

# DÁIL ÉIREANN

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

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

- 1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. Mary Lou McDonald. [4084/23]
- 2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. Ivana Bacik. [5719/23]
- 3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on European Union and International Affairs will next meet. Seán Haughey. [5758/23]
- 4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [5851/23]
- 5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. Richard Boyd Barrett. [5891/23]
- 6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. Paul Murphy. [5894/23]
- 7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [6864/23]
- 8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on European Union and International Affairs will next meet. Mick Barry. [6918/23]
- 9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. Rose Conway-Walsh. [6947/23]
- 10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the role of his Department in the north-east inner-city initiative. Mary Lou McDonald. [4086/23]
- 11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the role of his Department in the north-east inner-city initiative. Ivana Bacik. [5720/23]
- 12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the north-east inner-city task force. Gary Gannon. [5887/23]
- 13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Housing for All progress report for Q4 2022 will be published. Richard Boyd Barrett. [4417/23]
- 14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Housing for All progress report for Q4 2022 will be published. Paul Murphy. [4420/23]

- 15. To ask the Taoiseach when the Housing for All progress report for Q4 2022 will be published. Ivana Bacik. [5721/23]
- 16. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [5783/23]
- 17. To ask the Taoiseach when the Housing for All Q4 2022 progress report will be published. Mary Lou McDonald. [5646/23]
- 18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Housing for All progress report for Q4 2022 will be published. Cian O'Callaghan. [6028/23]
- 19. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet [SUBSTITUTE TAOISEACH]. Peadar Tóibín. [6736/23]
- 20. To ask the Taoiseach when the Housing for All progress report for Q4 2022 will be published. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [6863/23]
- 21. To ask the Taoiseach when the Housing for All progress report for Q4 2022 will be published. Paul McAuliffe. [6886/23]
- 22. To ask the Taoiseach when the Housing for All progress report for Q4 2022 will be published. Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [6887/23]
- 23. To ask the Taoiseach when the Housing for All progress report for Q4 2022 will be published. Mick Barry. [6919/23]
- 24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Housing for All progress report for Q4 2022 will be published. Rose Conway-Walsh. [6948/23]
- 25. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. Cian O'Callaghan. [7239/23]
- 26. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff that were employed by the public relations unit and press office in his Department as of 20 January 2022; and the number currently so employed.

   Peadar Tóibín. [4437/23]
- 27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Government Information Service unit of his Department. Ivana Bacik. [6927/23]
- 28. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. Mary Lou McDonald. [4088/23]
- 29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. Richard Boyd Barrett. [5892/23]
- 30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. Paul Murphy. [5895/23]
- 31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. Jim O'Callaghan. [6888/23]

- 32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. James Lawless. [6890/23]
- 33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. Michael Moynihan. [6900/23]
- 34. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. Mick Barry. [6920/23]
- 35. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. Ivana Bacik. [6926/23]
- 36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Humanitarian Response to Ukraine will next meet. Pa Daly. [5817/23]
- 37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Humanitarian Response to Ukraine will next meet. Ivana Bacik. [6924/23]
- 38. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Humanitarian Response to Ukraine will next meet. John Lahart. [7242/23]
- 39. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet sub-committee that deals with a humanitarian response to Ukraine will next meet. Mick Barry. [7265/23]
- 40. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [5852/23]
- 41. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. Richard Boyd Barrett. [5893/23]
- 42. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. Paul Murphy. [5896/23]
- 43. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Coordination will next meet. Peadar Tóibín. [6735/23]
- 44. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. Ivana Bacik. [6925/23]
- 45. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. Cian O'Callaghan. [7240/23]
- 46. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. Mick Barry. [7266/23]
- 47. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the strategic goals of his Department's Strategy Statement 2021-2023; and if he plans to update them. Mary Lou McDonald. [5647/23]
- 48. To ask the Taoiseach when the annual report of his Department for 2022 will be published. Mary Lou McDonald. [6847/23]
- 49. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social dialogue co-ordination unit of his Department. Mary Lou McDonald. [5648/23]

- 50. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. Peadar Tóibín. [6733/23]
- 51. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. Mary Lou McDonald. [6849/23]
- 52. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. Robert Troy. [7393/23]

#### CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH OUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

- 53. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the second stage of the assessment process for increased veterinary provision, including details on the selection criteria, expert panel and ensuring international standards; the number of additional veterinary places that will be delivered and whether this will meet the current needs of the sector; when the first places will be delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [6962/23]
- 54. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason students who have previously sat a year in a different course were excluded from the €1,000 discount on third levels fees when they are subject to the same cost of living pressures as everyone else. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [7502/23]
- 55. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on student accommodation projects at advanced stages of planning that remain undeveloped due to a lack of agreement on Government support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [6963/23]
- 56. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way he envisages the Killybegs Tourism College developing as a campus of the Atlantic Technical University; if he has any discussions with the ATU around same; if he has received funding applications in relation to the further development of the campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [7272/23]
- 57. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he plans to allow students in receipt of the SUSI grant to earn income for weekend work without impacting their eligibility for a SUSI grant. Mattie McGrath. [6964/23]

## CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

58. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to clarify the process by which Chairs of the Review into PhD Conditions were selected; and to provide details of the remuneration awarded to Chairs. — Gary Gannon. [6933/23]

- 59. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider amending the SUSI terms and conditions to ensure that students whose parents were working and became ill and accessed illness benefit are not discriminated in the system in that if the household income is low enough that they are able to access the special rate of grant aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Canney. [2878/23]
- 60. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he has taken to ensure adequate capacity within higher education institutions for students wishing to study veterinary medicine. Matt Carthy. [6868/23]
- 61. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress that has been made in working with HEI's to ensure that more accommodation is built on and off campus, using cost-rental and other models as set down in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [6916/23]
- 62. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans, if any, to make changes to the SUSI grant eligibility criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [6899/23]
- 63. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on student accommodation projects at advanced stages of planning that remain undeveloped due to a lack of agreement on Government support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Martin Browne. [6950/23]
- 64. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the engagement his Department has had with universities, the Department of Health and the HSE to increase college places in the area of mental health care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mark Ward. [6773/23]
- 65. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the current position with regards the EV centre of excellence at Columb Barracks, Mullingar. Robert Troy. [6613/23]
- 66. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 116 of 1 December 2022, the status of the proposed new further education college in Galway city; the status of the development of the preliminary business case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [6945/23]
- 67. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason students who have previously sat a year in a different course were excluded from the €1,000 euro discount on third levels fees when they are subject to the same cost of living pressures as everyone else. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [6939/23]
- 68. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has considered keeping the Aungier Street campus of TU, Dublin in public ownership, due to the lack of public facilities in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Chris Andrews. [6889/23]
- 69. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to significantly expand and incentivise student accommodation build in Waterford given the designation of Waterford as a university city, and that within the National Student

Accommodation Strategy 2016-2024, no additional student accommodation in Waterford was targeted over the eight years of the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [60073/22]

- 70. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps being taken to deliver an increased provision of healthcare education, given the recent recognition by the Minister for Health that we need to approximately double the number of healthcare professionals we are training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Martin Browne. [6949/23]
- 71. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the submission to Government on associated membership of CERN being prepared by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [6961/23]
- 72. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to improve the position of PhD candidates as a means to grow the talent pool of workers in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [6944/23]
- 73. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his engagement with all third-level institutions in view of the recent cyber breach at MTU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Aindrias Moynihan. [6941/23]
- 74. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has considered gathering demographic data on where students in universities and colleges went to secondary school and publishing same. Thomas Gould. [6883/23]
- 75. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is satisfied with the current review and appeal process by third level institutions participating with the higher education access route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Aindrias Moynihan. [6942/23]
- 76. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will give consideration to extending the €1,000 fee reduction to students who moved courses and were required to pay higher fees, given that they had to repeat a year at undergraduate level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [5900/23]
- 77. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of new apprenticeship registration in 2022; the number of people waiting over six months to access off-the-job training; if the backlog is believed to be impacting registration numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [6902/23]
- 78. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline the action taken by his Department to address shortfalls in residency requirements for SUSI applications for applicants whose residency in the State may have been impacted by Covid-19 travel restrictions in place at the time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [6480/23]
- 79. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to create additional places in further and higher education facilities in the 2023/2024

academic year to ensure the provision of graduates with the key competencies and skills needed to staff children's disability network teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [6860/23]

- 80. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on his engagement with stakeholders, including unions and education providers, to resolve the pay and conditions issues of personal assistants who work in some education and training boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [6875/23]
- 81. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he intends to take to improve the interface between the wider research community and Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Denis Naughten. [2036/23]
- 82. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the ongoing PhD review; if a more formal consultation process will take place later in the review process that will include stakeholder engagement; if he will request an organisation (details supplied) to meet with the organisation as the body representing PhD researchers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [6958/23]
- 83. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to request the Chairs of the Review into PhD Conditions to contact an organisation (details supplied); and to meet with the organisation as the body representing PhD researchers in Ireland. Gary Gannon. [6934/23]
- 84. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress that has been made in publishing an updated Apprenticeship Action Plan to look at new ways of structuring, funding and promoting apprenticeships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [6917/23]
- 85. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the progress of the National Review into PhD conditions; if he will provide a full work plan for the review as laid out by the Chairs; the meetings the Chairs may have had or plan to have with stakeholders; and the anticipated date of completion for the review. Gary Gannon. [6932/23]
- 86. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of persons who graduated from faculties (details supplied) by university in each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peadar Tóibín. [6664/23]
- 87. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the current status of Ireland's application to join CERN; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Denis Naughten. [2037/23]
- 88. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has engaged with the document 'Mental Health Supports in Schools and Tertiary Education', produced by the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Education, Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science; the steps he is taking to implement the recommendations that fall under the remit of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mark Ward. [6772/23]

- 89. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to create additional places in further and higher education facilities in the 2023/2024 academic year to ensure the provision of an appropriate pipeline of qualified social workers needed to staff Tusla; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [6861/23]
- 90. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the publication of the review of the student grant scheme that identified a significant unmet demand for part-time learning among students the steps being taken to expand supports to part-time students as recommended by the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [6960/23]
- 91. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of persons who have accepted CAO offers in each of the past ten years; the number of persons who have dropped out of college in each of the past ten years, in tabular form; if a college-by-college breakdown can be provided on this figure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peadar Tóibín. [6663/23]
- 92. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department will reach its target of 10,000 apprentices in 2023. Thomas Gould. [6884/23]
- 93. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the terms of reference with regard to the consideration of a location for a new veterinary school; and if he is confident that any newly established courses will be internationally accredited. Matt Carthy. [6867/23]
- 94. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the work being done to help progress technological university status for Dundalk Institute of Technology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [6876/23]
- 95. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline his engagement with the Minister for Education concerning the provision of higher education training courses for special needs assistants. Holly Cairns. [6624/23]
- 96. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the present intake into courses catering to the key areas of health needs; and if he will indicate whether there are plans for new initiatives to meet recruitment bottlenecks through new places or flexible programmes such as Springboard. Richard Bruton. [6756/23]
- 97. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for details of any engagement he has had with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with regard to increasing the uptake of apprenticeships in construction-related trades; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [6946/23]
- 98. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide the terms of reference for the consideration of the location of the proposed new veterinary school and the international accreditation that will be used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [6905/23]

- 99. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has given consideration to the location of a new veterinary school; and his views on whether any newly established courses will be internationally accredited. Pearse Doherty. [6885/23]
- 100. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will indicate the total intake onto apprenticeships in the past twelve months, distinguishing those going into new apprenticeships and those entering traditional apprenticeships; and the initiatives being taken to drive employer engagement with the new fields. Richard Bruton. [6755/23]

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

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

- \*101. To ask the Taoiseach the number of Ukrainian persons issued PPS numbers in 2022, analysed by gender and those aged under 18 and above 18 years of age, respectively; and the number of those issued with PPS numbers who are now in employment. Niall Collins. [5950/23]
- \*102. To ask the Taoiseach the number and details of compensation or redress schemes put in place by his Department since 1998, in tabular form; the number of claims made; and the total cost of the scheme. David Cullinane. [6470/23]

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

- \*103. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number and details of compensation or redress schemes put in place by his Department since 1998, in tabular form; the number of claims made; the total cost of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [6459/23]
- \*104. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he met with the CEO of a company (details supplied) during his recent visit to the west coast of the United States. Alan Kelly. [6673/23]
- \*105. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will licence the export of car parts from this jurisdiction (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

   Pádraig O'Sullivan. [6690/23]
- \*106. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if Enterprise Ireland plans to have a trade mission to the west coast of United States of America in the next three months. Darren O'Rourke. [6976/23]
- \*107. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of WTE vacancies by job title at the Corporate Enforcement Authority as of 30 January 2023; and when each of these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. Darren O'Rourke. [6977/23]
- \*108. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if it is incumbent upon an employer to provide all employees with three days sick leave on full pay in 2023 without

requiring proof of a sick note from a GP or doctor, in relation to the Sick Leave Act 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [7049/23]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the views of his Department have been provided to the Department of Social Protection regarding the recognition of long-Covid as an occupational illness; if not, the reason, in view of the fact that a failure to act in this regard is leaving long-Covid sufferers who contracted Covid while working on the front line during the pandemic, in unacceptable limbo (details supplied). — Catherine Connolly. [7274/23]

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

- \*110. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the proceeds that have been collected from taxable profits by the temporary solidarity contributions from 2018 to 2021 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Johnny Mythen. [6594/23]
- \*111. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number and details of compensation or redress schemes put in place by his Department since 1998, in tabular form; the number of claims made; the total cost of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [6460/23]
- \*112. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 181 of 31 January 2023 (details supplied), if he will provide a breakdown for D6W, D8, D12, D10 and D20; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patrick Costello. [6476/23]
- \*113. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason Inland Fisheries Ireland, which operates under his Department's aegis, has never completed an appropriate assessment screening, as required under the EU Habitats Directive for the operation of a hatchery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [6515/23]
- \*114. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details of the procedure to allow residents (details supplied) to avail of the electricity costs emergency benefit scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. James Lawless. [6541/23]
- \*115. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will expedite the provision of high-speed broadband to a home (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [6569/23]
- \*116. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the further progress being made in signing-off on pension increases due to retired An Post workers for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Fergus O'Dowd. [6578/23]
- \*117. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress that he has made with the relevant agencies and stakeholders to deliver the annual support of €75 for the disposal of medical incontinence wear for vulnerable persons to help meet the average cost of disposing of domestic waste; when the support will be implemented and through which agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patrick O'Donovan. [6666/23]

- \*118. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the independent report by a person (details supplied) which the Government commissioned into energy supply/security/wholesale market matters is complete; if so, when it was completed; if not, when it will be completed; and when the report will be published. Barry Cowen. [6719/23]
- \*119. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address a matter (details supplied) and statement regarding solar panels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [6747/23]
- \*120. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 174 of 31 January 2023, if pensioners will receive an increase (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [6752/23]
- \*121. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if Ireland is on course to stay within the legally binding carbon budget 2021-2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [6820/23]
- \*122. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update of the new windfall profit tax announced in November 2022 and which is to be applied to the revenue of energy companies; the estimated amount he forecasts will be collected in 2023 from the measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ged Nash. [6834/23]
- \*123. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the introduction of the temporary solidarity contribution announced last year for 2022 and 2023 which will be levied on companies active in fossil fuel production/refining; the estimated amount of revenue he anticipates will be generated from the measure in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ged Nash. [6835/23]
- \*124. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the network infrastructure map in relation to the published contract with broadband provider National Broadband Ireland (details supplied) is functioning in full; if it is currently accessible, as described, by service providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Robert Troy. [6914/23]
- \*125. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if current or proposed protections from disconnections to heating and lighting supplies are applied to in relation to district heating system residents; if the CRU will have any regulatory control over district heating systems in the near future; the number of residents and homes presently covered and supplied by district heating systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [6994/23]
- \*126. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider a compensation package for draft fishing licence holders next of kin if the licence holder has passed away since the last time draft fishing was permitted; if not, if he will consider allowing next of kin to inherit the draft fishing licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Imelda Munster. [7021/23]
- \*127. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there are details or a survey regarding the placement of the River Boyne fish counter; and if a better

- location in a narrower part of the river could have been selected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Imelda Munster. [7022/23]
- \*128. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when his Department will contact draft net fishing licence holders to allow draft net fishing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Imelda Munster. [7023/23]
- \*129. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider allowing a shorter draft net fishing season if fish stocks are lower than quotas allow for the regular draft net fishing season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Imelda Munster. [7024/23]
- \*130. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he believes the Boyne fish counters at Blackcastle, Navan, County Meath gives an accurate count of fish (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Imelda Munster. [7025/23]
- \*131. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a compensation scheme will be offered to draft net fishing licence holders based on region, if he does not foresee that region allowing draft net fishing within the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Imelda Munster. [7026/23]
- \*132. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason he is giving preference to the lower-standard of UNEP meta study rather than a more robust life cycle analysis in accordance with EU Waste Directive 2008/98 and International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) 14040 and 14044 standards in relation to the Circular Economy Act; if he will commit to using a life cycle analysis study to determine whether reusables have a greater environmental impact than single-use, paper-based packaging; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Joe Carey. [7151/23]
- \*133. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications in relation to the Circular Economy Act the reason, in considering levies, his Department only cite Irish business against litter information collected by volunteers instead of the more robust and scientifically-conducted national litter pollution monitoring system data which was commissioned by his Department; if the contrasting results of the NLPMS data have ever been taken into consideration; if he will commit to taking this more robust data into account when making future decisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Joe Carey, [7152/23]
- \*134. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the rollout of fibre broadband to a business (details supplied). Robert Troy. [7232/23]
- \*135. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline available funding for retail food businesses to install energy saving measures and energy saving equipment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [7327/23]
- \*136. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline available funding for businesses carrying out the installation of energy saving measures and energy saving equipment in retail food businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

   Pearse Doherty. [7328/23]

