



# DÁIL ÉIREANN

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

**CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH**  
**QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the processing of additional needs' payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [6031/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if income disregards could be reviewed for the purposes of assessment of means for carer's allowance, with a view to ensuring that the income of a spouse, civil partner, or co-habitant where they work overtime, would not disbar an applicant for eligibility for the carer's allowance. — Sean Sherlock. [5993/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the implementation of the recommendations made by the child maintenance review group, including the removal of child maintenance as household means for social welfare payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [6032/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline the steps she intends to take to eradicate child poverty. — Gary Gannon. [6395/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps she is taking to ensure that community welfare officers are readily accessible to all who need them, and that additional needs' payments are processed promptly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [6337/23]

**CEISTEANNA EILE**  
**OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

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

30. 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]

31. 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]

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

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

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

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

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

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

### **CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

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

60. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to change the legal status of childminders, which would make possible the future regulation of childminders and allow for access to the national childcare scheme to be opened in future to parents who use registered childminders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [6393/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the changes he plans on implementing to improve and fulfil the rights of children and adults with disabilities, specifically in relation to access to AON tests and required services come 1 March 2023 when the remit transfers to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [6396/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the modular units for Ukrainian families fleeing the war in their country, including a timeframe for the completion and allocation of these units in County Cavan; if he will provide details of the additional resources and supports that are being put in place in Cavan in advance of, and in conjunction with, the allocation of these units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [6427/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the alternative accommodation that he has in mind for Ukrainian refugees in Killarney and Kerry, given that the tourist season is beckoning. — Danny Healy-Rae. [6338/23]



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

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

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

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

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

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

\*110. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 38 and 39 of 1 February 2023, in what way both streams of the Ukraine enterprise crisis scheme are being augmented; and the changes to the scheme that will come about. — Louise O'Reilly. [6227/23]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the new rules that allow doctors who have been working in the State for more than two years to immediately be able to access a Stamp 4 permission and spousal work rights; the number of doctors that applied under the new rules; the number that were approved; the number that were rejected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [6229/23]

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

\*112. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if any progress has been made to provide a mechanism which will allow full-time residents of mobile homes to access some form of energy credit to deal with the crippling energy prices through the €10 million fund announced in the energy poverty action plan, given that they have not benefitted from the energy credits to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [6389/23]

\*113. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason homes in Mulcaire Manor, Newport, County Tipperary are unable to obtain fibre to the home (FTTH) broadband, despite the fact that commercial operators are already delivering high speed broadband services in this area of County Tipperary; if he will ensure that any works required for the provision of FTTH broadband are completed and available to each home in Mulcaire Manor can access FTTH; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [6204/23]

\*114. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if those living in the same complex, but in different homes, which have separate addresses and Eircodes and which are connected by the same meter, but both have individual separate electric prepaid meters, will both be entitled to the €200 electricity credit or will this meter be deemed to be a sub meter of

one of the households and both households receive €100 credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [6278/23]

\*115. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if any allowance for utility bills can be made for those who are hosting refugees in their homes given the rising costs of energy bills and the pressure this is creating for many families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [6378/23]

\*116. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 74 of 18 January 2023 the final costs associated with an event (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [6385/23]

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

\*117. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the reason for the poor quality service and lack of service provided by a company (details supplied) on its 75 and 175 bus routes; if he will consider reassigning the routes to Dublin Bus as a result; if he will make available increased resources for the operation of routes 75 and 175; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [6206/23]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider introducing proposed measures (details supplied) to alleviate the waiting lists for an NCT, in view of long delays for the national car test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [6218/23]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Transport if more frequent bus transport between Tralee and Listowel will be provided (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6314/23]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on Castlefreke Coastguard Station project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [6381/23]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the Old Head Coastguard Station project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [6382/23]

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

\*122. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will maintain the current reduced VAT rate on hairdressing and barbering; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [6243/23]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason a centre (details supplied) does not qualify for the TBESS; if other supports are available to a premises like this to assist with rising energy costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6282/23]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Finance if VAT in the case of a car being imported into Northern Ireland from England, and then being converted into a hearse in Northern Ireland before import into Ireland, is chargeable on the vehicle upon registration in Ireland; if so, if the VAT is chargeable on the price of the vehicle when it enters Northern Ireland from England or when it enters Ireland from Northern Ireland; if so, when this charge came into place; the number of



hearses that have been charged for VAT under these conditions since the UK left the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6299/23]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the fuel grant element of the disabled drivers' and passengers scheme recipients if a disabled driver purchases an electric car; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [6409/23]

