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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. 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]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Government Information Service unit of his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [6927/23]

3. 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]

4. 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]

5. 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]

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Humanitarian Response to Ukraine will next meet. — Pa Daly. [5817/23]

12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Humanitarian Response to Ukraine will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [6924/23]

13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Humanitarian Response to Ukraine will next meet. — John Lahart. [7242/23]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet sub-committee that deals with a humanitarian response to Ukraine will next meet. — Mick Barry. [7265/23]

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

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

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

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Coordination will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [6735/23]

19. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [6925/23]

20. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [7240/23]

21. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Mick Barry. [7266/23]

22. 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]

23. To ask the Taoiseach when the annual report of his Department for 2022 will be published. — Mary Lou McDonald. [6847/23]

24. 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]

25. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [6733/23]

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [6849/23]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Robert Troy. [7393/23]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*33. To ask the Taoiseach the number of persons employed in 2022, by industry and county, in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [7746/23]

*34. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his plans for constitutional amendments. — Ivana Bacik. [6930/23]

*35. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent engagements with the social partners. — Ivana Bacik. [6931/23]

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

*36. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has considered the implications for Ireland and the EU regarding the US Inflation Reduction Act 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [7543/23]

*37. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider reviewing the decision to refuse applications that failed pre-check where the remuneration figures were incorrect due to the change in minimum wage between 2022 and 2023 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [7588/23]

*38. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of horticultural operative employment permits remaining out of the total quota; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [7590/23]

*39. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if any data centres applied for assistance under the Ukraine enterprise crisis scheme; and if any data centres were granted assistance under the scheme. — Paul Murphy. [7616/23]

*40. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the members of the National Standards Authority of Ireland panel who drafted IS-398:2013; and the members of the National Standards Authority of Ireland panel who drafted IS-398:2017. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [7640/23]

*41. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No.50 of 08 February 2023, if his attention has been drawn to a Low Pay Commission report (details supplied) whose recommendations include that an interdepartmental working group be established and legal advice sought regarding the establishment of a universal basic income pilot scheme; his plans to do so; the reason he stated there are no plans to introduce or

further trial universal basic income at this time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [7723/23]

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

*42. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he considers that the independence and focus of the EPA is comprised and diluted by the fact that its functions and lines of accountability are spilt between departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [7450/23]

*43. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide the timeframe for the publication of the revised wind energy development guidelines and the reason for the significant delay in publishing it; if the regulations will bring us up to EU norms with regard to distance to turbines and noise levels; whether the Government will continue to outsource the provision of renewable energy to foreign multinationals if it will establish a State-led, nationalised model of provision for wind energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [7488/23]

*44. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the body or outside agency associated with his Department that has the ultimate authority on the guidance to local authorities in relation to signage and the correct spelling of placenames, towns and villages across Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [7535/23]

*45. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if grant funding to aid the implementation of environmentally friendly and energy efficient changes is available for a business (details supplied) in County Donegal; the application process to access such funding if available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7573/23]

*46. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he and his Secretary General have taken to progress and remedy governance issues at Inland Fisheries Ireland; and if his attention has been drawn to an inability to have financial accounts approved by the board due to an inability to convene a quorum. — Catherine Murphy. [7584/23]

*47. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of funding provided to Inland Ireland in the past three years to date; if he will clarify the status of work underway at a state asset in Galway (details supplied); if sanction was granted to expend funds on the works; and if IFI obtained planning permission for the works and the felling of trees on the site. — Catherine Murphy. [7585/23]

*48. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to outline the current situation with respect to the €30 million funding package announced in June 2022 to support the post office network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [7592/23]

*49. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the timeframe for the rollout of at least 30mb broadband speeds to a location (details supplied) in County Donegal as part of the national broadband plan; if such areas with poor or no broadband coverage shall be prioritised during the rollout phase as part of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [7698/23]

*50. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the timeframe for the rollout of at least 30mb broadband speeds to a location (details supplied) in County Donegal as part of the national broadband plan; if such areas with poor or no broadband coverage shall be prioritised during the rollout phase as part of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [7699/23]

*51. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps his Department is taking to encourage a reduction in energy usage in public sector buildings (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [7713/23]

*52. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide details of any engagement that he has had with the Commission for Regulation of Utilities in relation to setting an upper limit on energy standing charges; if he will provide details of his engagement with the Commission with regard to carrying out a review of standing charges, particularly in view of recent price increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [7747/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*53. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to cases whereby some sports clubs cannot apply for the sports club EV charging scheme due to not having phase 3 power set ups in their facilities; if funding could be provided to upgrade their electrical systems in such cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [7572/23]

*54. To ask the Minister for Transport the current legal situation with respect to e-scooters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [7743/23]

*55. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide interim funding for the provision of transport to enable young people in Beara, County Cork, to access disability services in Bantry, County Cork, until the permanent service is in place later in 2023. — Holly Cairns. [7748/23]

*56. To ask the Minister for Transport if the two-year grace period afforded to taxi drivers during Covid-19 for car replacement can be extended to all taxi drivers due to the delays in ordering electric cars; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [7441/23]

*57. To ask the Minister for Transport the penalties that are in place for public transport bus operators when buses do not operate on schedule; the operators that received penalties; the amount of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [7461/23]

*58. To ask the Minister for Transport the NTA's plans to roll out a permanent bus service in Clonmel town; the rationale behind the route and stops decided for the temporary service, given it differs from the previous local service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [7469/23]

*59. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the introduction of micro-mobility scooters; when legislation will be advanced to allow companies to tender for contracts with local authorities; and when the tendering process will begin. — Chris Andrews. [7489/23]

*60. To ask the Minister for Transport with consideration to the Port Access Northern Cross Route Phase 1 in Drogheda advancing to construction at present, if any discussions have taken place between his Department and Irish Rail to ascertain the viability of opening a Drogheda north railway station to prepare for the introduction of DART services to Drogheda in the coming years given the phenomenal population growth in the town and the need to reduce the significant number of commuter vehicles, and the carbon footprint travelling from the north of Drogheda to the south Drogheda railway station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [7561/23]

*61. To ask the Minister for Transport to seek an update on when it is expected that DART services will commence in Drogheda; if the hybrid diesel units will be in place and in operation in advance of electrification of the line; the frequency of expected DART services and any other relevant details; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [7562/23]

*62. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 198 of 13 December 2022 and 160 of 18 January 2023m to detail if any State body is responsible to compel ship owners to progress survey application to the MSO, in particular in situations whereby the ship is causing environmental and general safety concerns as the Hebble Ship continues to cause as it lies on the Boyne River in the centre of Drogheda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [7569/23]