- \*137. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 98 of 8 September 2022, if he will provide an update on the enactment process in relation to the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022 regarding the use of CCTV by local authorities; when he expects this process to be concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Joe Carey. [7378/23]
- \*138. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking to address litter and illegal dumping. Holly Cairns. [7429/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

- \*139. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to enhance suburban and commuter rail networks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [6431/23]
- \*140. To ask the Minister for Transport the number and details of compensation or redress schemes put in place by his Department since 1998, in tabular form; the number of claims made; the total cost of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [6472/23]
- \*141. To ask the Minister for Transport the average wait times for an NCT in each centre in County Mayo, in tabular form; the average across the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [6486/23]
- \*142. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of learner drivers per year in each of the years 2019 to 2022 that failed to turn up for their scheduled driving test appointment; the number of driving tests lost per year through no-shows; his plans to introduce measures to ensure that learner permit holders sit a driving test before they can obtain a subsequent learner permit from the RSA; the number of learner permits renewed by the RSA each year to drivers who did not show up for their scheduled driving test appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Murphy. [6622/23]
- \*143. To ask the Minister for Transport if he intends on issuing an instruction to the CIÉ group and Iarnród Éireann to preserve the railway alignment from Collooney to Athenry for use as a railway line, and that no sale or lease is to take place along the alignment that would impede this development, particularly in view of the impending publication of the strategic rail review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [6642/23]
- \*144. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has given consideration to the range of consequences experienced by customers of the National Car Testing service who cannot obtain a test in a timely manner, including the impact on car insurance; if his Department has engaged with other Departments in relation to the consequences; and the action planned by his Department to ensure the very significant backlog at the NCT service is cleared as soon as possible. Eoin Ó Broin. [6656/23]
- \*145. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will seek an update from TII and ensure the expeditious processing of its investigation into issues raised in relation to Barronstown Cross, Laffan, County Tipperary, following liaison with Tipperary County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [6657/23]

- \*146. To ask the Minister for Transport the efforts that will be made to improve to the safety of Barronstown Cross, County Tipperary, for all road users, given the serious road safety concerns raised by locals for many years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [6658/23]
- \*147. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will increase the frequency at peak times on the route 220 MTU to Cork city (details supplied). Pádraig O'Sullivan. [6712/23]
- \*148. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will increase the frequency at peak times on the route 245 Clonmel to Cork City, given the present schedule leaves workers and college students especially in the Watergrasshill area, waiting for up to two hours due to lack of capacity. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [6774/23]
- \*149. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has had any contact with an organisation (details supplied) regarding the possibility of the closure of its Rosslare-to-Pembroke route; the details of such contact and matters discussed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Johnny Mythen. [6805/23]
- \*150. To ask the Minister for Transport the tonnage of salt available for use on the regional and local roads network; the total amount used over this winter to date; the total amount available and used in the years 2017 to date; if he will provide any associated funding provided to local authorities in this regard, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [6832/23]
- \*151. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide funding to local authorities to ensure that the roads leading to all schools are gritted during adverse weather conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [6833/23]
- \*152. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is considering reviewing the question of access to hackney licences in urban areas outside of the current pilot programme relating to rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ged Nash. [6837/23]
- \*153. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of cars clamped at each Irish Rail station for the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023; the amount collected by such clamping; the purposes for which the money collected is used; and the number of appeals, successful and unsuccessful, in each station, in tabular form. Sean Sherlock. [6842/23]
- \*154. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 247 of 28 September 2021, if Ministerial approval has been given to the project to proceed to a business case. Sean Sherlock. [6879/23]
- \*155. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Navan Rail line project will now proceed to design and appraisal given its inclusion as a medium-term project in the Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2022-2042; if he will provide an update and indicative timeline for each of the phases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Darren O'Rourke. [6908/23]
- \*156. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Navan Rail line will not proceed to construction in advance of 2031 due to funding constraints in the National Development Plan to 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Darren O'Rourke. [6909/23]

- \*157. To ask the Minister for Transport if additional funding was made available in the National Development Plan prior to 2030 to provide for the construction of the Navan Rail line; the estimated timeline for delivery on this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

   Darren O'Rourke. [6910/23]
- \*158. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will provide funding for a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [6956/23]
- \*159. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of full-time taxi enforcement officials working for the National Transport Authority in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. Darren O'Rourke. [6971/23]
- \*160. To ask the Minister for Transport if Dublin Bus will run a 27x bus from UCD Belfield to Clarehall at 18.10 on Mondays to Fridays during term periods only. Darren O'Rourke. [6972/23]
- \*161. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding has been provided to refurbish and remark carparks at a location (details supplied) during 2023; if not, the last time both of these carparks were resurfaced and remarked. Darren O'Rourke. [6973/23]
- \*162. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has spoken formally with the CEO of Dublin Port Company since his appointment. Darren O'Rourke. [6974/23]
- \*163. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passengers that travelled on Dublin Bus route 4 in 2022 and to date in 2023, in both directions, in tabular form. Darren O'Rourke. [6975/23]
- \*164. To ask the Minister for Transport if Duleek is being considered as part of the all-island strategic rail review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [7048/23]
- \*165. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will intervene with the National Transport Authority to ensure that it engages in finding a solution to the problem of anti-social behaviour targeting public transport, which has, for example, resulted in the withdrawal of services from parts of Tallaght. Paul Murphy. [7140/23]
- \*166. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding will be provided to assist with security on buses in Dublin and community engagement efforts to help tackle anti-social behaviour targeting public transport, which has, for example, resulted in the withdrawal of services from parts of Tallaght. Paul Murphy. [7141/23]
- \*167. To ask the Minister for Transport when he will publish the independent review of the organisational structures of the Maritime Casualty Investigation Board (details supplied). Mary Lou McDonald. [7148/23]
- \*168. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request the Road Safety Authority to expedite a driving test date for a person. (details supplied). Sean Sherlock. [7156/23]
- \*169. To ask the Minister for Transport the length of time that an NCT certificate is considered legally valid after its expiration date given the number of cars which are on the road with out-of-

- date certificates due to a backlog in appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

   Denise Mitchell. [7160/23]
- \*170. To ask the Minister for Transport his views that it is acceptable for his Department and the Road Safety Authority to fail to respond to repeated correspondence from this Deputy over the last month on a matter of real public concern to the people of County Donegal regarding the proposed reduction in opening hours in the NDLS office in Letterkenny and other locations; and if he will ensure that his Department and the RSA will issue a response to the concerns raised. Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [7228/23]
- \*171. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the booking fee that is charged to customers who pre-book a seat with Bus Éireann, regardless of whether the person has a free travel pass; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Emer Higgins. [7297/23]
- \*172. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of permits that the Dublin Airport Authority issued to hotel courtesy buses and other transport companies to pick up customers at Dublin Airport in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and the criteria that must be met prior to a permit being issued. Paul Donnelly. [7299/23]
- \*173. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of Bus Éireann buses that left from Dublin Airport to different parts of the country for each specific route in the month of January 2023. Paul Donnelly. [7300/23]
- \*174. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons that used each of the Dublin Bus night links by route in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. Paul Donnelly. [7301/23]
- \*175. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons that are waiting on NCT appointments in County Wexford; and the waiting times of same, in tabular form. Paul Kehoe. [7339/23]
- \*176. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will detail all safe routes to school projects in Dublin Fingal since the launch of the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

   Alan Farrell. [7347/23]
- \*177. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans that are being advanced by Dublin Airport Authority for the use of the old Cork Airport terminal and the cost to the DAA to maintain the building for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022. Sean Sherlock. [7357/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

- \*178. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify in the context of voluntary school contributions that are of  $\leq$ 250 or more, if it is the patron or the school board of management that are the designated charity organisation that benefited from tax relief as a result of the submission of the CHY4 form. Catherine Murphy. [7367/23]
- \*179. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on the Programme for Government to bring in a targeted taxation regime to specifically discourage vaping and e-cigarettes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [6430/23]
- \*180. To ask the Minister for Finance the number and details of compensation or redress schemes put in place by his Department since 1998, in tabular form; the number of claims made;

- the total cost of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [6461/23]
- \*181. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the help-to-buy scheme; if there is any flexibility in the Revenue Commissioners clawback for someone who sells the property within five years; if he will outline the clawback appeals process; and if he will outline the details of any successful appeal to date. Gino Kenny. [6485/23]
- \*182. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason cohabiting couples are classed as single people when it comes to their taxes, but are classed as cohabiting and get a reduced rate of social welfare payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard O'Donoghue. [6585/23]
- \*183. To ask the Minister for Finance the updated position regarding the review of the Disabled Drivers' and Disabled Passengers' Scheme, and in particular, the criteria for the primary medical certificate; the stage the review is at; if the Working Group completed its report; when the report will be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [6648/23]
- \*184. To ask the Minister for Finance if funding will be provided this year to purchase two additional mobile X-ray scanners for the Revenue Commissioners; and if he will seek EU funding to cover some of these costs. Alan Kelly. [6682/23]
- \*185. To ask the Minister for Finance if her officials will assist a community group (details supplied) that is struggling to get insurance. Cathal Crowe. [6785/23]
- \*186. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an itemised breakdown of his Departments voted capital and current expenditure for 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 and to itemise the actual expenditure for each of these programmes for 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. Eoin Ó Broin. [6865/23]
- \*187. To ask the Minister for Finance if it is a requirement for aircraft to also be registered for tax purposes in Ireland, given that, according to the Irish Aviation Authority, "an aircraft may be registered in the State subject to the condition that it be managed and operated from a place within the State and based therein or that it be managed and operated by an air transport undertaking holding an Air Operator Certificate issued by the Authority"; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [6912/23]
- \*188. To ask the Minister for Finance the excise rate, and its components, applied to natural gas for household use, in terms of both euros per gigajoule and per MWH at GCV, in the years 2016 to 2022 inclusive; and the scheduled rates for 2023 to 2025 inclusive. Pearse Doherty. [6992/23]
- \*189. To ask the Minister for Finance the minimum excise rate that may be applied to natural gas for household use, in terms of both euros per gigajoule and per MWH at GCV, under the Energy Tax Directive. Pearse Doherty. [6993/23]
- \*190. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of a review into the primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [6999/23]

- \*191. To ask the Minister for Finance if any measures are in place to require payment service providers to reimburse victims of authorised push payment fraud or scams; if any code is in place regarding reimbursement or compensation by payment service providers to victims of authorised push payment fraud or scams; if the Central Bank of Ireland has regulatory powers under legislation to require payment service providers to reimburse or compensate victims of authorised push payment fraud or scams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [7020/23]
- \*192. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason commercial bus operators here cannot claim VAT back on fuel and spare parts when their counterparts in other jurisdictions can; if he plans to address this anomaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Darren O'Rourke. [7046/23]
- \*193. To ask the Minister for Finance if a write-off is available to businesses struggling to repay VAT debt built up through debt warehousing during the Covid-19 pandemic. Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [7098/23]
- \*194. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update under Housing for All to collection of data on vacancy levels with a view to introducing a new vacant property tax to ensure empty properties are used. Sean Sherlock. [7131/23]
- \*195. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update in relation to the claim by a person (details supplied) for the rent tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Collins. [7139/23]
- \*196. To ask the Minister for Finance his response to concerns over benefit-in-kind change (details supplied). James O'Connor. [7207/23]
- \*197. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners would issue a letter of VAT exemption to a person (details supplied) in County Leitrim as per their request. Frankie Feighan. [7225/23]
- \*198. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of customs officials of inspection at Dublin Airport, Dublin Port and Dun Laoghaire Port in 2022 and to date in 2023; and the value of items, substances and cash seized during this period. Paul Donnelly. [7298/23]
- \*199. To ask the Minister for Finance the rate at which the State pension (contributory) is taxable alongside other sources of income; the method used for calculating that tax rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cian O'Callaghan. [7329/23]
- \*200. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of tax compliance certificates that were withdrawn in 2022, per month; the number of these that were withdrawn from small businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Farrell. [7343/23]
- 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.
- \*201. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the National Development Plan and Reform for his position on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ged Nash. [7491/23]

- \*202. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number and details of compensation or redress schemes put in place by his Department since 1998, in tabular form; the number of claims made; the total cost of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [6467/23]
- \*203. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will establish an ombudsman to advocate for older people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [6563/23]
- \*204. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when the Minister of State for the OPW will meet with the elected members of the Inishowen municipal district, Donegal County Council, as they have requested, to examine how the flood defence works at Burnfoot, County Donegal, can be advanced more speedily, in order that eight families can be returned to their council homes that were vacated for safety reasons after the August 2017 flood in the area. Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [6607/23]
- \*205. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department or the Office of Public Works has been asked to consider housing asylum seekers or Ukrainian refugees in Áras an Uachtaráin or on its grounds; if such a decision would ultimately be a matter for the OPW, the Government.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [6744/23]
- \*206. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if there was a tender process for a specific project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [6770/23]
- \*207. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform how the contractor for the construction phase of a project in a specific location (details supplied) was selected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [6771/23]
- \*208. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the capital budget allocation to the OPW in 2021, 2022 and 2023; and the amount of that capital funding that was spent in 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. Darren O'Rourke. [6987/23]
- \*209. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if clarification will be provided on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [7057/23]
- \*210. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline the long delay in bringing forward proposals to regularise contracts and establish a salary scale for adult education tutors, in line with the recommendation of the Labour Court in March 2020, given that the Department of Education has indicated that it is engaging with his Department in relation to this. Paul Murphy. [7137/23]
- \*211. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when his Department will complete its engagement with the Department of Education and the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in relation to sanctioning the offer made to adult education tutors employed by education and training boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Neasa Hourigan. [7199/23]

- \*212. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide details of all contractors that tendered for a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [7227/23]
- \*213. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if funding will be approved for the remarking and resurfacing of the car park at the National Botanic Gardens. Paul Donnelly. [7306/23]
- \*214. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department is aware of the fact that despite WRC negotiations, a Labour Court recommendation and a promise from the Department of Further and Higher Education to the Unions representing adult education tutors employed by education and training boards in relation to improved pay and conditions, no offer has been forthcoming; if the Department of Further and Higher Education has sought additional funds for the purposes of making an offer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [7373/23]

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

- \*215. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update under Housing for All for a new short-term lettings regulation through a Fáilte Ireland registration system. Sean Sherlock. [7114/23]
- \*216. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there is any current funding or grants for an AED/defibrillator for emergency first responders in Ireland to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [7287/23]
- \*217. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number and details of compensation or redress schemes put in place by her Department since 1998, in tabular form; the number of claims made; the total cost of the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [6471/23]
- \*218. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when funding will be provided by Government for the upgrading and refurbishment of the RDS arena that is used widely for different sports. Jim O'Callaghan. [6487/23]
- \*219. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when she expects the next round of the sports capital and equipment programme to open for new applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [6629/23]
- \*220. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéid iarratas atá faighte ó theaghlaigh nua atá ag iarraidh scoláirí a choinneáil faoi Scéim na bhGoghlaimeoirí Gaeilge do 2023, briste síos de réir contae; cén uair a dhéanfar scrúdú ar na tithe sin le gur féidir le na Coláistí Gaeilge pleanáil don séasur Coláistí Gaeilge i 2023; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. Éamon Ó Cuív. [6630/23]
- \*221. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if it would be possible to get a breakdown of the grants paid to sports clubs in the years 2021 and 2022, particularly grants given to rowing clubs for those years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [6750/23]

- \*222. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the financial supports available for companies that provide coach-hire services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [6844/23]
- \*223. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the statement of quality employment associated with the recently established digital games tax. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [7027/23]
- \*224. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extra funding being allocated to increase participation in swimming, tennis and so on over the next two to three years. Paul Donnelly. [7314/23]
- \*225. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if he will provide an update on the sports capital and equipment grants in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Alan Farrell. [7348/23]

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

- \*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if funds are available for local authorities from his Department to refurbish social housing units, specifically to install double glazed windows in housing units such as Emmet Building, Dublin 8, in response to ongoing concerns over mould and damp and also as measures to reduce energy consumption and emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [7280/23]
- \*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline all the funding mechanisms available to individuals or groups concerning the conservation of SACs. Holly Cairns. [7430/23]
- \*228. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number and details of compensation or redress schemes put in place by his Department since 1998, in tabular form; the number of claims made; the total cost of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [6465/23]
- \*229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the current planning requirements with respect to providing short-term self-catering letting accommodation in areas designated as rent pressure zones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [6509/23]
- \*230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 313 of 31 January 2023, the date of the establishment of the Cross Sectoral Working Group; the number of meetings; and dates of same, held in 2022 and to date in 2023; if minutes are taken in respect of these meetings; the terms of reference of the working group; the membership of the working group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [6547/23]
- \*231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which a person can receive housing assistance payment while renting a property from a relative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [6565/23]

- \*232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether the inordinate delays which have become the norm in the processing of completion certificates are having a direct adverse effect on the ability of builders to complete and hand over new-built houses at a time when there is such obvious pressure on housing supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [6599/23]
- \*233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can confirm a matter (details supplied) following the adoption of the Moorhead Report recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ivana Bacik. [6643/23]
- \*234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will engage with the National Parks and Wildlife Service to address concerns raised by an organisation with respect to a new website domain name for the Slieve Bloom Nature Reserve (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [6647/23]
- \*235. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has conducted an independent review as to whether the draft Planning and Development Bill 2022 complies with all of Ireland's commitments under the Aarhus Convention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Neasa Hourigan. [6715/23]
- \*236. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the progress of an application submitted by Offaly County Council for the provision of a new fire station and ancillary facilities at Clara, County Offaly.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Barry Cowen. [6718/23]
- \*237. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if resources will be provided to An Bord Pleanála to allow it to answer communications from the public and public representatives (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [6795/23]
- \*238. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding applications that are currently being considered by his Department for the Traveller AHB Cena; the funding that has been provided by Cena in 2022; the funding that will be provided in 2023; and if his Department is encouraging local authorities and approved housing bodies to engage with and enter service level agreements with Cena to assist in the development of much needed Traveller specific accommodation. Eoin Ó Broin. [6862/23]
- \*239. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total capital expenditure on housing programmes (details supplied) for 2022; the total volume of AHB borrowing for the delivery of social and affordable homes; and the total capital expenditure by the LDA on the delivery of social and affordable homes. Eoin Ó Broin. [6866/23]
- \*240. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify the status of R2-zoned residential lands; if they will be liable for the residential zoned land tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Canney. [6989/23]
- \*241. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an internal inspection is required of a property prior to it being placed on the derelict sites register and if not, if he will consider implementing same. Thomas Gould. [6995/23]