*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.*

\*126. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the fund for extra security measures for politicians will be paid out every year or once per Oireachtas term for Members of the Houses of the Oireachtas; the annual cost of the grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [6320/23]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the new funding scheme which will be provided to Members of the Houses of the Oireachtas for safety measures at their own homes will also be extended to the local authority-elected members around the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [6321/23]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 38 and 39 of 1 February 2023, when he will sanction the changes to the amended Ukraine enterprise crisis scheme. — Louise O'Reilly. [6228/23]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on an application (details supplied); if the property evaluation has been completed; if he will provide an update on progress for this development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [6398/23]

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

\*130. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the programmes and activities that have been implemented by Sports Ireland in 2022 to encourage, support and empower primary and secondary school children to actively participate in sport and physical activity; the levels of funding allocated to each programme and activity listed; the number of schools by county who participated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [6222/23]

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

\*131. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Government has set a date for a referendum on establishing full public ownership of Irish Water; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6205/23]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is a rule preventing house swaps amongst social housing tenants where one tenant is a resident of the local authority and another a resident of an AHB; and the rationale behind same. — Thomas Gould. [6235/23]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons housed by way of homes built on that person's own site by each county council in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [6245/23]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if additional funding will be provided to county councillors to provide increased personal security measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [6246/23]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding made available by his Department in monetary value, in tabular form, to each local authority to support the community response forum in each area in coordinating local measures welcoming Ukrainians; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [6247/23]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm that an exempted development regulation for the change of use of a wide repository of buildings was signed into law on 29 November 2022; if local authorities, including Dublin City Council, are obliged to put new planning and fire safety procedures in place in respect of buildings to be used for the purpose of accommodating Ukrainian beneficiaries of temporary protection; the person or body that his Department deals with in Dublin City Council in relation to such matters; if a building (details supplied) is being considered for accommodating Ukrainian beneficiaries of temporary protection; if the provisions of the exempted development regulation are being considered in respect of the use of this building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [6283/23]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an arrangement between the fire services and the HSE and the National Ambulance Service to provide a first response service nationally exists if there are no first responders in an area where there is a retained fire service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [6293/23]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the status of offshore wind farm applications being processed or processed by his Department during the period 1 January 2018 to 31 January 2023, by applicant, location and status/outcome, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [6315/23]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a list of the number of social houses that have been built on islands around the Irish coast over the past 20 years, in tabular form; on which islands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [6325/23]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his long-term plan to protect the islands and their Gaeltacht communities by building social houses; if he will instruct the local authorities to give extra points to native Irish speakers and people from the island community who have applied for homes on the islands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [6326/23]



\*141. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his long-term plan to protect the Gaeltacht communities; if he will instruct the local authorities to give extra points to native Irish speakers who have applied for homes in Gaeltacht areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [6327/23]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify the body that is responsible as a designated entity in the Planning and Development Act 2000 that can make a determination in respect of a proposed development that would and or could be contrary to Ireland's climate actions plan. — Catherine Murphy. [6329/23]

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

\*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline any additional information which grandparents must provide in order to bring their grandchildren abroad on holidays. — Robert Troy. [6297/23]

\*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a foreign birth registration application will be processed for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [6377/23]

\*145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a foreign birth registration application will be processed for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [6379/23]

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

\*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when the Independent Review Group report into the Women of Honour allegations will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [6248/23]

\*147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the requirements military officials must comply with in order to close local roads on the Curragh, County Kildare; if these requirements have changed in the past three years; the consequences for anyone defying the order to access their home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [6249/23]

\*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 333, 334, 335, 336 and 337 of 13 December 2022, the status of each protected disclosure (details supplied); if receipt of each disclosure has been acknowledged to each discloser; if further information has been requested in respect of each protected disclosure; if an initial assessment has been carried out in respect of each disclosure; if notifications of closure or otherwise have been furnished to each discloser; if feedback has been provided to each discloser; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6391/23]

\*149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if an update to the discloser has been issued in relation to a protected disclosure (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6392/23]

