



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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

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

1. To ask the Minister for Justice if he is aware of the staggering waiting times facing victims of crime and victims of domestic violence in the Courts Service, with some waiting as long as 36 months for a hearing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [7529/23]

2. 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 a driver while cycling near his home in Carrickmacross on 2 August 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [8015/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps his Department is taking in relation to the current Garda retention crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [7530/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Justice if his attention has been drawn to the rise in attendance at sexual assault treatment units. — Peadar Tóibín. [8031/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Justice if he can provide an update on the Courts Modernisation programme. — Martin Kenny. [8001/23]

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

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

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

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

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

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

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

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

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

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

49. 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]

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

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

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

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

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

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

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

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

83. To ask the Minister for Health if he will put in place a redress scheme for residents of long term residential disability services who were wrongfully charged for their care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [7552/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the roll-out of the pandemic recognition payment to frontline worker not directly employed by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [7762/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish a multi-annual capacity and wait time reduction plan to tackle overcrowding, cancellations, extreme patient experience times in emergency departments and hospital waiting lists; if he will include measures to expand primary and community care in such a plan to aid admission avoidance and rapid discharge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [7553/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the inordinate number of senior staff who left his Department in 2022; the analysis, if any, of the reasons for these high numbers; if exit interviews were carried out and, if so, the outcome of these; and the steps that will be taken to address this concerning matter. — Róisín Shortall. [8013/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Health if he will set out a timeframe for completing a review of all open and lost to follow up cases in child and adolescent mental health services to address matters raised by the interim report of the Mental Health Commission arising from an independent review of such services; if he will publish a multi-annual funding plan for improving child and youth mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [7554/23]

### **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

88. 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]

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

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

110. 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]

111. 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]

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

113. 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. Patrick's 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]

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

115. 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]

116. 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]

117. 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]

118. 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]

119. 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]

120. 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]

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

122. 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]

123. 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]

124. 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]

125. 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]

126. 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]

127. 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]

128. 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]

129. 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]

130. 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]

131. 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]

132. 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]

133. 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]

134. 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]

135. 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]

136. 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]

137. 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]

138. 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]

139. 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]

140. 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]



141. 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]

142. 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]

143. 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]

144. 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]

145. 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]

146. 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]

147. 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]

148. 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]

149. 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]

150. 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]

151. 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]

152. 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]

153. 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]

154. 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]

155. 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]

156. 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]

157. 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]

158. 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]

159. 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]

160. 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]

161. 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]



162. 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]

163. 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]

164. 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]

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

166. 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]

167. 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]

168. 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]

169. 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]

170. 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]

171. 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]

172. 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]

173. 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]

174. 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]

175. 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]

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

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

\*176. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a visit has taken place to a location (details supplied) in the past twelve months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [7869/23]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the land that has been purchased (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [7871/23]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a schedule of the non-commercial and semi-State commercial companies under his aegis; if an explanatory memorandum will be provided in respect of the policy of a dividend payment to the Exchequer from each company; the dividend paid by each company to the Exchequer for each year from 2000 to 2022; if his Department collects the funds and forwards it to the central fund or whether it goes directly; if over that period his Department has requested an increase in respect of the dividend due over its percentage shareholding; the number of occasions that it waived the dividend; the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7902/23]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has received a request from the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to identify properties under the control of his Department or under the control of agencies under the remit of his Department for the purposes of providing accommodation to international protection applicants or beneficiaries of temporary protection; if he has identified potential properties and their locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7933/23]

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

\*180. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide the name of all external legal companies engaged by inland fisheries Ireland in the past

three years to date; and the cost associated with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7875/23]

\*181. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a schedule of the non-commercial and semi-State commercial companies under his aegis; if an explanatory memorandum will be provided in respect of the policy of a dividend payment to the Exchequer from each company; the dividend paid by each company to the Exchequer for each year from 2000 to 2022; if his Department collects the funds and forwards it to the central fund or whether it goes directly; if over that period his Department has requested an increase in respect of the dividend due over its percentage shareholding; the number of occasions that it waived the dividend; the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7903/23]