*63. To ask the Minister for Transport to ensure that a survey of the integrity of roadside banks on the N71 between Innishannon and Bandon is carried out, especially concerning the section between the junctions with the L-3204-0 and L-97103-1. — Holly Cairns. [7758/23]

*64. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an additional bus stop on the western side of Bandon to facilitate elderly residents. — Holly Cairns. [7759/23]

*65. To ask the Minister for Transport to ensure that a bus stop is put in place in Ballinhassig, County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [7760/23]

*66. To ask the Minister for Transport to ensure the reinstatement of the east bound bus stop on North Street, Skibbereen, County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [7761/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*67. To ask the Minister for Finance if any data centres applied for assistance under the business energy support scheme; and if any data centres were granted assistance under the scheme. — Paul Murphy. [7615/23]

*68. To ask the Minister for Finance if those suffering from dementia and alzheimer's disease who are late paying their local property tax will be required to pay the 8% per day interest fee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [7642/23]

*69. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reconsider the increase in rates (details supplied) in view of the hardship being caused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [7475/23]

*70. To ask the Minister for Finance if the thresholds for the temporary business energy support scheme, namely the need to experience a 50% or more increase in electricity and or natural gas average unit price, and the claim for 40% of the increases in energy bills, are the

fullest extent to which the relaxed State aid rules can be applied for the scheme; if not, if the Government has scope to go further; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [7689/23]

*71. To ask the Minister for Finance if a demand for repayment of a State support will be reviewed (details supplied) given the evidence provided to show compliance with the spirit of the scheme as designed by the Minister; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7697/23]

*72. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 246 of 22 November 2022, if he will explain his statement that the Central Bank cannot dictate the pricing or provision of insurance products, given that it has recently banned the practice of price walking, thus intervening in the pricing of motor insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [7712/23]

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.

*73. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if, in discussions with the EU Commission, the Government has raised the extending of the Peace IV Programme in order that projects that received funding can be completed; if he is aware that work will not begin on a project (details supplied) due to delays in An Bord Pleanála and in the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage jeopardising almost €12 million in EU funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7587/23]

*74. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the estimated number of modular houses that will be built in 2023 and 2024. — Sean Sherlock. [5974/23]

*75. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the average timeline for a site investigation report to be completed where modular housing is being constructed. — Sean Sherlock. [5972/23]

*76. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update and the timeframe for commencement of a pension increase (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [7700/23]

*77. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide details of the contract for the management of a heritage site (details supplied) in County Limerick; if a contract such as this will be considered for other heritage sites in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7703/23]

*78. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when the Skibbereen flood defence scheme will be complete, given current delays are holding up necessary road works on the N71. — Holly Cairns. [7757/23]

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

*79. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount of funding and the heading under which it was granted to organisations (details supplied) in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [7541/23]

*80. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount of funding and the heading under which it was granted to organisations (details supplied) by Sport Ireland in 2021, 2022 and to date 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [7542/23]

*81. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the works that have been completed to date under the €700 thousand awarded to Drogheda under Fáilte Ireland's urban animation capital investment scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [7702/23]

*82. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if grant funding is available to her Department (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [7744/23]

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

*83. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 416 of 8 November 2022, if a timeframe is set out for member states to comply with the requirements of Article 6.1 of the Habitats Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [7449/23]

*84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 293 of 29 November 2022, if it is the case that there are no conservation measures contained in the NPWSs published site-specific conservation objectives for the River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC site code 002299, despite indications in response to Parliamentary Question No. 326 of 11 October 2022 that a number of conservation measures apply; if he will outline plans to agree, deliver and monitor conservation measures at the River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [7451/23]

*85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when documents (details supplied) will be forwarded to Mayo County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [7462/23]

*86. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the review of the housing adaptation grant scheme for older people and people with disabilities will be published; and whether it will include consideration of increasing the gross income level under which households would be eligible. — Paul Murphy. [7464/23]

*87. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration is being given to expand the croi conaithe scheme to include properties that could be rented to help alleviate the housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [7536/23]

*88. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 155 of 8 February 2023, if he will provide a breakdown of the reason 102 applications that have been rejected on the grounds on which they have been rejected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7576/23]

*89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of RAS and HAP properties that were acquired by local authorities in 2022. — Emer Higgins. [7577/23]

*90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 564 of 18 January 2023, if he will consider making extra funding available to compensate those affected by the ongoing boil water notice on the Whitegate Public Water Supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [7579/23]

*91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the use of the recently introduced Part 8 planning derogation is a matter for local authority managers to decide on its application or whether more specific guidance is to be issued to local authorities by his Department; and to state what this guidance will be. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7601/23]

*92. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 341 of 31 January 2023, if the Minister of State with Responsibility for Heritage been requested to visit Lough Funshinagh, County Roscommon, by the Minister of State with Responsible for the OPW; if he has agreed to such a site visit; when he intends to visit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7630/23]

*93. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will task the Housing Agency and or Donegal County Council to engage with holiday homeowners in Donegal and Mayo to establish the number that would make their homes available to families with defective concrete block homes who have to find temporary accommodation while their homes are being demolished and rebuilt. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [7634/23]

*94. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the measures in place to prevent homelessness outside of the current moratorium on certain notices to quit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7635/23]

*95. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the homeless supports that are available for individuals and families who become homeless but are above the social housing income limits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7636/23]

*96. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the full costs of providing emergency homeless accommodation broken down by local authority area and broken down by month over the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7637/23]

*97. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a dedicated conservation management plan has been put in place for the Lough Hyne Marine Nature Reserve. — Holly Cairns. [7756/23]

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

*98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a foreign births registration application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7472/23]

*99. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he and his EU colleagues at the appropriate level continue to bring pressure on Russia to withdraw from Ukraine and restore peace to the area. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6895/23]

*100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when his Department will satisfy its obligation to publish its freedom of information logs for 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [7643/23]

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

*101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if the temporary pause on post 1994 corporals and privates that have reached or are approaching mandatory retirement age for discharge remains in effect or if following any review, has been cancelled. — Sorca Clarke. [7621/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*102. To ask the Minister for Education when her Department will act on a Labour Court recommendation that it formulates an offer of better working terms and conditions for adult education tutors working at education and training boards (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [7490/23]

*103. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a list of schools in the Dublin area where the Minister has served a notice for additional provision for children with special educational needs under section 37A of the Education Act 1998; and the date such notices were served. — Neasa Hourigan. [7440/23]

*104. To ask the Minister for Education if a second mainstream teacher will be appointed to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [7474/23]

*105. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a new school build for a school (details supplied); the timeline for the completion of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [7481/23]