- \*242. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has been notified of a construction start date for the Event Centre in Cork; and the date that was notified to his Department. Sean Sherlock. [7015/23]
- \*243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will remove the planning requirements from the short-term accommodation register given that it will have a very negative consequence as many short-term let's cannot afford the cost of the planning process (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Canney. [7095/23]
- \*244. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied) concerning a fire station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [7097/23]
- \*245. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All for supporting an unprecedented 4,000 affordable purchase homes on average every year. Sean Sherlock. [7106/23]
- \*246. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All for a new local authority-led affordable purchase scheme, targeting average prices of €250,000. Sean Sherlock. [7107/23]
- \*247. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All for a new first home shared equity scheme for private developments. Sean Sherlock. [7108/23]
- \*248. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All for a reformed local authority home loan. Sean Sherlock. [7109/23]
- \*249. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All for an 'owner-occupier guarantee' in housing developments to secure homes exclusively for first-time buyers and other owner-occupiers. Sean Sherlock. [7110/23]
- \*250. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All for a 20% of all developments set aside for affordable and social housing. Sean Sherlock. [7111/23]
- \*251. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All for an average of 2,000 new cost rental homes every year with rents targeted at least 25% below market level. Sean Sherlock. [7112/23]
- \*252. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All for an extended rent pressure zones to 2024 and rents linked to the harmonised Index of consumer prices. Sean Sherlock. [7113/23]
- \*253. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All for an indefinite tenancy to strengthen security for renters. Sean Sherlock. [7115/23]

- \*254. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All for an upfront deposit and rent payments capped at two months value. Sean Sherlock. [7116/23]
- \*255. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All to provide over 90,000 social homes by 2030, including an average annual new-build component of over 9,500 social housing homes to 2026, the highest number in the history of the State. Sean Sherlock. [7117/23]
- \*256. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All to end long-term leasing by local authorities and approved housing bodies through phasing out new entrants and focus on new-build to provide social housing homes. Sean Sherlock. [7118/23]
- \*257. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All to strengthen mortgage to rent scheme, to ensure that it meets the needs of those in long-term mortgage arrears. Sean Sherlock. [7119/23]
- \*258. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All to reform the tenant purchase scheme. Sean Sherlock. [7120/23]
- \*259. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All to revise and reform income eligibility for social housing. Sean Sherlock. [7121/23]
- \*260. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All to work towards eradicating homelessness by 2030. Sean Sherlock. [7122/23]
- \*261. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All to increased housing first targets to 1,200 tenancies over five years for homeless people. Sean Sherlock. [7123/23]
- \*262. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All to establish a new national homeless action committee. Sean Sherlock. [7124/23]
- \*263. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide update under Housing for All to Expand Street Outreach Teams for rough sleepers nationwide. Sean Sherlock. [7125/23]
- \*264. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All to a new national policy on rightsizing to highlight the potential of rightsizing for households that no longer fully occupy their current privately owned accommodation and exploration of options to support and incentivise rightsizing on a voluntary basis. Sean Sherlock. [7126/23]
- \*265. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under housing for all to a fresh start principle for applications to State affordable housing and loan schemes. Sean Sherlock. [7127/23]

- \*266. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All to introduce a radical new modern Kenny report-style powers to ensure sharing of the increase in land values from re-zoning decisions and greater community gain. Sean Sherlock. [7128/23]
- \*267. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All to ending strategic housing developments, returning planning decisions to local authorities and reforming the judicial review process. Sean Sherlock. [7129/23]
- \*268. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All to introducing a new tax to activate vacant land for residential purposes. Sean Sherlock. [7130/23]
- \*269. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All to a new croí cónaithe cities fund to increase owner-occupier apartment development in city centres. Sean Sherlock. [7133/23]
- \*270. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All to Increased funding capacity for the LDA for strategic development of public lands for affordable and social housing in city and town centres. Sean Sherlock. [7134/23]
- \*271. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All to targeted funding via the urban regeneration and development fund and rural regeneration and development fund to support the town centre first approach, as part of the wider objectives for the regeneration of cities, towns and rural areas. Sean Sherlock. [7135/23]
- \*272. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All to planning exemptions for above shop conversions and guidance relating to protected structures. Sean Sherlock. [7136/23]
- \*273. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for all for a minimum building energy rating standards for private rental dwellings. Sean Sherlock. [7146/23]
- \*274. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update under Housing for All to a nationwide, local authority led, compulsory purchase order scheme to purchase vacant homes. Sean Sherlock. [7147/23]
- \*275. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration is being given to extend the eviction ban beyond 31 March 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Denise Mitchell. [7161/23]
- \*276. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure funding is made available to Dublin City Council in order to renovate the Iveagh Building in the Liberties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [7281/23]
- \*277. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the expansion of data-sharing arrangements between the Residential Tenancies Board and the

- Revenue Commissioners under target 2.6 of Housing For All; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ivana Bacik. [7330/23]
- \*278. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing first tenancies that have materialised as targeted under 3.4 of Housing For All; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ivana Bacik. [7331/23]
- \*279. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department maintains figures on the number of households in receipt of the housing assistance payment that are making additional contributions to their landlord; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ivana Bacik. [7332/23]
- \*280. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of CAS funding allocated to Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [7335/23]
- \*281. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on projects in Carlow town (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [7337/23]
- \*282. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address concerns that have been raised with this Deputy by local landlords who are of the view that the present eviction ban effectively leaves them with no protections in terms of removing tenants who cause damage to their property or who engage in anti-social behaviour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [7353/23]
- \*283. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is binging any proposals to permit the automatic granting of permission for wind energy projects that have been waiting for over two years for planning approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

   Bríd Smith. [7359/23]
- \*284. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the maximum amount of grant aid funding that can be awarded by local authorities under the schedule of works for grant aid; if any consideration has been given to increasing the level of funding to reflect the increased cost for materials and labour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [7379/23]
- \*285. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total funding, if any, provided by his Department for a number of programmes (details supplied); and if he will provide, in tabular form, a breakdown of the funding drawn down for each programme by postcode; for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. Eoin Ó Broin. [7396/23]

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

\*286. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number and details of compensation or redress schemes put in place by his Department since 1998, in tabular form; the number of claims made; the total cost of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [6462/23]

- \*287. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the current waiting period for the Passport Office to process foreign births register applications; if he can outline how the State intends to alleviate the delays at the Passport Office for foreign births register applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Frankie Feighan. [6587/23]
- \*288. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide full details of the past and present role of a person (details supplied) at the Irish Embassy to Columbia, including if any potential conflicts of interest were investigated or identified between the person's official role at the embassy and at a company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [6608/23]
- \*289. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the Irish Ambassador to United States intends to visit Barbados before the end of Q1, 2023. Darren O'Rourke. [6965/23]
- \*290. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of negotiations with the British government to reinstate access for the Irish fishing fleet to the 12-mile limit around Rockall. Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [7145/23]
- \*291. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the refund due in the following passport application which was cancelled in November 2020 (details supplied). Paul McAuliffe. [7158/23]
- \*292. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the ongoing tensions between Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Joe Flaherty. [7231/23]
- \*293. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he spoke with the United States National Security Advisor during his recent visit to the United States. Paul Donnelly. [7307/23]
- \*294. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the current situation in Haiti will be discussed at the next EU Foreign Affairs Council meeting. Paul Donnelly. [7308/23]

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

- \*295. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to ensure all enlisted members of the Defence Forces have the same access to healthcare as officers currently do; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [6432/23]
- \*296. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number and details of compensation or redress schemes put in place by his Department since 1998, in tabular form; the number of claims made; the total cost of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [6457/23]
- \*297. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his attention was drawn to a court case (details supplied); the contention made therein that the Defence Forces have been carrying out duties at Shannon Airport without legal authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

   Catherine Connolly. [6572/23]

- \*298. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when he expects the two new C295 maritime patrol aircrafts to come into the Air Corps fleet. Alan Kelly. [6683/23]
- \*299. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the total number of paramedics and advanced paramedics in the Defence Forces in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; the annual recruitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [6701/23]
- \*300. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if funding will be provided for the recruitment of additional full time civilian consultant psychiatrist for the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [6702/23]
- \*301. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if funding will be provided in 2023 to replace Learjet 45 Aircraft during 2023. Darren O'Rourke. [6986/23]
- \*302. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of complaints of sexual assaults, sexual harassment or rape that have been made against serving members of the Defence Forces per rank, by other members in 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. Sorca Clarke. [7092/23]
- \*303. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of bullying complaints that have been made against serving members of the Defence Forces per rank, by other members in 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. Sorca Clarke. [7093/23]
- \*304. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the total number of complaints made against serving members of the Defence Forces per rank by other members in 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. Sorca Clarke. [7094/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

- \*305. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Danny Healy-Rae. [6499/23]
- \*306. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to delivering a PE Build and Modernisation Programme in order that more schools have indoor facilities for PE and local communities have access and extra amenities available to them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [6434/23]
- \*307. To ask the Minister for Education to develop a new modern languages in primary school initiative; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [6435/23]
- \*308. To ask the Minister for Education the number and details of compensation or redress schemes put in place by her Department since 1998, in tabular form; the number of claims made; the total cost of the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [6458/23]
- \*309. To ask the Minister for Education the reason there are irregularities in pay scales (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [6489/23]
- \*310. To ask the Minister for Education if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Danny Healy-Rae. [6500/23]

- \*311. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details of any analysis carried out by her Department with a view to addressing the shortage of home economics teachers; the consideration that has been given to provide grants for teachers to upskill in this subject; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [6533/23]
- \*312. To ask the Minister for Education if financial assistance will be provided to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [6540/23]
- \*313. To ask the Minister for Education the number of face-to-face and online meetings and engagements he has had with representatives of an organisation (details supplied) in each of the years from 2011 to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [6543/23]
- \*314. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the progress of a new school building project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [6544/23]
- \*315. To ask the Minister for Education the options available to a child (details supplied). Kathleen Funchion. [6560/23]
- \*316. To ask the Minister for Education the data and rationale for the newly announced changes to online CPD summer courses for teachers, requiring online courses to have eight hours' synchronous time, increasing to 15 hours by 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

   Paul Murphy. [6573/23]
- \*317. To ask the Minister for Education if equity of access and childcare issues in a mainly female profession were taken into consideration in deciding to change the requirements for online CPD summer courses for teachers, in order that online courses will have to have 8 hours' synchronous time, increasing to 15 hours by 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

   Paul Murphy. [6574/23]
- \*318. To ask the Minister for Education if the impact of significantly reduced numbers being able to participate in online CPD summer courses for teachers in the decision to change the requirements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [6575/23]
- \*319. To ask the Minister for Education the data her Department is basing the preference for synchronous learning in the new requirements for online CPD summer courses for teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [6576/23]
- \*320. To ask the Minister for Education if she will reverse the announced changes to online CPD summer courses for teachers, given the discriminatory impact the requirements will have on teachers with caring responsibilities, and the likely reduction in numbers taking the courses that will result; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [6577/23]
- \*321. To ask the Minister for Education if discussions are expected to introduce more outdoor educational activities at primary school level (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Richard O'Donoghue. [6583/23]
- \*322. To ask the Minister for Education if discussions are expected to introducing more outdoor educational activities at primary school level (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Richard O'Donoghue. [6583/23]

- \*323. To ask the Minister for Education when approval will be given by her Department for transport for Ukrainian students who are at present resident in Oughterard to a school (details supplied) given that the nearest school in Oughterard is already at full capacity; the reason for the delay with this approval; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [6604/23]
- \*324. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the changes proposed by her Department to professional development courses for primary school teachers outside of school time; the impact it is having on teachers; the consultation that was had with an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Seán Canney. [6618/23]
- \*325. To ask the Minister for Education is she will provide an update on school transport for a child (details supplied) who has been travelling with their twin brothers and has had their ticket rescinded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. James Lawless. [6646/23]
- \*326. To ask the Minister for Education if an appropriate school place will be found for a person (details supplied) for the academic year beginning September 2023. Denise Mitchell. [6652/23]
- \*327. To ask the Minister for Education when a contractor will be appointed to a project (details supplied) in view of the very severe lack of adequate facilities currently available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [6655/23]
- \*328. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure an early date for the results for the Leaving Certificate for a family (details supplied). Sean Sherlock. [6659/23]
- \*329. To ask the Minister for Education if capacity issues in local schools are taken into consideration when refusing access to school transport in north Kildare, with particular reference to the high demographic growth in recent years; if cognisance can be taken of same to ensure that eligibility is also considered on the basis of a family selecting the nearest available school as opposed to their nearest school only to ensure fair and ready access to the school transport system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [6662/23]
- \*330. To ask the Minister for Education if any capital works projects under the remit of her Department received EU funding in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; if so, the name of the capital works project; and the amount of EU funding received per capital project, in tabular form. Alan Kelly. [6676/23]
- \*331. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the development of a school (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [6695/23]
- \*332. To ask the Minister for Education when refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [6699/23]
- \*333. To ask the Minister for Education when refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [6700/23]

- \*334. To ask the Minister for Education if a primary school (details supplied) can appoint a 15th class teacher given that it had the required number of pupils on 30 January 2023; if she is aware that this school intends to open an autism unit in September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Seán Haughey. [6709/23]
- \*335. To ask the Minister for Education the discussions that have been undertaken between the school building unit and South Dublin County Council to deliver the necessary access road to the permanent school site of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Emer Higgins. [6710/23]
- \*336. To ask the Minister for Education the transfer rate from post-primary to further education and training for 2021; when this figure will be available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [6728/23]
- \*337. To ask the Minister for Education the number of special schools in the school catchments of Clontarf/Raheny/Killester: Drumcondra/Marino/D1; Howth/Baldoyle/Clongriffin; and Beaumont/Coolock; if she has assessed the adequacy of places to meet projected demand; and if she will outline her plans to develop additional places. Richard Bruton. [6769/23]
- \*338. To ask the Minister for Education the status of efforts to provide additional primary school places in Lusk, County Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Joe O'Brien. [6776/23]
- \*339. To ask the Minister for Education if there will be enough ASD class primary school places in September 2023 in Dublin mid-west to meet the demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Mark Ward. [6777/23]
- \*340. To ask the Minister for Education the options that are in place for the parents of a person (details supplied) who have so far been unable to find a place in an ASD class despite having the appropriate medical supporting documents. Mark Ward. [6778/23]
- \*341. To ask the Minister for Education if a primary school (details supplied) will be reincluded in the DEIS scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [6784/23]
- \*342. To ask the Minister for Education if she will respond to an issue raised by a person (details supplied). Sean Sherlock. [6788/23]
- \*343. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 384 of 22 November 2022, if she will outline the timetable for the delivery on the new scheme to provide free books for primary school students; the planning work completed to date; the way in which she intends to implement this measure; if she has commenced engagement with the educational partners; if so, the scope of any such engagement; the engagement with the school book sector to date; if so, the scope of such engagement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Denis Naughten. [6796/23]
- \*344. To ask the Minister for Education if there are sufficient school places available for children with additional needs at both a primary and post-primary level, in north Dublin for the academic year 2023-2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Cian O'Callaghan. [6797/23]

- \*345. To ask the Minister for Education if all-Irish secondary schools in Gaeltacht areas are treated differently than Gaelcholáistí when it comes to the school transport schemes in terms of recognition, eligibility, catchment areas and language rights; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Darren O'Rourke. [6907/23]
- \*346. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 665 of 18 January 2022, when the family will receive the grant (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [6915/23]
- \*347. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to meet with a group (details supplied) with regard to the proposed changes to professional development courses for teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [6953/23]
- \*348. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details of any analysis carried out by her Department with regard to the proposed changes to professional development courses for teachers; if she will provide details of any impact assessment carried out in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [6954/23]
- \*349. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details of any engagement she or her Department have had with teachers, or teachers' representative bodies, with regard to the proposed changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [6955/23]
- \*350. To ask the Minister for Education the number of applications received for the academic year for transport for children with additional needs; and the number that have been processed, by county, in tabular form. Sean Sherlock. [6990/23]
- \*351. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the difficulty that the changes to summer courses will have for teachers as they now require online courses to have 8-hour synchronous time, increasing to 15 hours by 2025; if her attention has been drawn to the difficulties that this is causing for teachers who have childcare responsibilities during the summer; the rationale for the change; if it will result in fewer teachers being able to access summer courses; if she will reconsider the change; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

   Seán Canney. [6991/23]
- \*352. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a full list of all ASD units at Clare schools, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [7005/23]
- \*353. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider providing funding for registered post-primary teachers to upskill in order to teach home economics; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [7006/23]
- \*354. To ask the Minister for Education the criteria examined when deciding to cover fees for teachers upskilling to teach maths, physics and Spanish; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [7007/23]
- \*355. To ask the Minister for Education the current vacancy level with respect to the teaching of home economics; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [7008/23]

- \*356. To ask the Minister for Education if a school place can be facilitated for the son of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [7060/23]
- \*357. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais soiléiriú a thabhairt ar na figiúirí atá luaite sna Táscairí Oideachais a foilsíodh an 6 Feabhra, ina bhfuil sé luaite go bhfuil 8.1% de dhaltaí bunscoile agus 3.6% de dhaltaí iar-bhunscoile ag freastal ar scoil lánGhaeilge, agus an léargas ar sholáthar don oideachas lánGhaeilge lasmuigh den Ghaeltacht a foilsíodh mar chuid den phróiseas comhairliúcháin ar an mbeartas don oideachas lánGhaeilge lasmuigh den Ghaeltacht, mar a bhfuil sé luaite go bhfuil 7% de dhaltaí bhunscoileanna agus 2.8% de dhaltaí iar-bhunscoileanna ag freastal ar scoil lánGhaeilge, go háirithe an féidir léi a dheimhniú go mbaineann na figiúirí níos airde sna Táscairí Oideachais leis an nGaeltacht a bheith san áireamh agus sonraí a thabhairt ar cé mhéad daltaí go díreach atá i gceist. Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7090/23]
- \*358. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a list of premises and lands owned by her Department that are not currently in use. Denise Mitchell. [7162/23]
- \*359. To ask the Minister for Education the number of unfilled teaching positions at primary and secondary level in Dublin 5, 13 and 17, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Denise Mitchell. [7163/23]
- \*360. To ask the Minister for Education the number of unfilled SNA positions at primary and secondary level in Dublin 5, 13 and 17, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Denise Mitchell. [7164/23]
- \*361. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details regarding places for students in the ASD unit in Ballybunion (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [7193/23]
- \*362. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to expand the number of reading schools and available places in existing reading schools for children with dyslexia in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Cian O'Callaghan. [7195/23]
- \*363. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to permitting students who do not hold a H4 in Leaving Certificate Irish to undertake the professional masters in education for primary teaching in order to address the shortage of primary school teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [7211/23]
- \*364. To ask the Minister for Education if there has been any decision reached on school transport fees for future school years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [7224/23]
- \*365. To ask the Minister for Education if appropriate education will be provided for children with severe dyslexia; if more reading schools and classes will be established for these children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Seán Haughey. [7288/23]
- \*366. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the roof repair for a school (details supplied). Paul McAuliffe. [7290/23]

- \*367. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) is covered by State indemnity insurance since 2012 and, as such, has not required separate building insurance from that date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Emer Higgins. [7294/23]
- \*368. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the community contribution refund that is due to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Emer Higgins. [7295/23]
- \*369. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a process through which children who require devices to assist with their education, and have had devices in their possession for a number of years, can apply to have the devices updated; and if so, if she will outline the process.