\*182. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has received a request from the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to identify properties under the control of his Department or under the control of agencies under the remit of his Department for the purposes of providing accommodation to international protection applicants or beneficiaries of temporary protection; if he has identified potential properties and their locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7934/23]

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

\*183. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a list of greenway projects being managed by TII; the phase each of these projects is at; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [7816/23]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will instruct the relevant Assistant Secretary to liaise with his counterpart in the Department of Education to organise a meeting which will include both senior Ministers and officials and Ministers of State in each Department to discuss safety issues at school bus stops/pick up points and drop off points; if consideration will be given at this meeting to introducing laws which will reduce the speed at these locations and prohibit vehicles from passing buses as students disembark from the bus; if this will be treated as a priority in light of the need for urgent safety measures in protecting the lives of students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [7772/23]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Transport for a breakdown of Ten-T funding for transport projects received since 1999, in tabular form by year and amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [7865/23]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Transport if a company (details supplied) will provide refunds for customers who have been made late to work and college because of the poor quality service and lack of service they provide on their bus routes; if they will be subject to fines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [7868/23]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline any plans to provide electric vehicle charging to taxi ranks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [7897/23]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a schedule of the non-commercial and semi-State commercial companies under his aegis; if an explanatory memorandum will be provided in respect of the policy of a dividend payment to the Exchequer from each company; the dividend paid by each company to the Exchequer for each year from 2000 to 2022; if his

Department collects the funds and forwards it to the central fund or whether it goes directly; if over that period his Department has requested an increase in respect of the dividend due over its percentage shareholding; the number of occasions that it waived the dividend; the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7915/23]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has made the case in the strategic review on rail for the reopening of Dunleer train station; when the review will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [7923/23]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Transport the applications for funding that have been made in 2022 and 2023 by Meath County Council in relation to the Julianstown by-pass in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [7924/23]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the proposed Ardee by-pass; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [7925/23]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Transport if the review which he announced in November 2022 of plans by toll road operators to increase toll charges from 1 January 2023 has been completed; when he will publish the review; if the postponed increases will now go ahead; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [7926/23]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has received a request from the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to identify properties under the control of his Department or under the control of agencies under the remit of his Department for the purposes of providing accommodation to international protection applicants or beneficiaries of temporary protection; if he has identified potential properties and their locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7946/23]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that are in place or being put in place to ensure passengers changing trains throughout a journey have clear and easily visible information available to them at those stations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [8016/23]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that the PSO flight from Donegal to Dublin has been cancelled 12 times in 12 days with significant disruption caused to passengers, many of whom were to attend medical appointments in Dublin; the action he has and will take; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [8028/23]

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

\*196. To ask the Minister for Finance the criteria under which residents are required to pay local property tax where the estate in which they live has not been taken in charge by the local authority for a period of over ten years despite repeated requests by residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7792/23]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the extreme rise in costs for motorcycle sport insurance and its effect on motorcycle racing this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [7804/23]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Finance the pressures he is putting on banks and other financial institutions to raise the interest rates on monies that are held on deposit in view that interest