*106. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) it is expected that will open an ASD classroom; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [7485/23]

*107. To ask the Minister for Education if she can clarify the policy of her Department in relation to the provision of free period products in secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [7487/23]

*108. To ask the Minister for Education the timeframe for the updated schedule from the building department within her Department to be issued to (details supplied) in order that work on the proposed extension, which has been marked as urgent since December 2022, can go ahead; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [7496/23]

*109. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clearly outline the reason time spent teaching in private secondary schools (details supplied) is not reckonable as experience for increments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [7498/23]

*110. To ask the Minister for Education if there are any plans to update circulars (details supplied) given the current shortage of secondary school teachers which may encourage more teachers to return to work here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [7499/23]

*111. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a primary school (details supplied) complies with the eligibility criteria for incremental credit for teachers while the secondary school does not; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [7497/23]

*112. To ask the Minister for Education if the tender document that was due to go out by the end of 2022 for the next bundle of schools has been issued for a school (details supplied); and if so, to confirm that the school is listed on the tender document; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [7568/23]

*113. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on an application for additional accommodation for a school (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [7571/23]

*114. To ask the Minister for Education given the issues faced by many second level schools in filling reaching posts if she will consider collating information on the number of unfilled posts in second level schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [7597/23]

*115. To ask the Minister for Education the efforts being made by her Department and the NCSE to ensure a person (details supplied) obtains a school place suitable to their specified educational needs. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7623/23]

*116. To ask the Minister for Education the number of ASD classes currently open in schools in the Lucan County Dublin area; and the number of ASD classes that are due to open for the next academic year 2023/2024. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7624/23]

*117. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has a policy, or if any guidance has been provided to schools in relation to homework; and if so, if she will outline same. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7631/23]

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

*118. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a review will be carried out on a pension payment to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7476/23]

*119. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a list of organisations that can be given direct access to a person's PRSI records, without that person's consent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [7494/23]

*120. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the weekly rate of payment for participants on the job initiative scheme; if the scheme is treated the same as community employment Tús and rural social scheme with regard to payment rate top-ups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [7567/23]

*121. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department collects data on the allocation of PPS numbers to international protection applicants (IPAs); if so, to provide in tabular form the number of PPSN's allocated to IPAs by nationality from 1 January 2011 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7618/23]

*122. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a PPSN will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7645/23]

*123. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when payment for carer's allowance will be reinstated and arrears due issue in the case of a person (details supplied) who has been without payment for some time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7694/23]

*124. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for a State pension (non-contributory) by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7710/23]

*125. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for State (pension contributory) by a person details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7711/23]

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

*126. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount of funding and the heading under which it was granted to organisations (details supplied) in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [7539/23]

*127. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are plans to introduce the EU disability card in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [7603/23]

*128. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the Government intends to house refugees or asylum seekers in a venue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [7619/23]

*129. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the obligations if any, under EU or international law Ireland has to grant entry to asylum seekers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7693/23]

*130. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will mandate his Department to examine the introduction of public provision of childcare, as recommended by the expert group report Partnership for the Public Good; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [7705/23]

*131. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will mandate his Department to examine the introduction of public provision of childcare, as recommended by the expert group report Partnership for the Public Good; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [7706/23]

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

*132. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the attack on IT systems at Munster Technological University; if he has received a briefing on the matter; and whether any request has been received by higher education institutions for funding to buttress IT systems to ensure security of delivery of IT systems. — Sean Sherlock. [7468/23]

*133. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the support he has provided to MTU and to its students following the IT breach. — Thomas Gould. [7470/23]

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

*134. To ask the Minister for Justice the details of the independent living skills units currently available across the prison estate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [7453/23]

*135. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has plans to review the operation of independent living skills units and to further develop these units across the prison estate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [7454/23]

*136. To ask the Minister for Justice his plans for the Office of the Inspector of Prisons to reassess operational maximum capacity levels and safe custody levels in all prisons based on applicable human rights frameworks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7456/23]

*137. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps he is taking to review prisoner gratuity levels, given the increase in the cost-of-living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7457/23]

*138. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the establishment and roll-out of a new prison complaints system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7458/23]

*139. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of category A complaints received in 2021 and 2022 that were upheld, not upheld, not proven, terminated or incomplete, respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7459/23]

*140. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of plans for the Office of the Ombudsman to receive and deal with complaint appeals from people in prison; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7460/23]

*141. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount of funding and the heading under which it was granted to organisations (details supplied) in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [7540/23]

*142. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the progression of the naturalisation process for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [7570/23]

*143. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of officers from inspectors to commissioners that are allocated to Templemore, Training College, their job description (purpose of being allocated to the college); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [7580/23]

*144. To ask the Minister for Justice the laws and penalties that are in place for person's who is convicted of spiking another person with a drug or substance without the persons knowledge. — Mark Ward. [7582/23]

*145. To ask the Minister for Justice the details of the number of reports to the gardaí of incidences of spiking another person with a drug or substance without the persons knowledge for each of the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [7583/23]

*146. To ask the Minister for Justice if he intends to amend any aspects of the Civil Partnership and Certain Rights and Obligations of Cohabitants Act 2010 to ensure that maintenance orders are paid and that enforcement of non-payments is more effective; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [7617/23]

*147. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of vacancies on each prison visiting committee in 2022; the number of visits each visiting committee made to their respective prisons during 2022; if he will provide information on the training received by visiting committee members during 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [7720/23]

*148. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will report on the progress on the review of prison visiting committees; if his Department intends publishing a summary report of the public consultation; if so, the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [7721/23]

*149. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of discrimination cases taken and won over the past ten years, under each of the nine grounds as applicable, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [7745/23]

*150. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will report on his recent discussions with EU colleagues in regard to the European immigration crisis with particular reference to ensuring the integrity of the system. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7399/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*151. To ask the Minister for Health if he will set out the rationale for the State Claims Agency to not routinely evaluate the adequacy of measures adopted by a data sharing agreement to counter identified risks in clinical settings in the context of the clinical indemnity scheme. — Catherine Murphy. [7480/23]

*152. To ask the Minister for Health the process in writing by which pregnant women experiencing extreme nausea and vomiting can obtain cariban; the reason the drug not be prescribed by a GP on the DPS, given the majority of women do not see a consultant until after 12 weeks (details supplied); the current standard practice in other EU countries; the steps pregnant women should take 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. — Robert Troy. [7452/23]

*153. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting on an operation in Beaumont Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7455/23]