   Eoin Ó Broin. [7326/23]
- \*370. To ask the Minister for Education if the provision of schoolbooks will be made to those who are being home schooled in the same way books are being provided free of charge for primary school students this year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [7334/23]
- \*371. To ask the Minister for Education the number of recruited SNAs, SETs and teachers, respectively, since Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Alan Farrell. [7344/23]
- \*372. To ask the Minister for Education if she will establish a fund for schools that cannot meet their running costs in order to end the practice of demanding voluntary school contributions.

   Catherine Murphy. [7368/23]
- \*373. To ask the Minister for Education if she has circulated a memo and or advice to school boards of management or principals requesting them not to make demands for voluntary school contributions in the context of high domestic energy bills and the current high cost-of-living and period of high inflation. Catherine Murphy. [7369/23]
- \*374. To ask the Minister for Education the stage of the school completion programme for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Gino Kenny. [7383/23]
- \*375. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a young child (details supplied) with special education needs cannot get a school escort even though their school transport has been sanctioned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pat Buckley. [7388/23]
- \*376. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a university (details supplied) is the only university that is recognised to qualify to become a special needs teacher without holding a masters level degree in primary education; if she is taking any actions to resolve this given the teacher shortage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Duncan Smith. [7397/23]
- \*377. To ask the Minister for Education which agency has responsibility for the undertaking of a pupil's assessment for assistive technology in a secondary school setting, following a recommendation by a CDNT. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [7425/23]
- \*378. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that primary school teachers can still avail of online versions of courses during the summer months to contribute to their continuing professional development. Holly Cairns. [7426/23]

- \*379. To ask the Minister for Education if the programme of nominating NCSE would be nominating an appropriate person to carry out an assessment of educational needs on behalf of the HSE under the AON process, announced on 20 October 2022, is an emergency response to the AON crisis; if not, if it is a trial for a new approach to same; if she will outline which schools were involved in the announced process; the supports or funding these schools received; and if she will provide details of any monitoring and assessment of this announced process. Holly Cairns. [7427/23]
- \*380. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has advised schools to use student's SSP within an assessment of need process; and if so, on what basis was this advice given; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Holly Cairns. [7428/23]

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

- \*381. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports in place for adults in rural communities who receive a diagnosis of epilepsy and automatically lose their licence until being one-year seizure free; if the Government is considering an automatic entitlement to free travel; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [6424/23]
- \*382. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide a timeline for the implementation of all of the child maintenance review recommendations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [6425/23]
- \*383. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number and details of compensation or redress schemes put in place by her Department since 1998, in tabular form; the number of claims made; the total cost of the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [6469/23]
- \*384. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will arrange to issue a decision on an application by a person (details supplied) for the State pension (non-contributory). Michael Creed. [6506/23]
- \*385. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) in County Cork has been deemed not entitled to the maximum old age pension (contributory) given they have been making full-time social welfare contributions since inheriting the family farm in the late 1980's; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Creed. [6507/23]
- \*386. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline in detail the reason a person (details supplied) in County Cork has been deemed ineligible for fuel allowance. Michael Creed. [6508/23]
- \*387. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a list of DEIS schools in County Tipperary that participate in the School Meals Programme in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Lowry. [6525/23]
- \*388. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for the disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [6532/23]

- \*389. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for the State pension (contributory) in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [6542/23]
- \*390. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which social welfare in-person appeals are available since their suspension during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [6566/23]
- \*391. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if people in receipt of carers benefit ate informed in adequate time before the payment ceases to enable them to submit an application form for carers allowance to avoid a period of no payment. Robert Troy. [6601/23]
- \*392. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision on a fuel allowance application in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be re-examined; if a full breakdown of the assessment will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [6620/23]
- \*393. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a State pension-qualified adult payment application will be reviewed in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [6649/23]
- \*394. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for a breakdown in tabular form of additional needs payments made in County Kerry for the years 2018 to 2022. Pa Daly. [6696/23]
- \*395. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the budget allocation for the Citizens Information Board in 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [6703/23]
- \*396. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the voucher scheme under the Irish Sign Language Act 2017, particularly section 9, for users of Irish sign language to access free ISL and English interpreting for social, educational and cultural events and services, including medical and other activities, will be permanently established. Paul Donnelly. [6711/23]
- \*397. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Kerry social insurance date of entry and State pension (contributory) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [6714/23]
- \*398. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of urgent needs' payment applications, by category, in Cork, and the number refused, in each of the years 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. Thomas Gould. [6731/23]
- \*399. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision will be made on an application by a person (details supplied) for a domiciliary care allowance. Brendan Griffin. [6753/23]
- \*400. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) cannot get carer's allowance for their mother-in-law; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Niamh Smyth. [6786/23]
- \*401. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that a person (details supplied) had their fuel allowance payment stopped, without prior notification, once their dependent student turned 22 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [6808/23]

- \*402. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address the anomaly that exists whereby a person aged 22 years and over can be deemed a dependent for SUSI grant purposes, but is no longer a qualified child dependent for social welfare purposes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [6809/23]
- \*403. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are any plans to introduce short-term illness benefit for the self-employed. Peter Burke. [6822/23]
- \*404. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason social welfare payments to single mothers, such as the one-parent family payment, are reduced if their ex-partner is still contributing to the family's mortgage payments. Gary Gannon. [6935/23]
- \*405. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the progress being made towards creating a lifetime carers pension scheme,; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Gary Gannon. [6936/23]
- \*406. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for details of the average social welfare appeals processing times (weeks) for summary decisions and oral hearings, by scheme. Gary Gannon. [6937/23]
- \*407. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of exceptional needs payments received in 2022, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [7002/23]
- \*408. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of exceptional needs payments received by those aged under 25 years, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [7003/23]
- \*409. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); when the application will be finalised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [7016/23]
- \*410. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the amount being deducted from weekly payment can be reduced in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [7050/23]
- \*411. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason former surnames are requested to be included on birth certificates in respect of birth certificates issued pursuant to the Civil Registration (Amendment) Act 2014; and if she will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [7083/23]
- \*412. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for invalidity pension by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [7155/23]
- \*413. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a fuel allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [7157/23]

- \*414. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider allocating some rent allowance or assistance to persons on disability allowance payments and who are living in social housing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Frankie Feighan. [7292/23]
- \*415. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending the carer's benefit allowance to a person (details supplied). Peter Burke. [7338/23]
- \*416. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an exceptional needs' payment will be processed in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [7414/23]
- \*417. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision will be made on a pension in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [7415/23]

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

- \*418. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to take up existing offers of accommodation for refugees and asylum seekers, to take pressure off the current system and ensure that new arrivals are not forced into rough sleeping; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [6426/23]
- \*419. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to establish an agency, Childcare Ireland, to assist in the expansion of high-quality childcare, spearheading leadership, best practice and innovation, as well as professional development in community and private settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [6433/23]
- \*420. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number and details of compensation or redress schemes put in place by his Department since 1998, in tabular form; the number of claims made; the total cost of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [6456/23]
- \*421. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason for the four-month delay in paying invoices submitted by a person (details supplied) in respect of accommodation provided for Ukrainians. John McGuinness. [6513/23]
- \*422. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of applications received by IPAS from each county from property owners offering accommodation for Ukrainians which have yet to be processed; if all applicants have been notified of the status of their application and the likely timeframe for a decision; if the funding for the programme is being met solely by the Exchequer; and if EU funding is being provided. John McGuinness. [6514/23]
- \*423. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if birth information requested from Tusla since October 2022 will be released and acknowledgments made to applicants for the distress caused by the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [6518/23]

- \*424. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on a matter (details supplied) as part of Ireland's Ukrainian response. Niall Collins. [6589/23]
- \*425. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when an accommodation provider for Ukrainian refugees (details supplied) who is experiencing financial difficulties will receive payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Marc MacSharry. [6595/23]
- \*426. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he might be in a position to establish new family resource centres in areas with a high need. Robert Troy. [6603/23]
- \*427. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the Government has considered housing asylum seekers or Ukrainian refugees in Áras an Uachtaráin or on its grounds; and if such a decision would ultimately be a matter for the Government or for the President.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [6743/23]
- \*428. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to develop a national strategy for supporting children affected by parental imprisonment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [6745/23]
- \*429. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how he intends to address the shortage of childcare places currently available to parents in rural and urban areas; the specific supports and incentives he will put in place to ensure that experienced childminders do not leave the sector; and how new childminders will be encouraged to join the sector. Alan Dillon. [6789/23]
- \*430. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he accepts that the number of childminders in the State are far in excess of the 15,000 quoted by his Department based on CSO data; and the methods his Department is taking to identify additional childminders who, for a particular reason, did not identify themselves on the CSO census. Alan Dillon. [6790/23]
- \*431. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to support the national childminding representative body (details supplied); the amount of funding that will be allocated in 2023; and if equal supports will be provided, similar to other childcare representative bodies, in order to support childminders into the future. Alan Dillon. [6791/23]
- \*432. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will confirm if his Department has had any discussions with any person, business or organisation in Cahir, County Tipperary, in relation to the use of a building (details supplied) in Cahir town as a Direct Provision centre or to use as emergency accommodation for persons seeking international protection; if he will outline any engagements his Department may have had in relation to said building; if he will commit to engaging with the local community in advance of any possible discussion and proposals or plans that may arise to use any property in Cahir town as emergency accommodation for persons seeking international protection or as a Direct Provision centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mattie McGrath. [6798/23]

- \*433. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of a long-standing offer of accommodation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peter Burke. [6799/23]
- \*434. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of an offer of accommodation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peter Burke. [6800/23]
- \*435. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will assist and make contact with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Lowry. [6807/23]
- \*436. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will address matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. James O'Connor. [6823/23]
- \*437. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a location (details supplied) has been prepared to facilitate IP applicants or Ukrainians fleeing war. Joan Collins. [7028/23]
- \*438. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the situation regarding the process by which funding can be applied for and be made available (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Sean Fleming. [7030/23]
- \*439. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of historical abuse cases reported to Tusla that remain open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Denise Mitchell. [7166/23]
- \*440. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason the Tusla register for early childhood care and education still has many services that closed over the past two years still on its register; if the register is not showing a true reflection of the number of childcare facilities actually open in Ireland; and the reason this can happen. Peadar Tóibín. [7196/23]
- \*441. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the review of ECCE services will be completed. Peadar Tóibín. [7197/23]
- \*442. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of staff working in services that are receiving core funding who are unqualified; if this is illegal; and the reason staff are allowed work in the childcare and ECCE sector without qualifications contrary to legislation and insurance. Peadar Tóibín. [7198/23]
- \*443. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1125 of 19 January 2022, the number of direct provision centres, emergency centres, reception centres and tented accommodation locations which were in use by the International Protection Accommodation Services as of 31 December 2019, 2020 and 2022; the occupancy of each of these centres and locations as of 31 December 2019, 2020 and 2022; the contracted capacity of each centre and location, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [7291/23]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will be renewing contracts with Clare hotels for accommodating beneficiaries of temporary protection and applicants for international protection beyond April 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [7375/23]

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

- \*445. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will address the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [6428/23]
- \*446. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on the Programme for Government to support access routes and inclusive education initiatives to learners with intellectual disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

   Pádraig O'Sullivan. [6436/23]
- \*447. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number and details of compensation or redress schemes put in place by his Department since 1998, in tabular form; the number of claims made; the total cost of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [6463/23]
- \*448. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 84 of 1 February 2023, if he will undertake to provide rental supports for PHD students who are excluded from tax credit scheme (details supplied). Patrick Costello. [6482/23]
- \*449. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of increasing the number of undergraduate new entrants in pharmacy by 25%, broken down by the number of additional new entrants a 25% increase would achieve and the total number of new entrants following a 25% increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [6708/23]
- \*450. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of new entrants into all nursing courses in Mayo campus of ATU for each of the past three years including 2022-2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

   Rose Conway-Walsh. [6775/23]
- \*451. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of new EU undergraduate entrants into Trinity College on a full-time basis since 2016, in tabular form. Darren O'Rourke. [6988/23]
- \*452. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of additional places that are planned to come on stream in further and higher education facilities in the 2023/2024 academic year to study speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and psychology; in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [7010/23]
- \*453. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of additional places that are planned to come on stream in further and higher

- education facilities in the 2023/2024 academic year to study social work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [7011/23]
- \*454. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of third level graduates in speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and psychology in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [7012/23]
- \*455. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question 632 of 18 October 2022, if the workshop between higher education providers and the Department of Health to discuss workforce requirements and placement issues took place; if so, to detail the finding of the workshop; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [7014/23]
- \*456. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on matters raised by a person (details attached) in respect of the financial pressures on medical graduates; if there are any financial supports that can be drawn down in such a situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Fergus O'Dowd. [7047/23]
- \*457. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the baker apprenticeship which was one of the 24 apprenticeship proposals that were approved development funding by the Apprenticeship Council in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [7056/23]
- \*458. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the new international education strategy will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cian O'Callaghan. [7085/23]
- \*459. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if consideration is being given to establishing part-time courses in social work that are CORU approved in order to address the current recruitment and retention crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Denise Mitchell. [7165/23]
- \*460. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will address an issue with regard to safepass online courses which may slow the number of applicants successfully obtaining a safepass; and if he is aware that there are 500 possible safepass questions and no written information booklet for applicants to revise. Robert Troy. [7194/23]
- \*461. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the funding which has been introduced to help students deal with the cost-of-living since 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [7276/23]
- \*462. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures introduced to support students and parents with the cost of college fees since 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [7277/23]
- \*463. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if Springboard and Springboard+ programmes managed by the Higher Education Authority on behalf of the Department of Education is funded by the Government and the European Union; if it is within the rules of the scheme that educational and or professional bodies which are

headquartered in the UK should benefit commercially from the scheme post-Brexit; if he is aware that Springboard and Springboard+ programmes involve professional and or educational partners that are clearly UK-based and yet are in receipt of subscription, examination and tuition income which is funded by the Government and the European Union; if such arrangements are permitted under the funding rules; if the HEA is monitoring the situation where the beneficiaries of any Irish and or EU funds are based outside of the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

— John McGuinness. [7282/23]

- \*464. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress being made under Skillnet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Farrell. [7346/23]
- \*465. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the third level fee supports which are currently in place for students who came to the country as asylum seekers and have been granted permission to remain through the regularisation scheme, if there are any plans to make such students eligible for SUSI supports for the coming academic term; and if he is aware of any specific scholarships which such students could avail of. Robert Troy. [7384/23]
- \*466. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which he remains satisfied that science graduates in Ireland are on par with or above the skills emanating from third level institutions in other countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [7400/23]
- \*467. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the degree to which he expects science to play an increased role in the higher education sector with particular reference to ensuring an adequate number of graduates to meet the demands of the workplace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [7401/23]
- \*468. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which he expects the third level educational system here to deliver adequate and suitably qualified graduates to meet the demands of the workplace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [7402/23]
- \*469. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which he and his Department propose to broaden the higher education opportunities for undergraduates with a view to maximisation of their opportunities in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [7403/23]
- \*470. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he and his Department have identified specific issues likely to contribute to further improvement and achievement in the further and higher educational sectors with a view to establishing a reputation equal to the best globally; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

   Bernard J. Durkan. [7404/23]
- \*471. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the degree to which he expects to be in a position to continue to influence the higher education system to ensure the ongoing availability of a steady stream of highly qualified technicians and academics on par with the best in the world, thus providing a workforce competent in the skills now required in the workplace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [7405/23]

- \*472. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the degree to which higher education costs have increased over the past number of years; the extent to which the proportion of the national budget under that heading has varied in the past ten years; his plans to ensure continued access to third level for all students seeking to avail of third-level education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [7406/23]
- \*473. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the role he sees for the further and higher education, research, innovation and science sectors in the current year and future years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [7407/23]
- \*474. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which he and his Department have identified particular requirements in terms of apprenticeships or higher qualifications in education throughout the country to meet such requirements in the short-term with particular reference to the construction sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [7408/23]
- \*475. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which students with a technical qualification at a higher-level are becoming available to meet the market requirements throughout the country in sufficient numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [7409/23]
- \*476. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the courses now available at the Further Education and Training Centre in Archerstown, Thurles, County Tipperary; the number of students enrolled in each; if he will outline and report on the measures that he will facilitate to further develop the FET centre in Thurles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Lowry. [7417/23]
- \*477. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on his Department's activities in assisting third-level institutions in the construction of student accommodation; his projected schedule for implementing suggestions relating to a new model in which the State would assist in the provision of student accommodation; if he and his Department will fund the construction of student accommodation for Mary Immaculate College, Thurles and for students attending the TUS Campus at Thurles and Clonmel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Lowry. [7418/23]
- \*478. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress to date on Ireland becoming a member of CERN; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Denis Naughten. [7419/23]
- \*479. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to ensure that ETB tutors are given full-time contracts including holiday pay cover. Holly Cairns. [7431/23]
- \*480. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to ensure that the remuneration received by ETB tutors is allotted on an incremental basis comparable with other educational professionals and reflecting experience and years of service.