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

\*150. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding public service contracts for adult education tutors as recommended by the Labour Court; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [6239/23]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Education the status of re-instating payments to bus drivers (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [6240/23]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on work that is underway to improve pay and terms and conditions for school caretakers similar to that achieved for school secretaries; the stage this process is at; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6331/23]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Education if she will set out the actions she is taking to accommodate the 26 students in Limerick not offered a place in a post primary school this week; if she can confirm that all 26 students will be offered a place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [6200/23]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update with regard to the progress of the building of a new ASD unit at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [6201/23]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the designation of (details supplied) with respect to being designated as a DEIS school, due to the fact the school has a high number of students who come from social and economically disadvantaged backgrounds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [6202/23]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Education the current situation with regard to the availability of suitably trained persons to teach home economics in second level schools; if her attention has been drawn to research or surveys by teacher unions or the Teaching Council on the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [6203/23]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Education in view of successive years of increasing enrolment at a school (details supplied) and additional classroom requirement which, for the school year commencing September 2023 will see a requirement for four additional classrooms, three mainstream classrooms and an SEN classroom, if her Department is considering sanctioning a permanent extension to the school to accommodate this increased enrolment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [6216/23]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider a physical-activity-friendly school uniforms policy at primary and secondary level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [6220/23]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Education the number of additional ASD unit places that her Department expects to be in place for the academic year beginning September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [6231/23]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Education the number of additional ASD unit places that her Department expects to be in place in schools in Dublin 5, Dublin 13 and Dublin 17 respectively

for the academic year beginning September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [6232/23]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the changes to the criteria for teachers partaking in online summer courses in view of the fact that it will negatively impact those wishing to participate; and if she will set out the rationale for the proposed change. — Catherine Murphy. [6238/23]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding a new school for (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [6241/23]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the SNA hours for a person (details supplied) have been reduced from 5.5 hours to three hours, Monday to Friday; when they will be restored; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [6251/23]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that emails from parents to SENOs in County Kildare are not being answered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [6252/23]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine an issue (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [6254/23]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider reviewing the recent significant changes in guidelines regarding EPV day summer courses, as the previous fully online, asynchronous courses are no longer allowed; her views that these changes in guidelines limits the categories of courses that can be run and risks locking many out of professional learning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [6257/23]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Education if she can outline the level of school transport services servicing a school (details supplied), in view of the fact that parts of this extended Gaeltacht area appear to be excluded from the service, such as the Baile Ghib area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [6264/23]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the factors taken into consideration when the school transport services to a school (details supplied) were decided upon, in view of the Government commitment to enabling education in Gaeltacht schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [6265/23]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to enrolling children from new communities, including under international protection to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [6281/23]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Education if it is the intention to develop a masterplan for the 9.3-acre site that has been identified for a school (details supplied) to cater for a primary school as well as the secondary school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [6305/23]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Education if there are plans to develop a new secondary school in Newtownmountkennedy, County Wicklow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [6306/23]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details of any needs assessments that have been done regarding the provision of secondary school places to cater for the Newtownmountkennedy, Ashford and Roundwood areas of County Wicklow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [6307/23]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the construction of new school buildings at a school (details supplied) in County Donegal. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [6322/23]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the construction of new school buildings at a school (details supplied). — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [6323/23]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address concerns regarding the lack of home economics teachers and the lack of provision for upskilling available to home economics teachers (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [6328/23]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Education if she will intervene in the case of a person (details supplied) and ensure this child is allocated a place in a school with an ASD unit in September 2023. — Chris Andrews. [6330/23]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a rationale for the changes to the EPV summer courses for primary teachers, particularly the abolition of asynchronous courses and the reduction of offline hours; if she consulted with educational stakeholders on this change; if she considered the caregiving commitments of teachers in this process; if she is committed to providing leadership to the education sector in terms of fostering a culture of continuous learning; and if she plans to reverse and or amend the decision to eradicate asynchronous courses in the interest of caregivers and accessibility. — Catherine Murphy. [6332/23]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 121 of 1 February 2023, if she will outline in detail the way the extra €10 million allocated to school transport has been spent, providing a list of initiatives/services undertaken, the location, purpose and cost of each; the way each is alleviating the serious pressure due to lack of places; if that money allocated has been spent at all; if not, the reason therefor; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [6340/23]