*154. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Sláinte an dtabharfaidh an grúpa tras-Rialtais atá in mbun oibre ar thodhchaí lipéadú bia in Éirinn aird ar mholadh atá á mbrú chun cinn ag feachtas faoi láthair múnla an dátheangachais mar atá i bhfeidhm i gCeanada cheana féin a chur i bhfeidhm sa stát seo chun a chinntiú gur sa dá teanga oifigiúil atá lipéid, an Ghaeilge chomh feiceálach ar a laghad leis an mBéarla ar tháirgí, agus eolas tábhachtach curtha ar fáil don phobal labhartha Gaeilge. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7463/23]

*155. To ask the Minister for Health if he has reviewed the adequacy of dental services for people who hold medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [7465/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for Health if he will fund a community neuro-rehabilitation team to be set up in CHO4. — Sean Sherlock. [7466/23]

*157. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the over 8s referral protocol to community opticians; and whether the €22.51 paid to opticians per consultation reflects the real cost of administering the scheme for community opticians. — Sean Sherlock. [7467/23]

*158. To ask the Minister for Health the process by which pregnant women experiencing extreme nausea and vomiting can obtain the drug cariban; the reason cariban cannot be prescribed by a GP on the drugs payment scheme given that most women do not see a consultant until after 12 weeks; the steps pregnant women can take to help with the extreme nausea and vomiting for the first 12 weeks or until the drug can be accessed; the standard practice in other EU member states; and the number of cariban prescriptions that have been processed through the drugs payment scheme to date. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7471/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for Health the funding set aside on an annual basis for contingent liability for the past ten years to date by the HSE; the way in which the amount is determined by the HSE; if the HSE carries out an actuary analysis for budgeting current and future contingent liability; and if the HSE conducts a risk assessment in the context of contingent liability. — Catherine Murphy. [7477/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funds set aside on an annual basis for contingent liability for the past ten years to date in 2023; the way in which it is determined the amount that is forecast to be needed for contingent liability; if he carries out an actuary analysis for budgeting current and future contingent liability; if he conducts a risk assessment in the context of contingent liability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7478/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for Health if he will correct the record of Dáil Éireann in respect of the Parliamentary responses that issued from his Department on 8 May 2018 (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to comments made by his Secretary General and the Comptroller and Auditor General in relation to contingent liabilities and recognition of same at an Oireachtas Public Accounts Committee meeting on 9 February 2023.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7479/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a particular protocol followed by the HSE and Medical Council in relation to the retention of patient files when a general practitioner has ceased their practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [7482/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for Health if patients can access their medical file and records when a general practitioner ceases their practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [7483/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a particular protocol for the retention of patient files when a general practitioner has been removed from the Medical Council register; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [7484/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for Health if he can clarify Government policy in relation to tackling period poverty; if they are supporting the passing of the legislation currently at Seanad Committee stage; if they intend to provide free products at secondary levels as well as third levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [7486/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the drug cariban cannot be prescribed by a GP on the drug payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [7492/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cariban prescriptions which have been processed through the drug payment scheme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [7493/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long on an appointment in Monaghan Hospital. — Niamh Smyth. [7495/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for Health if a review can be undertaken to examine the viability of the out of hours GP north east contract (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [7500/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to tackle the delays experienced by those in need of the National Ambulance Service; the average wait time for an ambulance; what additional staffing is required to shorten these delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [7501/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for Health what is the process in writing by which pregnant women experiencing extreme nausea and vomiting can obtain the drug cariban (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [7563/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for Health to release the number of cariban prescriptions that have been processed through the drugs payment scheme for the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Marian Harkin. [7564/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for Health for a timeline as to when the lymphoedema service will recommence at Sligo University Hospital. — Marian Harkin. [7566/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact the 500 persons are waiting on beds as a result of the closure of a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7575/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who following a referral by their GP to University Hospital Limerick 18 months ago for an endoscopy has yet to receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [7578/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for Health when a person's (details supplied) in County Clare will receive an appointment for a hearing test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [7589/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for Health the number of education and or training places that are available for young persons with autism who have completed a course (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7591/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 704 of 29 March 2022, the way a person who was seconded from a public sector employee role to a front facing vaccination centre administration role during the Covid-19 vaccination rollout programme can finally receive their pandemic payment bonus, given that the HSE, is advising they are ineligible to apply to it given they were not an employee of the HSE and their public sector employers are unsure where to reclaim the bonus from if they were to pay it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [7593/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in the State applied for the Covid-19 pandemic bonus; the number of persons who have been paid the Covid-19 pandemic bonus; the number of persons who have applied for the bonus and are still awaiting payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [7594/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Health if he will support the establishment of the community neuro rehabilitation team in each of the CHO areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [7595/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline a timeline for the further progressing of the review to the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [7596/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Health the funding his Department has allocated to BreastCheck, the national breast cancer screening programme; the percentage of the total budget allocation for his Department this amounts to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7598/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the waiting lists for the BreastCheck national breast cancer screening programme; the steps his Department is taking to deal with this backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7599/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Health when adjuvant abemaciclib will be approved to reduce the risk of breast cancer for patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7600/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to review the age parameters for BreastCheck to increase the provision of free examinations to people under the age of 50 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7604/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the number of mammograms carried out by BreastCheck in 2022; how this number compares to numbers of mammograms carried out over the previous three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7605/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the number of BreastCheck screening locations; if there are plans afoot to increase this number; if there are plans to have a screening unit in every county in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7606/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that a person (details supplied) will receive an urgent appointment for paediatric surgery at CHI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7607/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the business case in relation to the Mater Hospital long-Covid clinic (details supplied); the reason for the delay in reviewing this submission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7608/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to further expand the free contraception scheme to people aged over 30 years; the steps he is taking to address the significant costs of contraceptives for some cohorts who are not eligible for the free scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7609/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1516 of 18 January 2023, the number of beds allocated to patients transferred via ambulance to Nenagh and St. John's Hospitals, respectively; the additional resources that will be put in place in both hospitals to facilitate this new pathway; if surgeries have resumed in Ennis; if surgeries will be cancelled in St. John's to facilitate the change in protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7610/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Health the additional resources that were provided to Shannondoc, the out-of-hours GP service for mid-west region, before Christmas 2022; the way in which these resources were utilised; if the HSE set key performance indicators for this service; if so, to outline these key performance indicators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7611/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the BreastCheck annual screening report; the reason a report has not been published since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7613/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Health if given the population, Athlone is being considered as a location for the provision of a hospital. — Sorca Clarke. [7622/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Health when capital funding will be made available for the provision of long-term day care services in Carndonagh, County Donegal. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [7632/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make provision for the allocation of funds to be made available directly to families to allow them to source the care required given the failure by the HSE to deliver home help hours due to the lack of availability of staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7633/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Health if the paediatric care for a child (details supplied) can transfer to another hospital closer to their new home having moved address; the process to apply for such a transfer of care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7638/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Health if Cork University Hospital has engaged a substantial number of management consultants to work with the management team there; if so, the number of management consultants engaged by the hospital; and the estimated cost of these consultants. — John McGuinness. [7641/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an electric mobility scooter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [7644/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Health the number of healthcare workers known to be currently out of work due to long-Covid symptoms; his plans to devise a scheme that would grant financial security to those healthcare workers with long-Covid who contracted the virus in the workplace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [7690/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1410 of 18 January 2023, the reason resident numbers in a centre (details supplied) continue to reduce following a move to single-room occupancy in the facility during the Covid emergency; the reason vacated placements in the centre are not being taken up by other service-users; if the HSE plans to wind down the service by gradually reducing the provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [7691/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Health if the closure of a centre (details supplied) is related to the decision made by the HSE in 2022, and currently under review, to close another centre from the point of view of the HSEs or his Department's national service-plan for mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [7692/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of any contracts granted by the HSE for building and maintenance works on St. Finbarr's Hospital, Cork since January 2019; the number of companies in each case that tendered for the works; the cost in each case for the works; the name of the company that was granted the contract in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [7695/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 638 of 5 October 2021, 691 of 29 November 2022 and 1553 of 18 January 2023, the reason that the HSE is not yet clear if a property that it is purchasing in Middleton, County Cork, for the purpose of residential mental health placements will accommodate three or four residents even at the sale agreed stage of the purchase; if he will provide the total cost of this house purchase and any projected costs of further works that may need to be carried out on the house or grounds; whether planning

