holly Cairns. [6117/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will proceed with plans to convert a vacant unit (details supplied) into emergency accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5664/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of times that children have gone missing from the care of Tusla in each of the past ten years; the number of children who were later located; and the number who remain missing. — Peadar Tóibín. [5638/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans for future investment in the early years' sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [6011/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress made under the National Disability Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021; his Department's plans for another such strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [6171/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of his engagement with religious orders and pharmaceutical companies concerning making payments to the redress scheme for the survivors of mother-and-baby homes. — Holly Cairns. [6119/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current and capital spend allocated to both Ukraine refugee and international protection applicant

programmes within the recently revised estimates from his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [5816/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the anti-racism strategy will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [6003/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on his Department's plans for an agency which will drive forward the development of the childcare sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [6097/23]