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

\*179. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Cork is entitled to the free fuel allowance. — Michael Creed. [6237/23]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of additional people aged over 70 years who have benefitted to date from the widening of the eligibility criteria around fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [6260/23]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will undertake a review of the means assessment criteria for social protection allowances and benefits, in order to widen the eligibility criteria for people; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [6261/23]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of outstanding cases, both active and dormant, which were not otherwise resolved by settlement or withdrawal, in relation to DPMA/disability allowance litigation; the date of the earliest outstanding case; and the date of the latest outstanding case. — David Cullinane. [6292/23]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of recipients of disability allowance, invalidity pension and blind pension there are as of January 2023; the total spend on each payment in January 2023 following the implementation of the €12 rate increase; and if she will provide this information in tabular form, by payment. — Claire Kerrane. [6304/23]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); if she will ask her Department's officials to review the case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [6318/23]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person could be refused a full pension after returning to live in Ireland from the UK. — Frankie Feighan. [6341/23]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the return of the funeral/bereavement grant might be envisaged other than by way of exceptional needs payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6342/23]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of pension applications for contributory-related State pension received in each of the past three years to date; the number granted, refused or pending; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6343/23]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which the waiting time for a decision in respect of applications for various social welfare payments has been shortened; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6344/23]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons seeking to avail of State old age pension on the basis of self-employment contributions or partnership conditions that have been approved in the past twelve months; the number refused in the same period; if ameliorating action can be taken in the case of refusals particularly where a lesser number of contributions took place than were required; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6345/23]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which exceptional needs payments are available in cases where family income is insufficient to meet their requirements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6346/23]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applicants throughout the country currently in receipt of working family payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6347/23]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which various decisions in respect of social welfare payments have been subsequently overturned on appeal by the applicants or her Department in the past twelve months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6348/23]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of recipients of child benefit payments; the extent to which this has fluctuated over the past two years and is likely to so do in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6349/23]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which waiting times for payments in respect of means-tested applications compare with contribution related payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6350/23]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which satisfactory provision has been made for those retiring at 65 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6351/23]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is any further update with respect to making free travel passes available to persons diagnosed with epilepsy who are temporarily unable to drive due to their illness, further to the discussions that took place with an organisation (details supplied) in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [6390/23]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures in place to help with the reduction time for appeals cases that are ongoing for more than three months. — Niamh Smyth. [6401/23]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will reintroduce community welfare officers visiting towns and communities in counties Cavan and Monaghan one day per week. — Niamh Smyth. [6402/23]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will realign the qualification thresholds for the household benefits package with the newly-increased fuel allowance thresholds; if she could provide an estimated costing for this measure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [6403/23]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the levels of take-up of the newly-increased fuel allowance thresholds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [6404/23]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she expects progress on reforms to the welfare system for workers who, through no fault of their own, lose their job following years of service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [6418/23]

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

\*202. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on international protection breach claims of an organisation (details supplied) in relation to accommodating newly-arrived refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [6397/23]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth pursuant to recommendation 17 of the report by the Special Rapporteur on Child Protection (details supplied) the details of any analysis carried out by his Department with regard to establishing a State inquiry into the practice of illegal adoptions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6191/23]



\*204. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of a report by a person (details supplied) into historical abuse by St. John's Ambulance for details of any engagement he has had in 2023 with St. John's Ambulance regarding the publication of the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6192/23]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he expects the Decision Support Service (DSS) to be fully operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [6208/23]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number and the profiles of both Ukrainians and IPP arrivals to County Roscommon, in tabular form, for the years 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [6224/23]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number and the profiles of both Ukrainians and IPP arrivals to the Ballaghaderreen area in County Roscommon, in tabular form, for the years 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [6225/23]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the progress of a successor policy to Better Outcomes Brighter Futures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [6233/23]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide details on the costs incurred in relation to transporting asylum applicants and beneficiaries of temporary protection to reception centres, accommodation units and emergency accommodation centres located throughout the State from 2011 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [6255/23]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has engaged with childminders regarding their concerns about increased regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [6258/23]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of service providers that dropped out of the ECCE scheme for the 2022/2023 year; the number that did not register; the number that have indicated they will not re-register for the 2023/2024 year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [6259/23]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline all of the measures his Department has taken in the past two years to reduce the cost of childcare for parents; his plans to reduce these costs further for parents in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [6262/23]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures his Department has taken to reduce costs for those running crèches and childminding facilities; his plans to support them further with costs in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [6263/23]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a building (details supplied) is being considered for accommodation for Ukrainian beneficiaries of