   Holly Cairns. [7432/23]
- \*481. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if additional third level places will be made available for students wishing to study pharmacy in

- view of the shortage of community pharmacists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Smith. [7438/23]
- \*482. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if additional third level places will be made available across different disciplines in health and social care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Smith. [7439/23]

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

- \*483. To ask the Minister for Justice if prison officers who were on duty in Portlaoise Prison during the "Troubles" and were in receipt of the environmental allowance, known by prison officers as "danger money", are classified under the Good Friday Agreement as people affected by the Troubles. Thomas Pringle. [6303/23]
- \*484. To ask the Minister for Justice the level of funding provided to Frontex, the European Border Guard Agency, in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022; and the proposed funding for 2023. Neasa Hourigan. [7018/23]
- \*485. To ask the Minister for Justice his views on a report from the European Anti-Fraud Office relating to the operational activities of Frontex and its alleged violations of fundamental rights; his plans to ensure that Frontex, which is in-part funded by the State, is not violating human rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Neasa Hourigan. [7058/23]
- \*486. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will bring forward new legislation in order that, insofar as house sales are concerned, "sale agreed" means that deposits are non-refundable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cathal Crowe. [7372/23]
- \*487. To ask the Minister for Justice when the review submitted to his Department in 2020 regarding the Investor Visa Programme will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patrick Costello. [7560/23]
- \*488. To ask the Minister for Justice the number and details of compensation or redress schemes put in place by his Department since 1998, in tabular form; the number of claims made; the total cost of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [6466/23]
- \*489. To ask the Minister for Justice if his attention has been drawn to the official figures published by the Irish Prison Service which indicates that the combined capacity across Irish prisons has reached 100%; and his Department's plan to deal with this issue. Sorca Clarke. [6498/23]
- \*490. To ask the Minister for Justice the average processing time for atypical working scheme applications during the period 1 July 2022 to 31 January 2023, by month, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cormac Devlin. [6503/23]
- \*491. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will consider providing additional resources to prioritise the processing of atypical work permits, as well as the other work permits, stamps, NMBI registration, and so on, that overseas nurses and doctors require to take up employment in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cormac Devlin. [6504/23]

- \*492. To ask the Minister for Justice when a decision on a visa application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Niall Collins. [6631/23]
- \*493. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons arrested and charged with dangerous driving within the Tipperary Garda division in the years 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. Alan Kelly. [6670/23]
- \*494. To ask the Minister for Justice if all members of the Garda armed support units are fully trained in emergency lifesaving first aid. Alan Kelly. [6671/23]
- \*495. To ask the Minister for Justice if any capital funding that was allocated to An Garda Síochána but was underspent is automatically transferred to the next year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [6707/23]
- \*496. To ask the Minister for Justice the average processing time for citizenship applications in Ireland at present; if they can be reduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [6716/23]
- \*497. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will ensure that the remaining pending applications to the long-term undocumented migrant scheme will be processed without delay; if she will provide details of the number of outstanding applications remaining and the resources allocated to process them in a timely manner; if she will provide a timeframe for when the processing of applications will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [6761/23]
- \*498. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will publish the review of the immigrant investor programme, submitted in November 2020; the reason for the delay in publishing this review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [6762/23]
- \*499. To ask the Minister for Justice if he is considering curtailing or suspending new applications to the immigrant investor programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

   Róisín Shortall. [6763/23]
- \*500. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of people, under-18 and over-18 years of age, who were taken into wardship in December 2022 and January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [6764/23]
- \*501. To ask the Minister for Justice if he plans to publish the prison health needs assessment; if he will provide a timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [6768/23]
- \*502. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the family reunification visas, currently being considered by the Embassy of Ireland in Abu Dhabi, given that it is over six months since these applications were lodged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [6783/23]
- \*503. To ask the Minister for Justice his plans to eliminate the practice of slopping out across the Irish prison estate by developing the sanitation facilities in Portlaoise Prison; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [6821/23]

- \*504. To ask the Minister for Justice if the recommendations in the final report of the high-level task force to consider the mental health and addiction challenges of those who come into contact with the criminal justice sector were considered as part of Budget 2023; if so, the budget that has been apportioned to actioning the recommendations in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mark Ward. [6838/23]
- \*505. To ask the Minister for Justice the position of the implementation of the recommendations of the high-level task force to consider the mental health and addiction challenges of those who come into contact with the criminal justice sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mark Ward. [6839/23]
- \*506. To ask the Minister for Justice the position of the review of the Irish Prison Service's 2006 'Keeping Drugs out of Prison' policy and strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mark Ward. [6840/23]
- \*507. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prisoners who were on waiting lists to access addiction services at the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mark Ward. [6841/23]
- \*508. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will engage with the Irish Prison Service to determine the number of international protections applicants that are currently being detained within the Irish prison estate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [6845/23]
- \*509. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new Garda roads policing vans added to the fleet in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023; and the number of roads policing vans withdrawn during the same period. Darren O'Rourke. [6966/23]
- \*510. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of full-time civilian cyber security experts working in the Garda national cyber crime bureau in the years of 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. Darren O'Rourke. [6967/23]
- \*511. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of stables by location that are available for use by Garda mounted units that are located outside of the Dublin region, in tabular form. Darren O'Rourke. [6969/23]
- \*512. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 283 for 15 December 2022, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to answer same. Darren O'Rourke. [6970/23]
- \*513. To ask the Minister for Justice his plans to update and improve the immigration service's online registration process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Neasa Hourigan. [7051/23]
- \*514. To ask the Minister for Justice in view of Parliamentary Question No. 85 of 29 March 2022, if he will seek an update from the Public Appointments Service as regards the appointment of a country registrar in County Mayo. Michael Ring. [7061/23]
- \*515. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a naturalisation application for a person (details supplied); if he will expedite the processing of the application given the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Duncan Smith. [7063/23]

- \*516. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the regularisation of long-term undocumented migrant scheme; the number of people who applied to the scheme before it closed; the number of people who were regularised following an application to the scheme; the number of people who had their applications rejected; if there are plans to reopen the scheme at a future date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [7089/23]
- \*517. To ask the Minister for Justice if his attention has been drawn to reports that there is a 15-16-week delay in Limerick for the renewal of residency cards for individuals on Stamp 4 visas; if there is a plan in place to deal with this significant backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [7154/23]
- \*518. To ask the Minister for Justice when the new Garda stations at Clonmel and Macroom will be put out to tender; if these projects are being delayed in order to await tendering for a new family law court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [7200/23]
- \*519. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 690 of 10 March 2021, the costs incurred by the Legal Aid Board in case expenditure following decisions to engage private solicitors to provide services to international protection applicants for the period 2015 to the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [7236/23]
- \*520. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated amount that An Garda Síochána have spent on sending out poor quality CCTV images to external companies in order to get the quality image improved in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 in tabular form; and if any of these companies are located outside of the State. Paul Donnelly. [7309/23]
- \*521. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 461 on 24 January 2023, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to answer the question. Paul Donnelly. [7310/23]
- \*522. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 458 on 24 January 2023, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to answer the question. Paul Donnelly. [7311/23]
- \*523. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will report on Garda Operation Limmat; the number of successful convictions obtained to date under this operation and if this operation is still active.

   Paul Donnelly. [7312/23]
- \*524. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding has been secured this year to purchase additional vehicles for the Garda armed support units. Paul Donnelly. [7313/23]
- \*525. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will report on the progress to establish the penal policy consultative council, as committed to in the Review of Policy Options for Prison and Penal Reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patrick Costello. [7340/23]
- \*526. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will report on his plans for the operation of the Strategic Review of Penal Policy Implementation Oversight Group in reviewing the implementation of the Penal Policy Action Plan 2022-2024; if the eighth report of the group will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patrick Costello. [7341/23]

- \*527. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of his commitment to broadening the range of convictions that are considered spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patrick Costello. [7342/23]
- \*528. To ask the Minister for Justice the total funding provided by his Department for a number of programmes (details supplied); and if he will provide, in tabular form, a breakdown of the funding drawn down for each programme by postcode; for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022. Eoin Ó Broin. [7394/23]
- \*529. To ask the Minister for Justice his plans to introduce regulations to allow for persons serving determinate sentences to become eligible for parole review by the Parole Board as per section 24(3) of the Parole Act 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [7420/23]
- \*530. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 326 of February 2023, if he will name the 19 airlines that his Department has engaged with; the measures, if any, that each airline has agreed to put in place in response to these engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [7423/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

- \*531. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 632 of 18 October 2022, to detail the number of appropriate placements and placement supports that are currently in place for students studying speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and psychology in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [7013/23]
- \*532. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update under Housing for All to an amended fair deal scheme to remove disincentives for sale and rental of vacant properties. Sean Sherlock. [7132/23]
- \*533. To ask the Minister for Health the justification for a patient with private health insurance being asked to authorise a hospital to charge their private insurance provider for a private room, even though they may be staying in a public ward in the event of a private room not being available, and that they would be admitted to a public ward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [6423/23]
- \*534. To ask the Minister for Health the number and details of compensation or redress schemes put in place by his Department since 1998, in tabular form; the number of claims made; the total cost of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [6464/23]
- \*535. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 295 and 296 of 30 June 2022, if he will provide an update on the Public Health (Tobacco and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Bill 2019; if a timeframe for enactment can be indicated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Eoin Ó Broin. [6474/23]
- \*536. To ask the Minister for Health if the Public Health (Tobacco and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Bill 2019 will address the packaging and advertisement of tobacco and nicotine inhaling products. Eoin Ó Broin. [6475/23]

- \*537. To ask the Minister for Health the process by which pregnant women experiencing extreme nausea and vomiting can obtain medication cariban; the reason GP's are not able to prescribe cariban on the drug payment scheme given that the majority of women do not see their consultant until well into second trimester and it is the current standard practice in other EU member states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [6479/23]
- \*538. To ask the Minister for Health the reason hospital contract staff who interacted with patients are being excluded from payment of the pandemic bonus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Denis Naughten. [6481/23]
- \*539. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the pandemic payment of €1,000 for a person (details supplied). Dara Calleary. [6488/23]
- \*540. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the cost of cariban; the reason only consultant prescriptions for cariban are reimbursable; if reimbursement can also be given if prescribed by someone's GP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [6490/23]
- \*541. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cariban prescriptions that have been processed through the DPS to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [6491/23]
- \*542. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that the Drogheda area will be provided with the resources as committed to by his Department to undertake the drug-related intimidation and violence engagement programme; when this programme will commence; the resources that will be made available to the programme in the Drogheda area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ged Nash. [6492/23]
- \*543. To ask the Minister for Health when the north-east drugs taskforce will be provided with the details of its 2023 annual budget allocation; if this allocation will be increased to take account of inflation-driven cost rises; if so, the additional amount of funding in percentage terms to be allocated to the taskforce compared to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ged Nash. [6493/23]
- \*544. To ask the Minister for Health if he will arrange to have a mammogram provided for a person (details supplied) who was first called for a mammogram in November 2019, and due to Covid delays, has still not received this test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Howlin. [6494/23]
- \*545. To ask the Minister for Health if the Farrelly Commission has submitted its final report; and if so, when the report will be published. John McGuinness. [6495/23]
- \*546. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of people on outpatient waiting lists at Midland Regional Hospital Mullingar in 2022. Sorca Clarke. [6496/23]
- \*547. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on outpatient waiting lists at Midland Regional Hospital Mullingar in 2022. Sorca Clarke. [6497/23]
- \*548. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to concerns raised from a person (details supplied) in respect of access to cariban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Fergus O'Dowd. [6501/23]

- \*549. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of purchasing an ambulance and staffing it with an appropriate team of paramedics in order to provide transport services from Nenagh General Hospital to local nursing homes, to transport patients who are leaving Nenagh Hospital and are being moved to local nursing homes in north Tipperary; the estimated cost for this one-off capital expenditure; the estimated running costs of this on an annual basis thereafter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [6502/23]
- \*550. To ask the Minister for Health the process in writing by which pregnant women experiencing extreme nausea and vomiting during pregnancy can obtain the drug cariban on the drugs payment scheme (details supplied); and if he will provide details of the standard practice in other EU member states. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [6510/23]
- \*551. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the pandemic payment to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. James Lawless. [6511/23]
- \*552. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can get an appointment to see a dentist as soon as possible in University Hospital Waterford. Kathleen Funchion. [6512/23]
- \*553. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the situation on the availability of, and access to, the hyperemesis gravidarum drug, cariban; how access in Ireland compares to that of other countries; the reason it cannot be prescribed by a GP when the majority of pregnant women can get to see a consultant only after the twelfth week of pregnancy; the number of scripts for cariban processed through the drugs payment scheme to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Réada Cronin. [6521/23]
- \*554. To ask the Minister for Health the number of University of Limerick paramedic graduates that are recruited by the National Ambulance Service each year; the percentage of the NAS recruitment over the past five years who were graduates of UL, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [6522/23]
- \*555. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1180 of 18 January 2023, the reason that less than 5% of external pre-hospital emergency care council-registered qualified paramedics who applied for positions with the National Ambulance Service have been appointed, given the ongoing staffing issues at NAS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [6523/23]
- \*556. To ask the Minister for Health the process by which pregnant women experiencing extreme nausea and vomiting can obtain a drug (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [6526/23]
- \*557. To ask the Minister for Health the process for pregnant women suffering from hyperemesis gravidarum to access cariban under the redress scheme. Martin Browne. [6527/23]
- \*558. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that requiring a consultant prescription for pregnant women suffering from hyperemesis gravidarum to access cariban effectively limits the reimbursement scheme to those women with private healthcare given the vast majority of pregnant women in the public system do not see their consultant. Martin Browne. [6528/23]

- \*559. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide in full the instructions given to consultants and midwives on the prescription of Cariban. Martin Browne. [6529/23]
- \*560. To ask the Minister for Health the reason GPs cannot prescribe a drug (details supplied) on the drugs payment scheme considering that the majority of women in need of the medication would not be seen by their consultant until well into their second trimester; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [6530/23]
- \*561. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cariban prescriptions that have been processed through the drugs payment scheme to date. Martin Browne. [6531/23]
- \*562. To ask the Minister for Health the current standard practice in other EU countries in relation to the prescribing of a specific drug (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [6534/23]
- \*563. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff who have left his Department in each of the years 2018 to 2022, by grade, and to date in 2023, in tabular form. Róisín Shortall. [6535/23]
- \*564. To ask the Minister for Health the number of prescriptions for a drug (details supplied) that have been processed through the DPS to date in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [6536/23]
- \*565. To ask the Minister for Health if he will allow GPs to prescribe cariban to patients under the community drugs scheme, the general medical services scheme and the drug payment scheme without it being consultant initiated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [6537/23]
- \*566. To ask the Minister for Health the number of prescriptions for cariban that have been processed through the drug payment scheme in 2021 and in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [6538/23]
- \*567. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure patients who suffer with amyloidosis can be approved on the long-term illness scheme. Robert Troy. [6539/23]
- \*568. To ask the Minister for Health when a public inquiry will be held into deaths that occurred in nursing homes during the Covid-19 pandemic; whether it will follow the PANEL principles for a Human Rights based approach; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [6548/23]
- \*569. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who have been assessed for homecare and are waiting on that provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [6549/23]
- \*570. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who are awaiting on the provision of additional homecare hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [6550/23]
- \*571. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people awaiting assessment for homecare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [6551/23]

- \*572. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make triple antigen tests that allow people to check if their illness is Covid-19, flu, or RSV available at reduced or zero cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [6552/23]
- \*573. To ask the Minister for Health if the public inquiry into deaths that occurred in nursing homes during the Covid-19 pandemic will include both private and public nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [6553/23]
- \*574. To ask the Minister for Health the process by which pregnant women experiencing extreme nausea and vomiting can obtain the drug cariban through the drug payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [6554/23]
- \*575. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the drug cariban cannot be prescribed by a GP through the drug payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [6555/23]
- \*576. To ask the Minister for Health the options open to pregnant women experiencing extreme nausea and vomiting in the first trimester given the fact that they are unlikely to have a consultant's appointment until the end of this period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [6556/23]
- \*577. To ask the Minister for Health the number of prescriptions for the drug cariban that have been processed through the drug payment scheme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [6557/23]
- \*578. To ask the Minister for Health the process by which pregnant women experiencing extreme nausea can obtain the drug Cariban which is available on the drugs payment scheme; the reason the drug cannot be prescribed by a GP on the drugs payment scheme; 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. Jim O'Callaghan. [6558/23]
- \*579. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in providing colposcopy and cervical check results to patients attending UHW; and if all those affected by the unacceptable delay will be contacted and updated on their tests. John McGuinness. [6559/23]
- \*580. To ask the Minister for Health the supports available to enable older people to age in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [6561/23]
- \*581. To ask the Minister for Health the services available to older people, excepting daycare services, that have yet to return having being suspended during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [6562/23]
- \*582. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to update the National Positive Ageing Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [6564/23]
- \*583. To ask the Minister for Health when in-person obesity clinics will resume in Loughinstown Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [6567/23]
- \*584. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for adult ADHD clinics in CH07; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [6568/23]