permission will be required for its use as a mental health facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [7696/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Health if he will seek an update on future development plans for the St. Marys Hospital site on the Dublin Road, Drogheda following completion of the new 30 bed community nursing units due for completion in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [7701/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Health the date in Q2 2018 that his Department was informed by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform that the business case for a national electronic health record proposal was rejected. — Neasa Hourigan. [7704/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Health the extent of the network of primary care centres throughout County Kildare in existence, proposed or at planning stage; the extent to which replacement of previous facilities is anticipated; if new centres will reflect the population increases in such a way as to ensure that a modern efficient network is available in County Kildare and throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7707/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7722/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the pandemic payment for persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7730/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that SouthDoc out-of-hours GP service is operating in Castletownbere, County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [7749/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reopen a South Doc Service in Kinsale, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [7750/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on the number of rapid response vehicles operating in the Cork south-west area each day, including the number of hours each vehicle is available for. — Holly Cairns. [7751/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing home residents who availed of the fair deal scheme; the total cost to the Exchequer annually for the years 2018 to 2022, inclusive; the average payment per patient per year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [7752/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE-run nursing homes and privately-run nursing homes that have participated in the fair deal scheme annually for the years 2018 to 2022, inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [7753/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Health the total funding for HSE dental services in the past five years in all LHOs in CHO4; the number of children waiting for dental services in these LHOs; their waiting times; the location in which children in these LHOs can have orthodontic treatment carried out; the number of orthodontists available to the HSE in these areas; the criteria being applied that determines whether a child qualifies for HSE funded orthodontic treatment; the number waiting for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [7754/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Health the opening hours of each specialist menopause clinic by location in tabular form as of 1 February 2022. — Holly Cairns. [7755/23]

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

*217. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if farmers who export slurry are qualified applicants for the low emissions slurry equipment grant scheme under TAMS II; if not, the reasoning behind the ineligibility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7473/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department is considering the introduction of a dairy exit scheme and if so, when a decision will be made on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [7581/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a person (details supplied) in County Mayo has been paid in respect of incorrect entitlements for 2021 and 2022; when this person's record will be rectified to reflect the correct entitlements; when the monies owed will be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [7731/23]

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

*220. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of funding and the heading under which it was granted to organisations (details supplied) in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [7538/23]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH,
I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 16 FEABHRA, 2023
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY,
FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY, 2023**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Justice if he intends to meet with the family of a person (details supplied) to discuss their concerns; if he can detail the progress on the scoping inquiry; if he will support a full independent inquiry into this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [7654/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Justice to confirm the progress to date under the €363 million strategy to tackle domestic, sexual and gender-based violence announced in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7739/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times gardaí were called to scenes of domestic violence in the State in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [6738/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps he is taking to action the recommendations arising from the Irish Prison Service - Attendance Management Review published in April 2022; the actions that have been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [7532/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Justice the additional measures that will be implemented at an early date by his Department and by agencies under the remit of his Department in relation to tackling the scourge of illegal drugs throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7546/23]

6. To ask the Minister for Justice when GSOC will publish the investigation report into the killing of a person (details supplied) by gardaí over two years ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [7656/23]

7. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to the Bandon, Bantry and Clonakilty districts. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [7512/23]

8. To ask the Minister for Justice the Government’s policy approach to managing immigration, given the recent rapid increase in migration and its impact on the housing crisis. — Mattie McGrath. [6881/23]

9. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has concluded his deliberations in relation to the report into the death of a person (details supplied) and if he will publish this report. — Matt Carthy. [6869/23]

10. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the work of the legal aid review group; if he will confirm that income limits for those seeking civil legal aid are under review; when he expects the review to be concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [6873/23]

11. To ask the Minister for Justice if he is aware of concerns expressed by advocates and human rights campaigners about the dangers of “fast tracking” asylum applications from supposedly “safe countries”, and that such procedures can lead to applicants being denied proper legal advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [7655/23]

12. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps he intends to take to respond to the recruitment crisis in An Garda Síochána. — Jim O’Callaghan. [7507/23]

13. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will indicate the resource deployment to counter community safety concerns in the Dublin city centre; and if he has received a report of the impact of the initiative, in crime statistics and in feedback from organisations in the area. — Richard Bruton. [6758/23]

14. To ask the Minister for Justice if consideration has been given to tackle the upsurge in car robberies and subsequent anti-social behaviour across the city and in particular imported cars; the number of stolen cars reported and the amount of convictions for same in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [7421/23]

15. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the progression of the Gambling Regulation Bill 2022. — Willie O’Dea. [7513/23]

16. To ask the Minister for Justice his plans for further investment into CCTV systems to aid and assist An Garda Síochána conduct policing in urban areas across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [7736/23]

17. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 34 of 6 December 2022, the status of the independent review of part IV of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017; when the review will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7230/23]

18. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the processing and decision times for people seeking international protection; if he will confirm that there has been a reduction in the number of those working in the section of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [6874/23]

19. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will indicate his support for a public inquiry into the killing of a person (details supplied) over two years ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [7659/23]