temporary protection or international protection applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [6286/23]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department collects data on PPS numbers assigned to international protection applicants; if so, if he will provide the number of PPS numbers assigned from 2011 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [6308/23]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of children currently in foster care at present; the extent to which the level of care is satisfactory and in accordance with regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6352/23]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which children's rights continue to be maintained in accordance with the Children's Rights Referendum and subsequent legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6353/23]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children now in the various forms of institutional or custodial care; the extent to which the children's rights continue to be observed in such circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6354/23]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which the number of children under the possible threat of mental, physical, sexual or other abuse comes to the attention of Tusla who can engage without interference from any other source; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6355/23]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which the funds available to his Department remain adequate to meet whatever challenges may arise, for whatever reason in the course of the next twelve months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6356/23]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he remains satisfied that the rights and entitlements of children are adequately protected without intrusion from any other source or threat; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6357/23]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he is satisfied that equality prevails in all situations affecting children whose rights and entitlements might be affected in family law courts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6358/23]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he is satisfied that Tusla is free to carry out its statutory requirements in all situations which might emerge, without exception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6359/23]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which efforts continue in relation to integration, with particular reference to the need to ensure



maximum efforts throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6360/23]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he continues to interact with youth organisations throughout the country with a view to identifying their priorities and providing assistance, if and when required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6361/23]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 168 of 1 February 2023, where he stated that “there may be instances where a session includes hours which a parent is paying for but does not avail of. In these instances, the subsidy would reduce with the sessional fee remaining unchanged”, if he will ensure that measures will be enacted as a matter of urgency to address certain issues given the unfairness of this position, which results in affected parents paying more for childcare than if their children were in the facility for longer hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6388/23]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if people working within the core funding scheme can be allocated a teaching number to avoid returning the same information every year for validation. — Niamh Smyth. [6400/23]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the preparations that have been made to deal with the anticipated further influx of Ukrainian refugees throughout 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [6405/23]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of offers of accommodation for refugees that remain unanswered by his Department and relevant agencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [6406/23]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current status and proposed timeframe for the First 5 action to develop a dedicated child health workforce, adopting a population-based approach; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [6407/23]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he intends to expand the ECCE services to include children with additional needs in pre-school aged class; the engagement he has had with the Department of Education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [6415/23]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the consultation he is having with an organisation (details supplied) to support an affordable childcare scheme in service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [6416/23]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to pilot the provision of a range of meal options to children, including the provision of hot meals in early learning settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [6419/23]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions his Department has taken to promote the safety and wellbeing of unaccompanied children and

young people seeking international protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [6420/23]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on applications being processed through the information and tracing legislation. — Kathleen Funchion. [6421/23]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the impact that increases in the national childcare scheme are having; if his Department plans to increase the subsidy in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [6422/23]

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

\*237. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there is financial support available to employees who return to college part-time (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [6288/23]

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

\*238. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons facilitated in relocating to Ireland under the Afghan admission programme; the number of people who have been accepted but are yet to be relocated; and the number of persons refused participation in the programme, including the rationale for said refusals. — Holly Cairns. [6408/23]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason that asylum seekers are allowed into Ireland without travel documents given that they clearly had to produce these when boarding at airports and ferries. — Danny Healy-Rae. [6339/23]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide assistance on a stamp 4 renewal application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [6207/23]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will outline the reason for regularisation of the long-term undocumented migrants scheme delay; when the remaining outstanding applications will be finalised; if he will provide a breakdown of nationalities who get approval and who are still waiting for their applications to be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [6219/23]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Justice the options open to a person who has been granted refugee status and has now been granted under the family reunification unit (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [6226/23]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Justice if an assessment will be carried out on the need for the provision of a new Garda station in Citywest, Dublin 24; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [6230/23]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Justice the percentage of gardaí adequately trained to engage in the high-speed pursuit of a vehicle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [6234/23]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Justice when a refund of a registration fee will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6298/23]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Justice if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); if he will review the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [6316/23]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Justice when the Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2022 will be enacted and commenced. — Jim O'Callaghan. [6386/23]