- \*585. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine an issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. James Lawless. [6570/23]
- \*586. To ask the Minister for Health if a drug (details supplied) can be prescribed by a GP, or only by a consultant; and if so, if this has resulted in very low usage of a medication of considerable efficacy. Richard Bruton. [6581/23]
- \*587. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the drug cariban cannot be prescribed by a GP on the drugs payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard O'Donoghue. [6582/23]
- \*588. To ask the Minister for Health the drug cariban cannot be prescribed by a GP on the drugs payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard O'Donoghue. [6582/23]
- \*589. To ask the Minister for Health the number HSE home help carers in County Limerick, in tabular form. Richard O'Donoghue. [6584/23]
- \*590. To ask the Minister for Health the number HSE home help carers in County Limerick, in tabular form. Richard O'Donoghue. [6584/23]
- \*591. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the pathway to access treatment and support for people suffering from avoidant restrictive food intake disorder, a new diagnosis in the DSM-5, previously referred to as selective eating disorder; when a clinical lead will be appointed in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Réada Cronin. [6586/23]
- \*592. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the number of prescriptions for cariban which have been processed by the HSE through the general medical services and drugs payment schemes to date. Joe O'Brien. [6588/23]
- \*593. To ask the Minister for Health when a post (details supplied) will be filled; how long the post is vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Claire Kerrane. [6590/23]
- \*594. 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. Claire Kerrane. [6591/23]
- \*595. To ask the Minister for Health the process in writing by which pregnant women experiencing extreme nausea and vomiting can obtain the drug cariban. Claire Kerrane. [6592/23]
- \*596. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that cariban cannot be prescribed by a GP under the drugs payment scheme to ensure easier access to it for pregnant women. Claire Kerrane. [6593/23]
- \*597. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider amending the criteria for people availing of the NPTF in order that anyone waiting in excess of six months can self-refer to a private hospital similar to people who opt for a cross border treatment. Robert Troy. [6602/23]

- \*598. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Sláinte cén uair a íocfar an "Íocaíocht Aitheantais Paindéime Covid" le curamóirí baile atá ag obair le heagraíocht (sonraí tugtha); údar na moille leis sin; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. Éamon Ó Cuív. [6606/23]
- \*599. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for endocrinology appointments in Letterkenny University Hospital per month for each of the years 2019 to 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [6611/23]
- \*600. To ask the Minister for Health the process in writing by which pregnant women experiencing extreme nausea and vomiting can obtain the drug cariban; the reason that the drug cannot be prescribed by a GP on the DPS (details supplied); if he will outline the current standard practice in other EU member states; his Department's recommendations to help with the extreme nausea and vomiting for the first 12 weeks or until the drug can be accessed; and the number of cariban prescriptions that have been processed through the DPS to date, in tabular form. Joe O'Brien. [6617/23]
- \*601. To ask the Minister for Health when adult attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder services and supports will be in place in CHO4 in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [6621/23]
- \*602. To ask the Minister for Health if he will issue clarity on how the publicly funded IVF model will be rolled out (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cathal Crowe. [6623/23]
- \*603. To ask the Minister for Health the expected opening date of the new elective hospital in Cork. Thomas Gould. [6626/23]
- \*604. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who were on trolleys in CUH in the month of January in each of the past five years, in tabular form. Thomas Gould. [6627/23]
- \*605. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff in Éist Linn, by role, in 2019 and 2023, in tabular form. Thomas Gould. [6628/23]
- \*606. To ask the Minister for Health the process by which pregnant women experiencing hyperemesis gravidarum can obtain the drug cariban; the reason this drug is not prescribed initially by a GP as part of the drugs payment scheme; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the majority of women do not see a consultant until after 12 weeks of pregnancy; the measures that can be taken regarding this in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy or until an appointment can be made with a consultant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Haughey. [6632/23]
- \*607. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cariban prescriptions that have been processed through the drug payment scheme to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Haughey. [6633/23]
- \*608. To ask the Minister for Health when the replacement general practitioner services for Blarney, County Cork (details supplied), will be in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [6634/23]
- \*609. To ask the Minister for Health the limitations on the availability of a drug (details supplied) under the drugs payment scheme; if it can be prescribed by a general practitioner; if it

- requires prescription by a consultant; if so, the reasons for this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [6635/23]
- \*610. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the process for women to obtain the medication cariban through the drugs payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Moynihan. [6639/23]
- \*611. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons that a GP cannot prescribe cariban to their patients through the drugs payment scheme, given that many women do not see a consultant until after 12 weeks into pregnancy and suffer from extreme nausea and vomiting in this time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Moynihan. [6640/23]
- \*612. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cariban prescriptions that have been processed through the drugs payment scheme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Moynihan. [6641/23]
- \*613. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 302 of 7 July 2022, if he will provide an update on the results of the deliberation of the HSE of the medicines management programme assessment for the use of the medication, following the reply received from the HSE in relation to the provision of affordable cariban medication for women suffering from hyperemesis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Howlin. [6644/23]
- \*614. To ask the Minister for Health if he will list the drugs and medications which are currently in short supply in the State; the public relations and communication practices adopted by the HSE at times when drug and medicine supplies run low or end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peadar Tóibín. [6650/23]
- \*615. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of ambulance drivers currently employed by the HSE; the total number of ambulances currently operational within the HSE; if he will list the points across the State from which ambulances are dispatched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peadar Tóibín. [6651/23]
- \*616. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the need for a community neuro-rehabilitation team in CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Charles Flanagan. [6653/23]
- \*617. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for her appeal of a special pandemic recognition award that was due in January 2023 and is still not finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Niamh Smyth. [6660/23]
- \*618. To ask the Minister for Health the reason an urgent query raised with the HSE is not being responded to (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [6661/23]
- \*619. To ask the Minister for Health if a response will issue to queries raised by an organisation (details supplied) in respect of nursing home-charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Fergus O'Dowd. [6667/23]
- \*620. To ask the Minister for Health the current process for women accessing cariban; the standard practice within the European Union for treating hyperemesis; if the number of prescriptions for cariban that have been processed through the drugs payment scheme can be

- provided in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cian O'Callaghan. [6668/23]
- \*621. To ask the Minister for Health the number of kidney transplant procedures carried out in each of the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the hospitals in which these procedures are carried out. Alan Kelly. [6677/23]
- \*622. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be any specialist posts created in community healthcare under the field of maternity care, anti-natal clinics, post-natal care and so on. Alan Kelly. [6678/23]
- \*623. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant paediatric dermatologists attached to University Hospital Limerick in each of the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. Alan Kelly. [6679/23]
- \*624. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Irish patients awaiting initial assessment for a sleep disorder screening appointment in either a respiratory clinic or specific disorder clinic.

   Alan Kelly. [6680/23]
- \*625. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time lactation consultants that were appointed in 2022 in CHOs 3 and 5 in 2022; and if any appointments of these consultants in either of these CHOs are scheduled. Alan Kelly. [6681/23]
- \*626. To ask the Minister for Health the process by which pregnant people with Hyperemesis Gravidarum may obtain the drug cariban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [6684/23]
- \*627. To ask the Minister for Health the reason cariban cannot be prescribed by GP's on the DPS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [6685/23]
- \*628. To ask the Minister for Health the other options that are available to pregnant people who experience Hyperemesis Gravidarum in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy given the current inability to obtain a prescription for cariban without first being seen by a consultant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [6686/23]
- \*629. To ask the Minister for Health the current standard of practice in other EU countries for the prescription of cariban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [6687/23]
- \*630. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cariban prescriptions processed through DPS to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [6688/23]
- \*631. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects an outcome of the review he requested from the HSE and his Department on the current approach to the reimbursement of cariban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [6689/23]
- \*632. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the process by which pregnant people experiencing extreme nausea and vomiting can obtain cariban (doxylamine/pyridoxine); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Neasa Hourigan. [6691/23]

- \*633. To ask the Minister for Health the reason cariban is only available under the community drug schemes when consultant obstetrician initiated as opposed to a general practitioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Neasa Hourigan. [6692/23]
- \*634. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cariban prescriptions that have been processed through the drugs payment scheme since it was made available under the community drug schemes. Neasa Hourigan. [6693/23]
- \*635. To ask the Minister for Health the medicines available under the drug payment scheme to treat hyperemesis gravidarum; the medicines available on the medical card to treat same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Neasa Hourigan. [6694/23]
- \*636. To ask the Minister for Health the ratio of clinicians working in prosthetics and orthotics to their clerical and administrative staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [6704/23]
- \*637. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline any plans to introduce regional rehabilitation services for amputees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [6705/23]
- \*638. To ask the Minister for Health the number of CAMHS intellectual disability teams in CHO2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [6706/23]
- \*639. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for an appointment with Enable Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Niamh Smyth. [6720/23]
- \*640. To ask the Minister for Health if matters (details supplied) in relation to cariban will be addressed in the interest of pregnant women in Ireland experiencing extreme nausea; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Niamh Smyth. [6721/23]
- \*641. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that pregnant people affected by Hyperemesis Gravidarum are currently forced to present at accident and emergency in order to obtain consultant prescriptions for cariban; if his Department has identified the unnecessary delays and additional cost burden this has caused in emergency departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [6722/23]
- \*642. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement the Department has made with Hyperemesis Ireland, the ICGP, and other expert bodies, regarding the implementation of reimbursement of cariban for Hyperemesis Gravidarum sufferers; his future plans to engage with relevant bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [6723/23]
- \*643. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details on how and when public funding for IVF treatment will be distributed; if funding for treatment through the public hospital system will be made available; if so, when; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [6724/23]
- \*644. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cycles of IVF treatment per person his Department is intending to fund; when this funding will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [6725/23]

- \*645. To ask the Minister for Health the restrictions he intends placing on eligibility for public funding for IVF treatment; if these will be related to age or BMI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [6726/23]
- \*646. To ask the Minister for Health if public funding for assisted human reproduction will be made available to same-sex female couples that have not been diagnosed with fertility issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [6727/23]
- \*647. To ask the Minister for Health if in view of the NCPE's recent negative recommendation in relation to Evusheld, the action he will take on behalf of immunosuppressed people and direct the HSE to make Evusheld available to all those who need it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [6729/23]
- \*648. To ask the Minister for Health if he will support the inclusion of the future of the medically vulnerable to Covid-19 on the agenda of the next Cabinet Committee on Health on 13 February 2023; and the plans of his Department and the HSE in relation to enabling the immunocompromised and immunosuppressed to fully participate in society. Paul Murphy. [6730/23]
- \*649. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. James Lawless. [6732/23]
- \*650. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the age of consent to medical treatment, as well as the policy basis for the current law on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [6741/23]
- \*651. To ask the Minister for Health when staff in a section 39 organisation (details supplied) will receive the Covid-19 pandemic recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [6746/23]
- \*652. To ask the Minister for Health the options a person (details supplied) has to get dental works carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Niamh Smyth. [6754/23]
- \*653. To ask the Minister for Health the process by which pregnant women experiencing extreme nausea and vomiting can obtain cariban via the drugs payment scheme, following reports that the process is very unclear and acts as a barrier to obtaining the drug in a timely manner; the steps he is taking to address these access issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [6765/23]
- \*654. To ask the Minister for Health if he will amend the reimbursement scheme for cariban in order that it can be prescribed by a GP; the reason only consultant obstetricians can prescribe this treatment under the drugs payment scheme, given that the majority of women do not see a consultant until they are at least 12 weeks pregnant; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

   Róisín Shortall. [6766/23]
- \*655. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cariban prescriptions that have been processed through the drugs payment scheme to date and by month, in tabular form. Róisín Shortall. [6767/23]
- \*656. To ask the Minister for Health if he has plans to introduce a national lung cancer screening service; if he has received any proposals for such a service; the projected annual cost

- for such a programme; the annual cost for each individual cancer screening service currently in place; the estimated number of projected people each will screen in 2022 and 2023 respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Duncan Smith. [6779/23]
- \*657. To ask the Minister for Health the level of expenditure on new medicines in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Duncan Smith. [6780/23]
- \*658. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the use of private sector to deliver the new Galway city west primary care centre at Seamus Quirke Road; his views on whether this will offer the best value for money to the State; the reasoning behind the decision to lease a privately-owned building for this project; how it offers savings to the State when compared to purchasing a property for this purpose, given that the briefing document for the project which details the project claims the procurement has been competitively sourced and, based on the proposed lease terms to be agreed, provides the HSE value for money; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [6781/23]
- \*659. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the refurb, refit and extension of the Castlebellingham health centre to a new primary care centre; the total expected cost of the project; the list of services that will be provided in the new premises; the expected completion date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Fergus O'Dowd. [6782/23]
- \*660. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to the removal of the prescription requirement for naloxone. Thomas Gould. [6792/23]
- \*661. To ask the Minister for Health the number of naloxone prescriptions issued in each of the past five years, in tabular form. Thomas Gould. [6793/23]
- \*662. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has reviewed the 2015 pilot naloxone scheme; and if he will report on same. Thomas Gould. [6794/23]
- \*663. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter regarding a facility (details supplied), given the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peter Burke. [6801/23]
- \*664. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application to the Dental Council (details supplied); the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [6802/23]
- \*665. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1515 of 18 January 2023, the additional steps being taken to address significant delays in processing applications by Ukrainian dentists to the Dental Council; if further staff have been provided to deal with this backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [6803/23]
- \*666. To ask the Minister for Health the process in writing by which pregnant women experiencing extreme nausea and vomiting can obtain a drug (details supplied); the availability of said drug; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pa Daly. [6810/23]
- \*667. To ask the Minister for Health his views on allowing GPs to prescribe a drug (details supplied). Pa Daly. [6811/23]

- \*668. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the number of prescriptions of a drug (details supplied) through the drugs payment scheme to date.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pa Daly. [6812/23]
- \*669. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the process in writing by which pregnant women experiencing extreme nausea and vomiting can obtain cariban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [6813/23]
- \*670. To ask the Minister for Health if a general practitioner will be able to make a determination and recommend the prescription of cariban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [6814/23]
- \*671. To ask the Minister for Health the reason cariban is not being made available under the drugs payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [6815/23]
- \*672. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cariban prescriptions that have been processed since 1 January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [6816/23]
- \*673. To ask the Minister for Health the number of meetings which have taken place between Ministers of his Department and the Attorney General relating to long-stay charges litigation since 1 January 2000. David Cullinane. [6824/23]
- \*674. To ask the Minister for Health the number of meetings which have taken place between officials at his Department at principal officer-grade and above and the Office of the Attorney General or the Office of the Chief State Solicitor relating to long-stay charges litigation since 1 January 2000. David Cullinane. [6825/23]
- \*675. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans at European Union level to review and update the various EU nursing directives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ged Nash. [6836/23]
- \*676. To ask the Minister for Health if he, in conjunction with the HSE, will examine the current pay and travel expense arrangements for healthcare assistants, given the difficulties they are having in paying for their transport at present (details supplied). Cathal Crowe. [6846/23]
- \*677. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention in each separate children's disability network team in the State, in tabular form. Sean Sherlock. [6850/23]
- \*678. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention in the east central Cork children's disability network team, in tabular form. Sean Sherlock. [6851/23]
- \*679. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention in the southeast Cork city children's disability network team, in tabular form. Sean Sherlock. [6852/23]

- \*680. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention in the central Cork children's disability network team, in tabular form. Sean Sherlock. [6853/23]
- \*681. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention in the northeast Cork children's disability network team, in tabular form. Sean Sherlock. [6854/23]
- \*682. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention in the northwest Cork children's disability network team, in tabular form. Sean Sherlock. [6855/23]
- \*683. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention in the north Cork city and Blarney children's disability network team, in tabular form. Sean Sherlock. [6856/23]
- \*684. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention in the west central Cork children's disability network team, in tabular form. Sean Sherlock. [6857/23]
- \*685. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention in the east Cork city children's disability network team in tabular form. Sean Sherlock. [6858/23]
- \*686. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention in the Carrigaline, Kinsale, Bandon children's disability network team, in tabular form. Sean Sherlock. [6859/23]
- \*687. To ask the Minister for Health when section 39 staff can expect to receive the €1,000 Covid bonus payment; and if his Department has issued guidance to section 39 employers on the application process. Robert Troy. [6878/23]
- \*688. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention in the south Cork city children's disability network team, in tabular form. Sean Sherlock. [6893/23]
- \*689. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with spina bifida who are waiting for an urology procedure; and the number of these children waiting for more than four months. Darren O'Rourke. [6978/23]
- \*690. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of providing two extra HSE air ambulance helicopters available on a 24-7 basis. Darren O'Rourke. [6979/23]
- \*691. To ask the Minister for Health the number of wte kidney transplant surgeons attached to CHI Temple Street in the years 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. Darren O'Rourke. [6980/23]
- \*692. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant obstetrician/gynaecologist with a special interest in reproductive medicine working in Holles Street Maternity Hospital in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. Darren O'Rourke. [6981/23]

- \*693. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a full list of general practitioners operating under the aegis of North East Doctor On Call, in tabular form. Darren O'Rourke. [6982/23]
- \*694. To ask the Minister for Health the disability day services centres that received funding in the past two years to provide upgrade or improving their transport provision to and from their centres. Darren O'Rourke. [6983/23]
- \*695. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE nurses working in Our Lady's Hospital, Navan in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased. Darren O'Rourke. [6984/23]
- \*696. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time cardiothoracic radiographers working in the Mater Hospital in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. Darren O'Rourke. [6985/23]
- \*697. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 620 of 24 January 2023, the number of available slots at a private hospital (details supplied) used by the HSE during the recent surge in activity at UHL, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

   Violet-Anne Wynne. [6996/23]
- \*698. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parlaimentary Question No. 619 of 24 January 2023, the reason the number of emergency medicine consultants at UHL is significantly lower than any other hospital group in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [6997/23]
- \*699. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 627 of 24 January 2023, the reason that the number of HSE healthcare support assistants in County Clare is significantly lower than every other county in CHO3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [6998/23]
- \*700. To ask the Minister for Health the expected cost of a surgical hub in Limerick City; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [7000/23]
- \*701. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parlaimentary Question No. 314 of 1 February 2023, the reason that the population area covered in CHN1 is vastly higher than all seven other CHNs in CHO3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [7001/23]
- \*702. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of upgrading services at Ennis Hospital to model 3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [7004/23]
- \*703. To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of the staff complement for the radiography departments in Ennis, Nenagh and UHL hospitals in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Kelly. [7009/23]
- \*704. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can be transferred to a suitable care unit on the request of their social worker. Robert Troy. [7017/23]
- \*705. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has any update on medications for hyperemesis (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Frankie Feighan. [7029/23]

- \*706. To ask the Minister for Health the spend by Beaumont Hospital on agency staffing and private recruitment firms in each of the years 2018 to 2022, by firm, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7031/23]
- \*707. To ask the Minister for Health the spend by Children's Health Ireland, at each location, on agency staffing and private recruitment firms in each of the years 2018 to 2022, by firm, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7032/23]
- \*708. To ask the Minister for Health the spend by the Mater Misericordiae Hospital on agency staffing and private recruitment firms in each of the years 2018 to 2022, by firm, in tabular form.