20. To ask the Minister for Justice if his attention has been brought to the significant delays in the Donegal court system; if plans have been made to address this problem; if he has considered appointing an additional judge for Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7729/23]

21. To ask the Minister for Justice the up-to-date position regarding the consideration of the case for a posthumous pardoning in respect of a person (details supplied) similar to the recent pardoning of a person; when he expects a decision on the question; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7652/23]

22. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí in the Cavan/Monaghan drug unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [7678/23]

23. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update in relation to the ongoing roster discussions between Garda management and the Garda Commissioner. — Martin Kenny. [7534/23]

24. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will make a statement with regards to a specific application for visas from Afghani citizens (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [6891/23]

25. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps he intends to take to ensure adequate Garda recruitment to ensure adequate Garda resources in communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [7390/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress being made in simplifying the process for employment permits and immigration permissions to improve on timelines to secure critical skill workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7668/23]

27. To ask the Minister for Justice the current strength of the Garda Reserve; the number of male and female members; the Government policy with respect to recruitment to the Garda Reserve; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [7679/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank in each Garda station in the Dublin northern and western divisions as of 1 February 2023. — Louise O'Reilly. [7391/23]

29. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on ongoing recruitment and retention of gardaí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [7268/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Justice his plans on reforming asylum seekers process; the number of additional staff to be hired; the way applications can be processed more efficiently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [6616/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Justice if his attention has been drawn to the fact that over 5,000 persons arrived at Dublin airport in 2022 with no documentation or invalid documentation; the steps he will take to address this issue; the reason his Department does not record people under the age of 16 or minors as part of this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [7544/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to the drugs and community policing units in the Ballymun sub-district for the past five years up to the latest date possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [7675/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which the strength of An Garda Síochána is likely to be brought up to strength in line with demographics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7686/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the policing structure across County Mayo; if he will provide a breakdown of officers in each area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [7726/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Justice if he is aware of the impact on the ground in rural areas due to a lack of Garda resources; the steps that will be taken to improve recruitment of gardaí to increase resources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [7389/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí that are expected to retire or resign from the force in 2023 and if the numbers of gardaí to be recruited will exceed those retiring and resigning. — Willie O'Dea. [7514/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Justice in view of the the increased number of sexual assaults recorded in quarter 3 of 2022, the steps that are being taken to tackle sexual, domestic and gender-based violence in Ireland. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [7528/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to the Carlow and Kilkenny districts. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [7527/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will outline the role that An Garda Síochána has in the enforcement of legislation regarding animal welfare concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [7545/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank seconded to the Corporate Enforcement Agency as of 1 February 2023. — Louise O'Reilly. [7392/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Justice his plans to review the use of single-cell accommodation across the prison estate, in line with international standards on the accommodation of people in prison; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [7533/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the roll-out of the promised additional refuge spaces, pursuant to the third national strategy on domestic, sexual and gender-based violence; the number of additional refuge spaces provided to date under the strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7229/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Government is on course to meet its recruitment target of 1000 gardaí in 2023. — Seán Haughey. [7515/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the work of youth diversion programmes within Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [7269/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Justice to discuss crime prevention resources for the Mahon area of Cork city. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [6483/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the provision of a domestic violence refuge for women in Cavan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [7677/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which the strength and deployment of An Garda Síochána continues to be sufficient to deal with drugs and organised crime in line with population increases, and the need to ensure adequate policing in areas currently appearing to have a deficiency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7687/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the rollout of the youth diversion programmes in Cork South West. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [7511/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Justice to discuss crime prevention resources for the Blackrock area of Cork city. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [6484/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will confirm where the monetary returns related to fines for driving and parking fines issued by An Garda Síochána are returned to; how this money is accounted for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [4212/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the Garda Síochána restructuring and how it pertains to the Longford Roscommon district. — Joe Flaherty. [7446/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of county registrars currently serving; the way in which that compares to historic levels. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [7551/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Justice to confirm that consideration will be given to reforming sentencing laws to ensure tougher sentences for those convicted of violent crimes and sexual violence crimes; the progress that has been made to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7740/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Justice the additional measures, in conjunction with the Department of Health, that will be implemented to deal with the serious problems arising from