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

\*248. To ask the Minister for Health the strategies being examined to fill the vacancies to support the workload of the staff of an organisation (details supplied) and speed up waiting lists. — Niamh Smyth. [6399/23]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Health the number of private and voluntary homes in total did the HSE offer crisis support to during the Covid outbreak crisis; the number that received and the number that rejected such support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [6193/23]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Health the number of concerns or complaints HIQA has received in the last year regarding restricted visiting in care homes. — Paul Murphy. [6194/23]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Health the number of concerns or complaints that were received by the HSE adult safeguarding teams in regards to nursing homes since March 2020, in tabular form; of the number related to public nursing homes, private nursing homes and people living in the community, and also a breakdown by count, and the number of private nursing homes allowed or denied entrance to fully investigate the concerns or complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [6195/23]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Health the number of concerns or complaints the Office of the confidential recipient has received since March 2020, with a full breakdown by concern type that is safeguarding/standards of care/ medical errors and the number of concerns or complaints that were referred to safeguarding or an Garda Síochána. — Paul Murphy. [6196/23]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the process involved in HIQA deciding whether or not to refer safeguarding concerns to safeguarding teams or to an Garda Síochána, including the length of time it takes to decide if a matter should be referred to safeguarding teams or to an Garda Síochána, and the expertise in safeguarding possessed by the decision makers. — Paul Murphy. [6197/23]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Health the reason only ten concerns in relation to nursing homes were reported to safeguarding teams from the period from 2020 to the end of November 2022, out of the more than 3,000 concerns recorded by HIQA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [6198/23]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Health if the mistreatment of a patient in a nursing home (details supplied) was reported to safeguarding, HIQA and or to an Garda Síochána, if any investigation took place into who was responsible for locking the door of the room in question; if any disciplinary procedures were instituted in relation to the locking of the door; if the patient and or their family were involved in any investigation; if they were offered supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [6199/23]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the medical laboratory in Mayo University Hospital is unable to diagnose vitamin D blood tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [6209/23]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Health the approximate cost of a vitamin D blood test through a GP; if he intends to streamline doctor fees charged to patients nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [6210/23]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list in tabular form of details of meetings between his Department and the National Women's Council of Ireland, which included reference to abortion/termination of pregnancy issues in their minutes between May 2018 to date. — Mattie McGrath. [6213/23]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list, in tabular form, of details of meetings between his Department and the Irish Family Planning Association which included reference to abortion/termination of pregnancy issues in their minutes between May 2018 to date. — Mattie McGrath. [6214/23]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Health if he received advice from organisations on the appointment of the chairperson of the abortion review in January 2022; and to name such organisations. — Mattie McGrath. [6215/23]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay for patients (details supplied) awaiting orthodontic maxillofacial surgery (open bite), with current wait times of six to eight years, with the prospect of losing teeth due to the unacceptable wait times for this surgery; and to outline the way he proposes to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [6242/23]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Health when the income limits for medical card eligibility will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [6244/23]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the concerns of Hyperemesis Ireland regarding the current reimbursement policy related to medication to treat this condition; if he proposes to meet the group to discuss their concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [6253/23]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Health the Governmental or European funding initiatives that are available for digital healthcare companies that provide personalised solutions for the intervention of chronic health conditions, and for management of chronic disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [6266/23]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Health if a decision has been taken to remove the larnitide chemotherapy drug from the drugs refund scheme; if so, the reason for this; and the notice that