   David Cullinane. [7033/23]
- \*709. To ask the Minister for Health the spend by the Mercy University Hospital, Cork on agency staffing and private recruitment firms in each of the years 2018 to 2022, by firm, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7034/23]
- \*710. To ask the Minister for Health the spend by the South Infirmary/Victoria University Hospital on agency staffing and private recruitment firms in each of the years 2018 to 2022, by firm, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7035/23]
- \*711. To ask the Minister for Health the spend by St. James' Hospital on agency staffing and private recruitment firms in each of the years 2018 to 2022, by firm, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7036/23]
- \*712. To ask the Minister for Health the spend by St. Vincent's University Hospital on agency staffing and private recruitment firms in each of the years 2018 to 2022, by firm, in tabular form.

   David Cullinane. [7037/23]
- \*713. To ask the Minister for Health the spend by Tallaght University Hospital on agency staffing and private recruitment firms in each of the years 2018 to 2022, by firm, in tabular form.

   David Cullinane. [7038/23]
- \*714. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the proposed pilot programme for dual diagnosis of mental health and substance addiction, in CHO3; if recruitment is complete; when this will be fully operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mark Ward. [7039/23]
- \*715. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the second pilot for dual diagnosis of mental health and substance addiction; when this will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mark Ward. [7040/23]
- \*716. To ask the Minister for Health the spend by Coombe Hospital on agency staffing and private recruitment firms for each year 2018 to 2022, by firm, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7041/23]
- \*717. To ask the Minister for Health the spend by National Maternity Hospital on agency staffing and private recruitment firms for each year 2018 to 2022, by firm, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7042/23]

- \*718. To ask the Minister for Health the spend by Rotunda Hospital on agency staffing and private recruitment firms for each year 2018 to 2022, by firm, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7043/23]
- \*719. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by the HSE on access to private diagnostics, whether for acute, hospital services, community services, or GPs, for each of the year 2018 to 2022, inclusive, by firm, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7044/23]
- \*720. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by Beaumont Hospital on access to private diagnostics in each of the years 2018 to 2022, inclusive, by firm, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7045/23]
- \*721. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 623 of 5 July 2022, the spend by the HSE on agency staffing and private recruitment firms in each of the years 2018 to 2022, by firm, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7052/23]
- \*722. To ask the Minister for Health if information will be provided in relation to the payment of the pandemic bonus to staff in a disability service provider (details supplied) that have yet to receive the Covid bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. James Lawless. [7053/23]
- \*723. To ask the Minister for Health when a worker (details supplied) will receive their Covid recognition payment. Claire Kerrane. [7055/23]
- \*724. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ascertain from the HSE the services being provided to a person (details supplied); the budget allocated for their care; when services will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [7062/23]
- \*725. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on private healthcare for public patients via the access to care fund for each year since inception, by firm, private hospital, or other private provider in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7064/23]
- \*726. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on private community healthcare services for public patients for each year 2013 to 2022, by provider and service type, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7065/23]
- \*727. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by HSE hospitals on private medical and other healthcare services for public patients for each year 2013 to 2022, by provider/consultant for each hospital by service type, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7066/23]
- \*728. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by Children's Health Ireland, at each location, on private medical and other healthcare services for public patients for each year 2013 to 2022, by provider/consultant for each hospital by service type, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7067/23]
- \*729. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by Mater Misericordiae Hospital on private medical and other healthcare services for public patients for each year 2013 to 2022, by provider/consultant for each hospital by service type, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7068/23]

- \*730. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by Mercy University Hospital on private medical and other healthcare services for public patients for each year 2013 to 2022, by provider/consultant for each hospital by service type, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7069/23]
- \*731. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by South Infirmary/Victoria University Hospital on private medical and other healthcare services for public patients for each year 2013 to 2022, by provider/consultant for each hospital by service type, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7070/23]
- \*732. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by St James' Hospital on private medical and other healthcare services for public patients for each year 2013 to 2022, by provider/consultant for each hospital by service type, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7071/23]
- \*733. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by St Vincent's University Hospital on private medical and other healthcare services for public patients for each year 2013 to 2022, by provider/consultant for each hospital by service type, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7072/23]
- \*734. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by Tallaght University Hospital on private medical and other healthcare services for public patients for each year 2013 to 2022, by provider/consultant for each hospital by service type, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7073/23]
- \*735. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by Rotunda Hospital on private medical and other healthcare services for public patients for each year 2013 to 2022, by provider/consultant for each hospital by service type, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7074/23]
- \*736. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by National Maternity Hospital on private medical and other healthcare services for public patients for each year 2013 to 2022, by provider/consultant for each hospital by service type, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7075/23]
- \*737. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by Coombe Hospital on private medical and other healthcare services for public patients for each year 2013 to 2022, by provider/consultant for each hospital by service type, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7076/23]
- \*738. To ask the Minister for Health the process in writing by which pregnant women experiencing extreme nausea and vomiting can obtain cariban. Barry Cowen. [7077/23]
- \*739. To ask the Minister for Health the reason cariban is not being prescribed by a GP on the DPS (details supplied); and if he will provide the steps for women to take to help with the extreme nausea and vomiting for the first 12 weeks or until the drug can be accessed. Barry Cowen. [7078/23]
- \*740. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cariban prescriptions that have been processed through the DPS to date in tabular form. Barry Cowen. [7079/23]
- \*741. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated amount spent on private healthcare for public patients via the national treatment purchase fund for each year 2013 to 2022, inclusive, by

- firm, private hospital, or other private provider, by specialty and by procedure groupings within specialties, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7080/23]
- \*742. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated amount spent on contracting private hospital and community beds for each year 2013 to 2022, by bed type and by provider in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7081/23]
- \*743. To ask the Minister for Health the volume and throughput of private patients in each public hospital for each year 2013 to 2022, inclusive, in tabular form; the number of patients seen; and the number of procedures conducted. David Cullinane. [7082/23]
- \*744. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by Beaumont Hospital on private medical and other healthcare services for public patients for each year 2013 to 2022, by provider/consultant for each hospital by service type, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7084/23]
- \*745. To ask the Minister for Health the revenue generated by car parking charges for each HSE hospital (details supplied) in each of the years 2013 to 2022, inclusive, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7087/23]
- \*746. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a child (details supplied) in County Mayo has not received speech and language therapy for over fourteen months; when this child will be scheduled for a speech and language therapy appointment, in view of this child's urgent need for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [7091/23]
- \*747. To ask the Minister for Health the reason children under the age of five years are not treated at minor injury units; the plans he has, if any, to extend such services to children under five years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Denis Naughten. [7099/23]
- \*748. To ask the Minister for Health to details the process by which pregnant women experiencing extreme nausea and vomiting can obtain cariban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [7100/23]
- \*749. To ask the Minister for Health the reason cariban cannot be prescribed by a GP on the drug payment scheme; if he agrees with these reasons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [7101/23]
- \*750. To ask the Minister for Health the alternative treatments for extreme nausea and vomiting for the first 12 weeks of pregnancy he recommends for pregnant women given the lack of access to cariban during that time period for many pregnant women who do not see an obstetrician until after 12 weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [7102/23]
- \*751. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of the number of cariban prescriptions that have been processed through the drug payment scheme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [7103/23]
- \*752. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that access to cariban is made readily available to all pregnant women prescribed the drug through the drugs payment scheme without the need for additional documentation in order to prevent situations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [7104/23]

- \*753. To ask the Minister for Health if he can provide clarity for pregnant women on the process of how to obtain cariban through the drugs payment scheme, given that the drug is necessary to prevent extreme nausea and vomiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

   Seán Canney. [7138/23]
- \*754. To ask the Minister for Health the latest update on the rollout of oral immunotherapy for children; the location of each facility in which the treatment is dispensed; the funding and timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [7142/23]
- \*755. To ask the Minister for Health the name of at least one consultant operating in the public system with up-to-date long covid knowledge, and the ability to diagnose children who meet the criteria and to actively manage symptoms based on international data on long Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [7149/23]
- \*756. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he has taken to ensure that children with long Covid have access to appropriate, up to date assessment and treatment in the public health system, including access to appropriately expert consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [7150/23]
- \*757. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in Ireland that suffered fatal and serious anaphylactic reactions due to exposure to food items in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [7153/23]
- \*758. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update regarding the payment of the pandemic bonus to non-HSE staff; and when this payment is expected to be made to all staff who are eligible. Denise Mitchell. [7159/23]
- \*759. To ask the Minister for Health the average patient experience time to admission via an emergency department for all patients, statewide and for each location for January 2023, in tabular form; the average for patients aged under 75 and 75 plus, statewide and for each location; the number of patients who attended and were admitted below the average; the number waiting longer than the average; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [7167/23]
- \*760. To ask the Minister for Health the average patient experience time to admission via an emergency department for all patients, statewide and for each location for January 2019, in tabular form; the average for patients aged under 75 and 75 plus, statewide and for each location; the number of patients who attended and were admitted below the average and the number waiting longer than the average; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [7168/23]
- \*761. To ask the Minister for Health the maximum patient experience time to admission registered at each emergency department for each week in January 2023, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7169/23]
- \*762. To ask the Minister for Health the maximum patient experience time to admission registered at each emergency department for each week in January 2019, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7170/23]

- \*763. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who left an emergency department post-registration but pre-admission in the month of January 2023, by hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [7171/23]
- \*764. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who left an emergency department post-registration but pre-admission in the month of January 2019, by hospital, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [7172/23]
- \*765. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of patients who waited 0-6, 6-9, 0-9, and 9-24 and 24+ hours for admission via an emergency department for each emergency department in January 2023, in tabular form; the numbers for all patients and for patients aged over 60 and for those over 75 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [7173/23]
- \*766. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of patients who waited 0-6, 6-9, 0-9, and 9-24 and 24+ hours for admission via an emergency department for each emergency department in January 2019, in tabular form; the numbers for all patients and for patients aged over 60 and for those over 75 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [7174/23]
- \*767. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of presentations, registrations, and admissions at each emergency department; the statewide total for January 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [7175/23]
- \*768. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of presentations, registrations, and admissions at each emergency department; the statewide total for January 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [7176/23]
- \*769. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who waited greater than 24 hours for admission via an emergency department in January 2023, by location, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7177/23]
- \*770. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who waited greater than 24 hours for admission via an emergency department in January 2019, by location, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7178/23]
- \*771. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, in January 2023, by hospital group and hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [7179/23]
- \*772. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, in January 2019, by hospital group and hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [7180/23]
- \*773. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, in January 2023 for children, by hospital group and hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [7181/23]
- \*774. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, in January 2019 for children, by hospital group and hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [7182/23]

- \*775. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer-related appointments and procedures which were cancelled in January 2023, by hospital including both HSE and voluntary hospitals, for adults and for children, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7183/23]
- \*776. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that his Department and or the HSE has taken to ensure all abortions carried out legally in the State are properly notified to the Minister for Health in accordance with section 20 of the Act and made publicly available in the annual report, following on from the underreported abortions in the official report issued in 2022. Seán Canney. [7184/23]
- \*777. To ask the Minister for Health the way the cyber-attack and Covid-19 so severely impacted the collection of notifications for abortions in 2021 but not the requests for reimbursements related to abortions paid to GPs. Seán Canney. [7185/23]
- \*778. To ask the Minister for Health when he will publish the report of the three-year review into Ireland's abortion law in view that he has now received the report. Seán Canney. [7186/23]
- \*779. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed discharges in January 2023 by location, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7187/23]
- \*780. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost due to delayed discharges in January 2023 by location, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7188/23]
- \*781. To ask the Minister for Health the average patient experience time from admission to discharge in January 2023 by location, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7189/23]
- \*782. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed discharges in January 2019 by location, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7190/23]
- \*783. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost due to delayed discharges in in January 2019 by location, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7191/23]
- \*784. To ask the Minister for Health the average patient experience time from admission to discharge in January 2019 by location, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7192/23]
- \*785. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a comprehensive update on the provision of the primary health care facility in Maynooth; the expected timelines for the commencement of construction of the facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. James Lawless. [7201/23]
- \*786. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, in January 2023, by hospital group and hospital, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [7202/23]
- \*787. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, in January 2019, by hospital group and hospital, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [7203/23]

- \*788. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, for children in January 2023, by hospital group and hospital, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [7204/23]
- \*789. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, for children in January 2019, by hospital group and hospital, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [7205/23]
- \*790. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer-related appointments and procedures which were cancelled in January 2023, by hospital, including both HSE and voluntary hospitals, for adults and for children, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7206/23]
- \*791. To ask the Minister for Health the process in writing by which pregnant women experiencing extreme nausea and vomiting can obtain the drug known as cariban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [7208/23]
- \*792. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the drug known as cariban cannot be prescribed by a GP on the drugs payment scheme as the majority of women who need this medication do not see a consultant until after 12 weeks; the other alternatives that are available for women to assist with nausea and vomiting prior to 12 weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [7209/23]
- \*793. 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. Colm Burke. [7210/23]
- \*794. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that were offered an opportunistic case finding assessment under the chronic disease management programme in 2022; the number of patients diagnosed with asthma, type 2 diabetes, COPD or cardiovascular disease as a result of this assessment, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [7212/23]
- \*795. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public patients aged 65 years and over diagnosed with chronic kidney disease in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [7213/23]
- \*796. To ask the Minister for Health the blood tests and renal function tests offered to patients as part of the opportunistic case finding assessment under the chronic disease management programme are routinely being used by GPs to diagnose chronic kidney disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [7214/23]
- \*797. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has utilised the clinical data repository of data submitted by GPs as part of the opportunistic case finding assessment under the chronic disease management programme to determine and contact undiagnosed patients likely living with chronic kidney disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [7215/23]
- \*798. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of care for patients with end-stage renal failure in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [7216/23]
- \*799. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to recent reports from the United Kingdom that the popular disposable e-cigarette brand (details supplied), contained

- levels of nicotine above the permitted amount; if he will investigate whether similar breaches of regulation are occurring on the Irish market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [7217/23]
- \*800. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed transfers of care in January 2023 by location, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7218/23]
- \*801. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost due to delayed transfers of care in in January 2023 by location, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7219/23]
- \*802. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed transfers of care in January 2019 by location, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7221/23]
- \*803. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost due to delayed transfers of care in January 2019 by location, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7222/23]
- \*804. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the EU disability card to be available to those with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Denis Naughten. [7226/23]
- \*805. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of clinical status 1 ECHO and clinical status 1 DELTA incidents responded to by a patient-carrying vehicle in 18 minutes and 59 seconds or less in January 2023, nationally and by ambulance region, in tabular form; the average length of such response times nationally and by region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [7234/23]
- \*806. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of clinical status 1 ECHO and clinical status 1 DELTA incidents responded to by a patient-carrying vehicle in 18 minutes and 59 seconds or less in January 2019, nationally and by ambulance region in tabular form; the average length of such response times nationally and by region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [7235/23]
- \*807. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against patients at HSE facilities in January 2023, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7243/23]
- \*808. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against staff at HSE facilities in January 2023, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7244/23]
- \*809. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against patients at HSE facilities in January 2019, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7245/23]
- \*810. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against staff at HSE facilities in January 2019, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7246/23]
- \*811. To ask the Minister for Health the revenue generated by car parking charges for each HSE Hospital for each year 2013 to 2022, inclusive, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7247/23]
- \*812. To ask the Minister for Health the revenue generated by car parking charges for each Beaumont Hospital for each year 2013 to 2022, inclusive, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7248/23]

- \*813. To ask the Minister for Health the revenue generated by car parking charges for each Children's Health Ireland at each location for each year 2013 to 2022, inclusive, in tabular form.