the prevalent use of illegal drugs throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7547/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Justice the position regarding the online portal to enable citizens to report road traffic offences to assist An Garda Síochána with enforcement to improve road safety for all road users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [7684/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Justice when he anticipates that Ireland will be compliance with its obligations under the Istanbul Convention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [7657/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Justice the measures that are being taken to restore Garda numbers to full strength given that there are 650 fewer gardaí than previously. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [7715/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will report the work to support An Garda Síochána in preventing and combatting crime perpetrated against older people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [7518/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Justice the plans to enhance policing in rural communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2034/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Justice the measures being taken to address the issue of dangerous misuse of scrambler bikes and if there has been any data collated to indicate whether such measures are having an effect. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [7728/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps he intends to take to expand the penalties available to the Courts in sentencing children convicted of serious offences. — Jim O'Callaghan. [7508/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Justice the checks, if any, that were performed on the 5,074 refugees who arrived at Dublin Airport in 2022 without ID documentation, despite having it when boarding a plane. — Mattie McGrath. [6882/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the new Garda station proposed for Northern Cross. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [7717/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps which he is taking to restrict the right to be forgotten under GDPR by convicted sex offenders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2035/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Justice the way that the proposed community safety partnerships will operate; when he expects these partnerships will be established nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [7680/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of women murdered or who died by suspected homicide in the State in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [6737/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Justice if his attention has been drawn to low levels of fines issued by An Garda Síochána at a local level in County Wicklow and at national level for driving infringements (details supplied), contrary to Government policy on cycling and pedestrian safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [4550/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps he is taking to fulfil the State's obligations under the Istanbul Convention to address gender based violence. — Holly Cairns. [7412/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the youth diversion programmes in place in County Cavan and if they will be rolled out across the county. — Niamh Smyth. [7509/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Justice the way the Department is dealing with deportations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [7727/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Justice his views on recruitment concerns within An Garda Síochána; the plans he has laid out for future recruitments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [7735/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has been in contact with the Garda Commissioner regarding serious threats being made against refugees, the LGBTQI community, anti-racism campaigners and other sections of our society; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [7660/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Justice if he intends to establish an independent public inquiry into the death of a person (details supplied) as previously agreed by both Houses of the Oireachtas. — Matt Carthy. [6870/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will indicate his support for a public inquiry into the death of a person (details supplied) who was killed in hit-and-run by driver while cycling near his home in Carrickmacross on 2 August, 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [7662/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to the drugs and community policing units in the Finglas sub-district for the past five years up to the latest date possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [7676/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the zero tolerance towards violence against women policy, in particular the progress made in the implementation of actions under the 4 pillars of the Istanbul Convention. — Niamh Smyth. [7510/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Justice the actual number of people deported on foot of a deportation order in each of the last 12 months.; the number of these that were deported for criminal convictions and or being a threat to the State or not meeting the permission to remain criteria. — Robert Troy. [7442/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the provision of bereavement counselling services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [7764/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Health when oncology services in University Hospital Kerry will have a permanent location. — Pa Daly. [6697/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the expected timelines on the establishment of a new statutory home support scheme; the way he intends to scope and plan for such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [7520/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Health the process by which pregnant women experiencing extreme nausea and vomiting hyperemesis gravidarum can obtain the drug cariban; the reason the drug cannot be prescribed by GPs through 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. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7436/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on his plans to tackle the understaffing of the CDNT services in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [7672/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Health the measures his Department are taking to ensure our competitiveness in securing medicines that are currently experiencing supply issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7670/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Health when he will publish an implementation plan for the disability capacity review; when he intends to transfer functions for specialist disability services to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration, and Youth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [7557/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to alleviate the backlog for patients of all ages to access dental services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [7725/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Health when a date will be provided for the inquiry regarding sodium valproate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7525/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he and the HSE will undertake to retain newly qualified healthcare professionals in Ireland who are educated in Irish universities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [7738/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware there are long waiting lists for vasectomies in the public health system in many parts of the State; if he will establish a national contracts and payments system for vasectomies to end the waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [7667/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which it is intended to address issues raised by the Irish Cancer Society and the HSE in respect of the availability of rapid treatments for certain illnesses, the treatment of which cannot be postponed as well as ensuring the availability of new and orphan drugs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6211/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider introducing legislative changes to the Health Act 2007 to codify a definition of residential service to ensure that all individualised services are required to be registered with HIQA in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [7673/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans for a new model 4 hospital in Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7237/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department intends to follow through on the Programme for Government's clear commitment to publish a successor plan of the National Rare Disease Plan 2014 – 2018; the reason for the delay in prioritising all remaining actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [7506/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Health if he will re-evaluate the way in which suicidal patients who present to accident and emergency departments are triaged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [7733/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure, without further delay, that there is equal treatment of private nursing homes in relation to subvention payments as the present system is unfair and is causing serious difficulties for some small-scale nursing home providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7649/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that a charity (details supplied) recently called for additional resources to reduce very long waiting lists for preventative surgery for women at high risk of cancer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [7663/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that an organisation (details supplied) have recently renewed their call for a public inquiry into covid deaths in nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [7666/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the delivery of an extension to A&E at Mayo University Hospital as a project that can be delivered on an accelerated programme given its importance to the people of Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [7724/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Health the supports that are in place for a parent and their child who is waiting for an assessment of needs; the average waiting time for assessment of needs by CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [7646/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish the findings of the abortion review without delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [7651/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received a work plan from the NTPF on its waiting list initiative plans for 2023; and if he will indicate the key targets. — Richard Bruton. [6760/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the following in relation to cervical check screening, the percentage of tests currently carried out abroad as a percentage of the overall programme by year since 2020; the date on which he expects the Coombe facility to be fully staffed and operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [7626/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the uptake of the third Covid-19 booster vaccine. — Duncan Smith. [7765/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE is committed to continuing with the development of a new community nursing unit on the site of St. Patrick's Hospital, Cashel, County Tipperary; to provide details of the work carried out to date and the work that is scheduled to take place; the plans for the residents that were transferred from St. Patricks to Our Lady's under a three agreement in 2020; if there are plans to extend this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [7719/23]

104. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has made kafrtio available to all adults and children who need the treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [7664/23]

105. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects free GP health care to be extended to those aged six and seven years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [6665/23]

106. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the provision of HSE elective hospitals as per the recommendations of Sláintecare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [7767/23]

107. To ask the Minister for Health if he will lend his support to locating the proposed surgical hub for the mid-west region at Ennis General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [7270/23]

108. To ask the Minister for Health in view of recent security breaches at Irish hospitals, such as the Mercy Hospital Cork, the new security measures that have been put in place to ensure that this does not occur again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7709/23]

109. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to establish a carer's commission to address the issues being experienced by family carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2042/23]

110. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is a two-year waiting list for MRI with sedation for children in Dublin. — Frankie Feighan. [6289/23]

111. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to support women who choose to have home births. — Holly Cairns. [7410/23]

112. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure children with disabilities are assessed and receive medical aids/equipment in a timely manner. — Holly Cairns. [7411/23]

113. To ask the Minister for Health if he will advance an inquiry into sodium valproate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [7556/23]

114. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to amend the Disability Act 2005; and if not, if he plans to introduce new legislation in order that all children receive services in a timely manner. — Joan Collins. [5041/23]

115. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on recent service reconfigurations at Navan Hospital and plans for further reconfiguration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [6921/23]

116. To ask the Minister for Health when the option will be available in County Donegal to administer IV antibiotic therapy in the home setting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7714/23]

117. 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 GPs on the drug payment scheme; the alternative to cariban that can be offered to women experiencing extreme sickness in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy; the number of cariban prescriptions processed through DPS in the previous 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [7548/23]

118. To ask the Minister for Health the steps his Department and the HSE are undertaking to address the growing shortage of GPs across County Cork and the rest of the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [7737/23]

119. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Number 29 of 8 December 2022, the status of the examination by his Department of the strategic assessment report regarding the new emergency department at University Hospital Galway; if the SAR examination has been completed to date; if the SAR has been submitted to the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for review; the expected timeline for the proposal to be developed into a preliminary business case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7238/23]

120. To ask the Minister for Health if he will advance an inquiry into nursing homes during the pandemic to address significant and particular shortcomings across that sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [7555/23]

121. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the new primary health care centre for Finglas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [7671/23]

122. To ask the Minister for Health the way his Department envisages addressing the waiting list in children's disability network teams (Enable Ireland) services in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7443/23]

123. To ask the Minister for Health the reason eligibility criteria in relation to respite care for children with disabilities varies across different regions. — Matt Carthy. [6871/23]

124. To ask the Minister for Health when his Department will publish a report (details supplied) in respect of the drug reimbursement process; when the report and the key recommendations are expected to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [7505/23]

125. To ask the Minister for Health when fibronectin tests will be available to expectant mothers at University Hospital Kerry; when approval was given for this; if and when a supplier has provided a price for this; if the price is agreeable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7639/23]