is being given to users in order that they can explore other options which would be covered. — Richard Bruton. [6267/23]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Health for an update with regard to the payment of the pandemic recognition to staff administering vaccines in SouthDoc; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [6279/23]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the implementation of the 2006 Labour Court ruling that pensions should be paid to section 39 workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [6280/23]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1396 of 14 June 2022, if Cork will be considered as a location for the provision of gallium scans as currently the only scans available are in the Dublin region and waiting lists are significant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [6284/23]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Health the current timeframe for a person (details supplied) to receive the 7.50 hours per week home support they were approved for in October 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6287/23]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outstanding cases, both active and dormant which were not otherwise resolved by settlement or withdrawal, in relation to long-stay charges litigation; the date of the earliest outstanding case; and the date of the latest outstanding case. — David Cullinane. [6290/23]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outstanding cases, both active and dormant, which were not otherwise resolved by settlement or withdrawal, in relation to DPMA litigation; the date of the earliest outstanding case; and the date of the latest outstanding case. — David Cullinane. [6291/23]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that older people are being charged significant sums of money by GPs to carry out certification of fitness to drive check-ups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [6294/23]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adults who have been transferred to inpatient mental health facilities in Britain and Northern Ireland from 2014 to date in 2023, in tabular form; the number and location of such facilities; and the amount that has been spent on this care for each facility. — David Cullinane. [6295/23]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adults who have been transferred to inpatient mental health facilities in other countries due to a lack of capacity in the State from 2014 to date in 2023, in tabular form; the number and location of such facilities; and the amount which has been spent on this care for each facility. — David Cullinane. [6296/23]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that healthcare assistants currently employed by a company (details supplied) have received the pandemic special recognition payment, while healthcare assistants previously employed by this company during all of the Covid-19 period have not yet received their payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [6302/23]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Health the current total number of speech and language therapist posts across all healthcare services in County Wexford, primary care services, mental health, disability and services for older people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [6309/23]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Health the current total number of occupational therapy posts across all healthcare services in County Wexford, primary care services, mental health, disability and services for older people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [6310/23]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Health the current total number of physiotherapy posts across all healthcare services in County Wexford, primary care services, mental health, disability and services for older people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [6311/23]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Health the current total number of psychologist posts across all healthcare services in County Wexford, primary care services, mental health, disability and services for older people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [6312/23]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on north Kerry CAMHS (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6313/23]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [6317/23]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will provide persons with access to a drug (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6319/23]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will provide a person (details supplied) with access to a medication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [6333/23]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Health the process in writing by which pregnant women experiencing extreme nausea and vomiting can obtain the drug cariban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [6334/23]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the drug cariban cannot be prescribed by a GP on the drugs payment scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [6335/23]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cariban prescriptions that have been processed through the drugs payment scheme to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [6336/23]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Health his views on his recent contributions to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [6135/23]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Health if he will elaborate on his views expressed at the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, where according to an article (details supplied),



an official from his Department stated that it may not be the case that Ireland will reach a point where there are absolutely no children or adolescents being admitted to adult inpatient mental health facilities; if this is the Government's official position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [6136/23]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Health the process, in detail, how pregnant women in Ireland experiencing extreme nausea can access the drug cariban; the reason that women are having trouble obtaining the drug; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [6362/23]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider allowing GPs to prescribe cariban a drug for pregnant women experiencing extreme nausea that currently is only prescribed by consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [6363/23]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cariban prescriptions processed in Ireland since the drug was added to the DPS in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [6364/23]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the review of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018; when the completed review will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6365/23]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide up-to-date information on a number of speech and language therapy vacancies in CHO8 (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [6366/23]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the process for obtaining the cariban drug for pregnant women experiencing extreme nausea and vomiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [6367/23]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the cariban drug is not prescribed by GPs through the drugs payment scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [6368/23]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cariban prescriptions that have been processed through to drugs payment scheme to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [6369/23]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can be placed on the May 2022 review list instead of the October 2022 review list. — Robert Troy. [6370/23]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Health with regard to the drug payment scheme, the analysis that his Department or the HSE has carried out into removing the requirement for the original prescriber of cariban to be a consultant, in order that GPs would have the authority to be the original prescriber for this medication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6371/23]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Health the process whereby pregnant women experiencing extreme nausea can obtain access to cariban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6372/23]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cariban prescriptions processed to date under the drug payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6373/23]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clearly outline the process by which pregnant women experiencing extreme nausea and vomiting can obtain cariban through the drugs payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [6374/23]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the reason exactly a GP cannot prescribe cariban on the drugs payment scheme; if he will acknowledge that the majority of women do not see a consultant until after 12 weeks of pregnancy and it is the case that a GP would be qualified to prescribe the drug and be automatically covered on the DPS; if he will clarify the reason that a GP would not be qualified to do so if this is not permissible; if he will clarify the standard practice of the prescription of the drug that exists in other EU member states; if he will further outline his Department's recommendations to help with extreme nausea and vomiting for the first 12 weeks of pregnancy or until the drug can be accessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [6375/23]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the number of cariban prescriptions that have been processed through the drugs payment scheme to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [6376/23]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Health the process in writing by which pregnant women are experiencing extreme nausea and vomiting can obtain cariban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [6380/23]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the drug cariban cannot be prescribed by a GP on the drugs payment scheme, given that the majority of women do not see a consultant until after 12 weeks; if this is the current standard practice in other EU member states; his Department's recommendations, in the meantime, to help with the extreme nausea and vomiting for the first 12 weeks, or until the drug can be accessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [6383/23]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cariban prescriptions that have been processed through the drugs payment scheme to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [6384/23]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 745 of 22 November 2022, the status of the final report of the expert group on to reform and the management of clinical negligence claims; the reason the recommendations which come under his remit have not been implemented; the timeline he is working towards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [6387/23]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Health when the seven-day services will be operational at a premises (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [6163/23]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Health the date he is working towards for the second-stage discussion of the Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services (Safe Access Zones)) Bill 2022 General Scheme of Bill. — Holly Cairns. [6411/23]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for pre-application assessment for aids and appliances for those under 18 years of age in CHO4; the length of time they have been waiting for the pre-application assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [6412/23]