   David Cullinane. [7249/23]
- \*814. To ask the Minister for Health the revenue generated by car parking charges for each Mater Misericordiae Hospital for each year 2013 to 2022, inclusive, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7250/23]
- \*815. To ask the Minister for Health the revenue generated by car parking charges for each Mercy University Hospital for each year 2013 to 2022, inclusive, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7251/23]
- \*816. To ask the Minister for Health the revenue generated by car parking charges for each South Infirmary/Victoria University Hospital for each year 2013 to 2022, inclusive, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7252/23]
- \*817. To ask the Minister for Health the revenue generated by car parking charges for each St. James's Hospital for each year 2013 to 2022, inclusive, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7253/23]
- \*818. To ask the Minister for Health the revenue generated by car parking charges for each St. Vincent's University Hospital for each year 2013 to 2022, inclusive, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7254/23]
- \*819. To ask the Minister for Health the revenue generated by car parking charges for each Tallaght University Hospital for each year 2013 to 2022, inclusive, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7255/23]
- \*820. To ask the Minister for Health the revenue generated by car parking charges for each Rotunda Hospital for each year 2013 to 2022, inclusive, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7256/23]
- \*821. To ask the Minister for Health the revenue generated by car parking charges for each National Maternity Hospital for each year 2013 to 2022, inclusive, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7257/23]
- \*822. To ask the Minister for Health the revenue generated by car parking charges for each Coombe Hospital for each year 2013 to 2022, inclusive, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7258/23]
- \*823. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount spent by the State across all possible categories, in tabular form, on abortion provision in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [7259/23]
- \*824. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount spent by the State on advertising campaigns related to abortion provision broken down by year and category, in tabular form, in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [7260/23]

- \*825. To ask the Minister for Health the bed occupancy rates of each public and public voluntary hospital, by hospital group, for each day in January 2023, in tabular form; the national average; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [7261/23]
- \*826. To ask the Minister for Health the bed occupancy rates of each public and public voluntary hospital, by hospital group, for each day in January 2019, in tabular form; the national average; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [7262/23]
- \*827. To ask the Minister for Health in view of the comments made by the Minister for Social Protection at the Oireachtas Select Committee on Social Protection on 1 February 2023 (details supplied), if the views of his Department have been provided to the Department of Social Protection regarding the recognition of long-covid as an occupational illness; if not, the reason therefore in light of the fact that a failure to act in this regard is leaving long-covid sufferers who contracted covid while working on the front line during the pandemic, in unacceptable limbo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [7263/23]
- \*828. To ask the Minister for Health when homecare providers such as home help will get their promised pay increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [7264/23]
- \*829. To ask the Minister for Health if former patients of the now-closed Mater long-Covid Clinic (details supplied) will be accepted at alternative long-Covid clinics, irrespective of whether they are in the catchment area of the clinic in question, in situations in which no other long-Covid clinic is accessible to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [7273/23]
- \*830. To ask the Minister for Health if the mileage allowance will be reviewed for homecare providers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [7275/23]
- \*831. To ask the Minister for Health when he will publish the report on the review of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [7279/23]
- \*832. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 73 of 8 December 2022, the status of the development of the new elective hospital in Merlin Park; the timeline for the delivery of the new elective hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [7283/23]
- \*833. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 169 of 7 December 2022, the status of the development of a primary care centre on Inisbofin; the status of the land transfer process; when he expects the land transfer to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [7284/23]
- \*834. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 170 of 7 December 2022, the status of the proposed primary care centre for Galway city west; the expected timeline for the delivery of the proposed primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [7285/23]
- \*835. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the details of any engagement he or his Department has had with representatives of an organisation (details supplied) with regard to the

- decision not to extend the pandemic recognition payment to employees of this organisation, in spite of their frontline work and continuity of service through all stages of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [7286/23]
- \*836. To ask the Minister for Health if extra hours of home care will be provided at weekends for a person (details supplied) in County Kilkenny as a matter of urgency. John McGuinness. [7289/23]
- \*837. To ask the Minister for Health the number of health workers entitled to the €1000 pandemic bonus who remain unpaid; the position of staff in private nursing homes; the number of these who have received the bonus to date; the number of those who have not received the payment; if home help and care providers who continued to look after persons in their homes during the pandemic are eligible for the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [7293/23]
- \*838. To ask the Minister for Health the way a person (details supplied) was assessed for the nursing home support scheme; the way each was contribution calculated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [7296/23]
- \*839. To ask the Minister for Health the capital works that were carried out at Cappagh Orthopaedic Hospital in 2022; the nature of these works; if each capital works project is still ongoing or completed; and the capital works projects that will commence in 2023, in tabular form. Paul Donnelly. [7302/23]
- \*840. To ask the Minister for Health the number of day care centres that are funded by the HSE for older persons that are currently open in CHO7 and CHO9 in tabular form. Paul Donnelly. [7303/23]
- \*841. To ask the Minister for Health the current funding and staffing resources that would be required if the opening hours at the urgent care centre at Children's Health Ireland at Connolly increased from 8am to 10pm, seven days a week. Paul Donnelly. [7304/23]
- \*842. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE psychologists in each children's disability network teams within Dublin in tabular form. Paul Donnelly. [7305/23]
- \*843. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by Children's Health Ireland, at each location on access to private diagnostics in each of the years 2018 to 2022, inclusive, by firm, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7315/23]
- \*844. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by Mater Misericordiae Hospital on access to private diagnostics in each of the years 2018 to 2022, inclusive, by firm, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7316/23]
- \*845. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by Mercy University Hospital on access to private diagnostics in each of the years 2018 to 2022, inclusive, by firm, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7317/23]
- \*846. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by South Infirmary/Victoria University Hospital on access to private diagnostics in each of the years 2018 to 2022, inclusive, by firm, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7318/23]

- \*847. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by St James' Hospital on access to private diagnostics in each of the years 2018 to 2022, inclusive, by firm, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7319/23]
- \*848. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by St Vincent's University Hospital on access to private diagnostics in each of the years 2018 to 2022, inclusive, by firm, in tabular form.

   David Cullinane. [7320/23]
- \*849. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by Tallaght University Hospital on access to private diagnostics in each of the years 2018 to 2022, inclusive, by firm, in tabular form.

   David Cullinane. [7321/23]
- \*850. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by Rotunda Hospital on access to private diagnostics in each of the years 2018 to 2022, inclusive, by firm, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7322/23]
- \*851. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by National Maternity Hospital on access to private diagnostics in each of the years 2018 to 2022, inclusive, by firm, in tabular form.

   David Cullinane. [7323/23]
- \*852. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by Coombe Hospital on access to private diagnostics in each of the years 2018 to 2022, inclusive, by firm, in tabular form. David Cullinane. [7324/23]
- \*853. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department intends to undertake a review of children's disability services following the introduction of the new CDNT system, given the reported experiences of children who cannot access required services; and if not, if a review will be considered. Eoin Ó Broin. [7325/23]
- \*854. To ask the Minister for Health the way persons can access post-exposure prophylaxis on weekends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Farrell. [7345/23]
- \*855. To ask the Minister for Health when he intends to increase the standard eye exam fee paid to opticians for medical card holders in relation to the community ophthalmic services scheme; the amount the increase will be; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [7351/23]
- \*856. To ask the Minister for Health the number of care assistants that have exited the profession in each hospital in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 including the expected amount to leave in the forthcoming months if already flagged by staff, in tabular form. Sean Sherlock. [7352/23]
- \*857. To ask the Minister for Health when cardiopathy will be listed and covered under the long-term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peter Burke. [7358/23]
- \*858. To ask the Minister for Health the steps his Department is taking to ease current access difficulties to cariban being experienced by expectant mothers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [7361/23]

- \*859. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to extend the three-year deadline under section 26(5) of the Child and Family Relationships Act 2015, for use of anonymous gametes in existence prior to the commencement of the Act to five years in line with the conventional period of storage of gametes and embryos within fertility clinics in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ivana Bacik. [7362/23]
- \*860. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists WTEs currently based at each relevant centre in County Monaghan; the corresponding numbers for February 2022, February 2021 and February 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [7363/23]
- \*861. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting appointments with occupational therapy in County Monaghan; and the numbers waiting over 1 month, over 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9 months, over 1 year, over 18 months and over 2 years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [7364/23]
- \*862. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults awaiting appointments with occupational therapy in County Monaghan; and the numbers waiting over 1 month, over 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9 months, over 1 year, over 18 months and over 2 years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [7365/23]
- \*863. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting period for occupational therapy services in County Monaghan; the proposals to reduce this timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [7366/23]
- \*864. To ask the Minister for Health when a person in County Cork will receive a neurosurgery appointment (details supplied). Sean Sherlock. [7370/23]
- \*865. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people working at University Hospital Limerick on 8 February 2020; the corresponding figure for 8 February 2023; if he will provide details of any additional posts created during this three-year period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael McNamara. [7371/23]
- \*866. To ask the Minister for Health the reason an Irish citizen living in the Britain cannot access dialysis treatment in Castlebar University Hospital or Galway University Hosital when they come home for more than two days; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [7380/23]
- \*867. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE is planning to base a minor injuries clinic at Carndonagh Community Hospital or elsewhere in the Inishowen peninsula, County Donegal. Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [7381/23]
- \*868. To ask the Minister for Health the HSEs plans for improving the delivery of primary care diagnostic services across County Donegal in the time ahead.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [7382/23]
- \*869. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the delivery of the primary care centre scheduled for Bangor Erris, County Mayo; the timeline for the delivery of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [7385/23]

- \*870. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the delivery of the primary care centre for Ballyhaunis; if construction has recommenced and the timeline for the delivery of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [7386/23]
- \*871. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times for urgent referrals to the breast clinic in UCHG, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [7387/23]
- \*872. To ask the Minister for Health the total funding provided by his Department for a number of programmes (details supplied); and if he will provide, in tabular form, a breakdown of the funding drawn down for each programme by postcode; for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022. Eoin Ó Broin. [7395/23]
- \*873. To ask the Minister for Health the process by which pregnant women experiencing extreme nausea and vomiting can obtain the drug cariban; the reason the drug cannot be prescribed by a GP on the drugs payment scheme as the majority of women do not see a consultant until after 12 weeks; if the current prescription process for the drug is out of line with standard practice in other EU countries; the steps that pregnant women can take to combat extreme nausea and vomiting for the first 12 weeks of pregnancy until they see a consultant who can prescribe the drug; and the number of cariban prescriptions that have been processed through the DPS to date, in tabular form. Louise O'Reilly. [7413/23]
- \*874. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that medications (details supplied) which are essential for immunocompromised persons to participate in socio-cultural life and employment will be made available under the drugs payment scheme. Holly Cairns. [7433/23]
- \*875. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether basic information about particular public appointments to HSE posts, namely, the date of the appointment, the relevant service location and the method of recruitment uses, for example, national recruitment panel, local interview or appointment by transfer, should be provided by the HSE in responses to Parliamentary Questions or to any interested parties wishing to access it; and if not, by what justification could this information be withheld by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Holly Cairns. [7434/23]
- \*876. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 842 of 5 April 2022, 308 of 18 May 2022, 233 of 22 June 2022, 1117 of 12 July 2022 and 324 of 10 November 2022, the percentage of appointments to senior psychologist posts in the Cork adult mental health services between August 2017 and January 2021 that took place via unadvertised transfers; the exact service locations that is, the exact locations of the adult mental health teams where such appointments took place within the Cork HSE health services; the dates of each of these appointments, given that this information has not already been provided by the HSE, contrary to an assertion otherwise in the response to Parliamentary Question 324 of 10 November 2022 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Holly Cairns. [7435/23]
- \*877. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists and speech and language therapists that are employed in Mayo by an organisation (details supplied) and the HSE, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [7437/23]

- Chun an Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara: To the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.
- \*878. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide support to farmers in communities ahead of investment companies and vulture funds (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [7333/23]
- \*879. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number and details of compensation or redress schemes put in place by his Department since 1998, in tabular form; the number of claims made; the total cost of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [6455/23]
- \*880. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to review the sentencing regime underpinning the Animal Welfare Act 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [6478/23]
- \*881. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason his Department on 7 December 2017 issued an aquaculture licence (details supplied) when it has been established under FOI legislation that no appropriate assessment screening as required under the EU Habitats Directive was conducted by either Inland Fisheries Ireland or a third party to evaluate any potential impacts on the integrity of a site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [6516/23]
- \*882. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason his Department in the past five calendar years has never issued an aquaculture licence for the operation of trout hatchery in County Galway when the hatchery is listed as an aquaculture establishment on the Marine Institute's Fin Fish FHA Register; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [6517/23]
- \*883. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of staff working in the Forestry Service as of 31 December 2022; and if he will provide a breakdown of the areas these staff work in, such as inspectors, ecologists, archaeologists, engineers, clerical staff and so on, in tabular form. Cathal Crowe. [6519/23]
- \*884. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of workers employed in the Forestry Service for the years ending 2012 to 2021 inclusive, in tabular form. Cathal Crowe. [6520/23]
- \*885. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the review of the ash dieback replanting scheme. Robert Troy. [6545/23]
- \*886. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department are currently considering funding supports for landowners to cut down dangerous roadside trees and to replant an equivalent amount elsewhere on their land holding. Robert Troy. [6546/23]
- \*887. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if grants are available to farmers to make roadway access to a derelict property and a hayshed on their lands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Claire Kerrane. [6579/23]

- \*888. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the total area of lands that consist of a mixture of scrub land, limestone pavement and grazing land on the Aran Islands and are habitats for rare species of plants and depend on the total habitat for survival and to thrive will be eligible for inclusion in the eligible area for both the replacement scheme for the basic payment scheme and for the areas of natural constraint scheme under the new CAP 2023-2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [6605/23]
- \*889. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the expected timeframe for the commencement of the new forestry programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [6609/23]
- \*890. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is concerned about the viability of the forestry nursery sector, given the repeatedly low levels of afforestation in recent years, compounded by limited afforestation for 2023 and the suspension of various support schemes with the new programme not being ratified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [6610/23]
- \*891. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of herds that are currently restricted with TB, per county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [6636/23]
- \*892. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of TB reactors, per county, in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [6637/23]
- \*893. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the RPT per county in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [6638/23]
- \*894. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1846 of 18 January 2023, the reason a pension has still not been paid to a former employee (details supplied) of his Department, seven months after applying; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [6645/23]
- \*895. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the allocations made by Horse Racing Ireland to its prize fund; the allocation to the prize fund from the horse and greyhound racing fund; and the allocation from commercial activity in each of the past two years, in tabular form. Alan Kelly. [6674/23]
- \*896. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of WTE staff by job title working in his Department's laboratory at Backweston as of 7 February 2023; the number of vacancies by job title; and when those vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. Alan Kelly. [6675/23]
- \*897. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the date on which the Prosecutorial Committee will become a working section of his Department; if he will clarify whether the deliberations of this committee would be available under FOI; and if he will provide the number of cases this section is processing and the number it has decided to prosecute on. Catherine Murphy. [6717/23]
- \*898. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons his Department has successfully and unsuccessfully prosecuted for the possession and administration

- of controlled substances given to animals in the past 20 years to date. Catherine Murphy. [6749/23]
- \*899. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine having ruled out a beef reduction scheme for farmers looking to exit the sector and discounting the resultant emissions reduction, the additional substitute measures he is proposing for the Climate Action Plan to ensure that agriculture stays within its sectoral emissions ceiling in the first carbon budget period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [6817/23]
- \*900. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the level of funding provided to Teagasc each year since 2010, in tabular form; the structure and oversight his Department has to protect taxpayers' interests; if the taxpayer receives good value for this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [6818/23]
- \*901. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the commercial interests that are represented on the Teagasc authority; if this appropriately reflects the central scientific challenge for Irish agriculture, namely, to produce highly nutritional food with radically lower absolute amounts of greenhouse gas emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [6819/23]
- \*902. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of salmonella outbreaks in each relevant county detected in 2023 to date; his Department's response to these outbreaks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [6826/23]
- \*903. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has identified the cause of salmonella outbreaks on poultry farms; the measures he proposes to reduce the risk of further outbreaks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [6827/23]
- \*904. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports he provides to poultry farms that are subject to salmonella outbreaks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [6828/23]
- \*905. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will publish in full the shareholder letter of expectation issued to Coillte on 2 June 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [6829/23]
- \*906. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the dividend policy of Coillte was last reviewed; the outcome of such review; when the next review is likely to take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [6830/23]
- \*907. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 278, 280 and 281 of 11 May 2022, if the Government has sought a further derogation this year in relation to the use of non-organic wheat in organic diets up to a threshold of 5%, given the underlying conditions in relation to the invasion of Ukraine have not abated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [6831/23]
- \*908. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the State's State aid application with regard to forestry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Farrell. [7349/23]

\*909. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to undertake an awareness campaign on dog ownership nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

— Mark Ward. [7376/23]

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

- \*910. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number and details of compensation or redress schemes put in place by her Department since 1998, in tabular form; the number of claims made; the total cost of the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [6468/23]
- \*911. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total number of applications received for funding under the Community Services Programme for County Louth, by organisation name and location for 2023. Fergus O'Dowd. [6748/23]
- \*912. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on a proposed indemnity scheme for farmers with land that is accessible to the public; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Cathal Crowe. [6787/23]
- \*913. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the Community Centres Investment Fund provided funding for improvements to car parking facilities around community centres and parish halls in the 2022 allocation; if so, which category of funding was this awarded under; when the fund will be open for applications in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [7088/23]
- \*914. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the proposed works for the Mell Greenway, Drogheda, following the further engagement from her Department offering an extension to 31 January 2023 to allow the local authority to progress the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Fergus O'Dowd. [7096/23]
- \*915. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding provided under the social inclusion and community activation programme in each of the years from 2018 to 2022, by county, in tabular form. Róisín Shortall. [7350/23]

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## Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

- 1. To ask the Taoiseach if he has met with the Attorney General following publication of his report on nursing home charges and disabled persons' maintenance allowance. Mary Lou McDonald. [6848/23]
- 2. To ask the Taoiseach if he has any plans for reform of the Attorney General Office; and the legal actions underway against his Department. Ivana Bacik. [6928/23]

- 3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the draft list of Strategic Risks 2023 in the National Risk Assessment. Ivana Bacik. [6929/23]
- 4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the Special European Council on 9 and 10 February 2023. Seán Haughey. [7241/23]
- 5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the European Council; and the extent to which pressing issues were dealt with. Bernard J. Durkan. [7398/23]