126. To ask the Minister for Health if he will explain the decision not to provide additional resources at Ennis medical assessment unit following engagement of a new 112/999 pathway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [7732/23]

127. To ask the Minister for Health the planned timeline for the rollout of oral immunotherapy for children; where the treatment will be dispensed to patients; the allocations involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7629/23]

128. To ask the Minister for Health when the minor injuries unit at Monaghan Hospital will be operational at weekends and on bank holidays. — Matt Carthy. [6872/23]

129. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on engagements by his Department in relation to the establishment of a care partner scheme for nursing and care home residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [6877/23]

130. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that there is equal treatment of private nursing homes in relation to subvention payments regardless of their location; if the sizeable divergence in payments at present will be removed without delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7648/23]

131. To ask the Minister for Health if he will appoint chief executive officers for regional health area authorities in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [7558/23]

132. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the provision of primary care centres and out of hours GP cover, ShannonDoc in County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [7524/23]

133. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE service plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [7522/23]

134. To ask the Minister for Health if she is satisfied that available therapeutic resource for children with special needs is properly allocated between completing assessments and delivering therapeutic services; and if she will indicate the key performance targets for the new disability networks, and their capacity to achieve them. — Richard Bruton. [6759/23]

135. To ask the Minister for Health to detail the full staffing level allocated to Cavan children's disability network team; the current vacancy rate within this team; to provide a breakdown of the staffing grades within this team, in tabular form; if a new manager has been appointed to this team; if not, the timeframe for a new manager to be appointed and in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [7681/23]

136. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question 304 of 26 January 2023, if the planned development of a community nursing unit at St. Patrick's Hospital, Cashel will host 60 beds or 50 beds; the progress that has been made in the design stage for the project since the pandemic interrupted work on this project in March 2020; if the work of the design team has resumed since that interruption; to provide the details of that progress; the funding that has been made available or approved for the project to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [7718/23]

137. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update, as of February 2023, on the recruitment of additional nursing staff; the number of new nurses that have been employed by the HSE; the number of nurses that have left the service in the last 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [7766/23]

138. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give consideration to a minor injuries' unit for St Joseph's Campus in Longford town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [7447/23]

139. To ask the Minister for Health if he will develop a specific population-based health capacity plan for the mid-west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [7559/23]

140. To ask the Minister for Health if he will grant allowances for student nurses and midwives in line with the expenses incurred as part of their training, and recognising the additional challenges placed on students while they made their extraordinary contribution to the frontline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [2934/23]

141. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm that his Department and the HSE have now appointed a team to design the new elective hospital in Cork; if he will confirm when the plans will be made available to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7708/23]

142. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the staff complement and existing vacancies in the four CDNTs serving County Meath; the number of children accessing services and on waiting lists; his plans to address staff vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [6922/23]

143. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he might be in a position to introduce a plan to deal with the most urgent health issues at the present time such as adequacy of staffing levels throughout the service, waiting lists, access to GP services, availability of rare and orphan drugs and bed shortages as required throughout the country in line with the ever-recurring issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7685/23]

144. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the expected timelines on the establishment of a commission of care for aging and older people; the way he intends to scope and plan for such a commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [7519/23]

145. To ask the Minister for Health the number of announced, short notice announced or unannounced inspections of residential centres for people with disabilities carried out by HIQA in 2021, in tabular form; if he has plans to increase the number of unannounced inspections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [7682/23]

146. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the rollout of public funding for IVF treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [7650/23]

147. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to raise the income threshold for the medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [7549/23]

148. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications made under the Cross Border Directive in 2021 and in 2022 respectively; the number of these applications that were successful and the number that were not granted; to provide a breakdown, in tabular form of the procedures involved and countries involved in each year; the overall cost to the State in each of the two years; the number of successful patients awaiting payment at present; the waiting times involved for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [7683/23]

149. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on measures he intends to put in place to increase acute public healthcare capacity within the UL Hospitals Group. — Cathal Crowe. [7523/23]

150. To ask the Minister for Health if steps are being taken to address the non-payment of the Covid-19 pandemic payment bonus to certain staff in section 39 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [7448/23]

151. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that nursing home residents on the fair deal scheme are also being charged for extras that often, especially for those on social welfare, are unaffordable; if he will ensure that all those on the fair deal scheme are not required to pay any extra charges above those set out in the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7602/23]

152. To ask the Minister for Health if he will establish a public inquiry into the failings of the CAMHS service, to include historic funding decision making, failures by the Mental Health Commission to carry out inspections, clinical guidelines and prescribing rates, failures to provide alternative psychological, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and other therapies, the lack of inpatient CAMHS beds, and failure to include them in children's hospitals, including the new Children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [7665/23]

153. To ask the Minister for Health if any grant support is being considered to support community groups including a group (details supplied) to assist with providing transport for sick members to hospital appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [5550/23]

154. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider a further change to the fair deal guidelines on the family home to incentivise more homes to be rented out. — Robert Troy. [6615/23]

155. To ask the Minister for Health when day surgeries will resume at University Hospital Kerry. — Pa Daly. [6698/23]

156. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made in putting in place the dental treatment services scheme in County Offaly. — Brian Stanley. [7742/23]

157. To ask the Minister for Health when a full complement of therapists will be provided to a school (details supplied) in Dublin 12. — Joan Collins. [4540/23]

158. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure for dealing with protected disclosures in relation to third party organisations funded by the HSE under Section 39 of the Health Act 2004; the procedure for initiating investigations when deemed necessary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [7674/23]

159. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new appointments that have been made to the children's disability network teams (Enable Ireland) services in counties Cavan and Monaghan since January 2022, in light of the very high vacancy rate within the service. — Niamh Smyth. [7444/23]

160. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant post vacancies in public hospitals across the country; the number of consultants that are currently being trained to fill this gap; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [7521/23]

161. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update in relation to the health technology assessment which is underway since the 21 December 2022 on the drug kaftrio for the cohort of 35 children aged 6 to 11 years with certain mutations in the cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator gene; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [7271/23]

162. To ask the Minister for Health progress has been made in the past six months on the reinstating the school dental scheme in County Laois. — Brian Stanley. [7741/23]

163. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of his plans to address the crisis in the provision of nursing home beds for the elderly; if he intends to increase the provision of public nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [7625/23]

164. To ask the Minister for Health the supports that will be given to Jigsaw to have a uniform service across the State, given that there are waiting times of 30 weeks in Cork and 4 weeks in Wicklow; the engagement his Department is having with Jigsaw to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [7647/23]

165. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details on the way people can access the drug cariban used to relieve extreme nausea and vomiting experienced during pregnancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [7763/23]