\*311. To ask the Minister for Health the number of lactation consultant positions that are in each CHO, including a breakdown to LHO level, the number of positions which are currently filled, the number of positions which are currently vacant, and measures being undertaken to recruit personnel. — Holly Cairns. [6413/23]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to support public health nurses to separate and specialise workload, such as working with infants and children, or caring for elderly persons, in all LHOs within CHO4. — Holly Cairns. [6414/23]

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

\*313. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide advice with regard to parking at Rossaveel car park (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [6256/23]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will convene an urgent meeting of the Sheep Vision Group to discuss the worsening crisis in the sheep sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [6250/23]

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

\*315. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will advise of the car parking facilities and supports that are available for island communities; if her Department has had any engagement with the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine on providing permits for car parks which are currently only provided on a commercial basis; if she will provide advice on this matter with regard parking at Rossaveel car park (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [6256/23]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason she announced on gov.ie that each men's shed would receive a grant of €2,000, but is now stating that each men's shed will receive a grant of up to €2,000; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6268/23]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason that the timeframe of 1 January to 31 December 2022 was placed as a criterion for qualification for the sustainability grant scheme for men's sheds when the grant scheme was announced in November and sheds were only informed of the grant by the IMSA on 5 December via webinar; the reason that the timeframe was so short resulting in men's sheds not having an opportunity to carry out essential sustainability works/ projects between 5 December and 31 December (details supplied); the reason that the grant was offered retrospectively when most community funding grant schemes require full approval of any works prior to offering of any grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6269/23]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development in situations in which some of the €800,000 grant funding has not been drawn down by individual men's sheds due to non-qualification according to the current criteria; if all monies will be returned to her Department, or if they will be held by the Irish men's sheds association; the amount of the €800,000 that remains unspent at this point; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6270/23]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide a list of all of the men's sheds that received funding under the men's sheds sustainability grant, and the level of funding received by each; and the number of men's sheds that were unable to make an application due to the strict criteria and short timeframe. — Mattie McGrath. [6271/23]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to confirm if the criteria for the men's shed sustainability grant was laid down by her Department or by the IMSA; if the criteria/guidelines were the result of negotiation with the IMSA; if consultation occurred with the IMSA in advance of the grant announcement; if the IMSA met with her or Departmental officials to discuss this grant; if so, if a record of any such meeting is available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6272/23]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development in relation to the men's shed sustainability grant, as the purpose of the grant was to support shed sustainability, the reason that there was no requirement to prove a need for the funding in the criteria (details supplied); the reason that some sheds with real sustainability issues have been prohibited from claiming the entire grant, despite it being critical in order to maintain sustainability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6273/23]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason she states that the Irish men's sheds association is the representative organisation for individual men's sheds when according to the organisation's own memorandum and articles of association, it is not a representative organisation; the reason she states that sheds are members of the IMSA when the IMSA articles of association state otherwise; if her attention was drawn to reports that the IMSA was not the representative body for men's sheds and therefore had no consultation with the individual men's sheds prior to any negotiation of the qualifying criteria; if she would agree that the men's sheds are neither associate or full members of the IMSA, in accordance with its articles of association; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6274/23]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason that her Department has given funding to the IMSA to administer when it is not the representative body of the men's shed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6275/23]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason that the men's sheds sustainability grant monies were not administered by the LCDC as has been the case to date, when no change has occurred within the memorandum and articles of the IMSA to state that it is the men's sheds' representative body; if the IMSA is to be considered as the official representative body of men's sheds, the reason that there has been no changes to its Memorandum and Articles of Association since its registration with the Charity Regulator on 29 March 2012; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6276/23]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will meet a delegation of representatives from a number of individual men's sheds who have concerns in relation to the manner in which the men's sheds' sustainability grant has been administered at her earliest opportunity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6277/23]