rates continue to rise on mortgages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [7773/23]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that an organisation (details supplied) is unable to obtain public liability insurance to cover all event types; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [7893/23]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the problem owners of thatch properties are facing due to the cost of insuring these properties and the lack of companies willing to insure these properties, these properties are listed buildings and are guided by the Heritage Report released recently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [7894/23]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a schedule of the non-commercial and semi-State commercial companies under his aegis; if an explanatory memorandum will be provided in respect of the policy of a dividend payment to the Exchequer from each company; the dividend paid by each company to the Exchequer for each year from 2000 to 2022; if his Department collects the funds and forwards it to the central fund or whether it goes directly; if over that period his Department has requested an increase in respect of the dividend due over its percentage shareholding; the number of occasions that it waived the dividend; the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7904/23]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has received a request from the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to identify properties under the control of his Department or under the control of agencies under the remit of his Department for the purposes of providing accommodation to international protection applicants or beneficiaries of temporary protection; if he has identified potential properties and their locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7935/23]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is any consideration being given to the removal of deemed disposal tax (details supplied) as deemed disposal makes it extremely difficult for ordinary people to invest in the stock market, giving very few options to protect or grow wealth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [7982/23]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Finance the total compensation paid by payment service providers and payment institutions to victims of authorised push payment fraud in each of the years 2016 to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [8018/23]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of employees that were supported by the temporary and employment wage subsidy scheme by county, in tabular form. — Cathal Crowe. [8039/23]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Finance the total amount in Euro given to support businesses under the Covid restrictions support scheme by county, in tabular form. — Cathal Crowe. [8040/23]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of first-time buyer help-to-buy scheme applicants and approved recipients since its inception by county; and the total number of approved recipients in 2020, 2021 and 2022, by county, in tabular form. — Cathal Crowe. [8041/23]

*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.*

\*208. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if there is a legal obligation on the design team or organisation dealing with a tender to inform the winner of the tender of the next closest price, if the difference in price is in the €1 million range; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [7779/23]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his attention has been drawn to the OECD Civic Space Scans which have been carried out in Finland and Portugal (details supplied); if he will undertake to request a similar scan be carried out in Ireland by the OECD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [7825/23]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide a schedule of the non-commercial and semi-State commercial companies under his aegis; if an explanatory memorandum will be provided in respect of the policy of a dividend payment to the Exchequer from each company; the dividend paid by each company to the Exchequer for each year from 2000 to 2022; if his Department collects the funds and forwards it to the central fund or whether it goes directly; if over that period his Department has requested an increase in respect of the dividend due over its percentage shareholding; the number of occasions that it waived the dividend; the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7910/23]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the status of a project (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [7920/23]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he has received a request from the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to identify properties under the control of his Department or under the control of agencies under the remit of his Department for the purposes of providing accommodation to international protection applicants or beneficiaries of temporary protection; if he has identified potential properties and their locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7941/23]

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

\*213. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question NO. 42 of 17 November 2022, if the National Famine Commemoration Committee met to consider arrangements for the 2023 ceremony and will reflect on the experience of the past two years in putting forward proposals for 2023 as stated in her response; if a rotation of venue by province remains the policy for the National Famine Commemoration Day; if it is intended to proceed with an international twinning of An Gorta Mór Day in 2023 as previously been intended to happen annually; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7777/23]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the Irish Language Service Plan will be finalised for Caherciveen; the timeframe for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7847/23]



\*215. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a schedule of the non-commercial and semi-State commercial companies under her aegis; if an explanatory memorandum will be provided in respect of the policy of a dividend payment to the Exchequer from each company; the dividend paid by each company to the Exchequer for each year from 2000 to 2022; if her Department collects the funds and forwards it to the central fund or whether it goes directly; if over that period her Department has requested an increase in respect of the dividend due over its percentage shareholding; the number of occasions that it waived the dividend; the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7914/23]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has received a request from the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to identify properties under the control of her Department or under the control of agencies under the remit of her Department for the purposes of providing accommodation to international protection applicants or beneficiaries of temporary protection; if she has identified potential properties and their locations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7945/23]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to the campaign to repatriate the remains of a person (details supplied) from Belgium to Ireland; if her Department will assist with the repatriation effort given the cultural and historical significance of the person and the tourism implications for the Irish location chosen as the final resting place for his remains; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [8038/23]

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

\*218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the graded/banded employment will be approved for workers in Waterways Ireland following the decision by Waterways Ireland to allow such grading and banding of employees for remuneration reasons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [7981/23]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the Custom House History Museum and its exhibition which fails to mention An Gorta Mór and the role of the administration in the Custom House at the time played; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7770/23]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the role of cross laminated timber in the Irish construction sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [7781/23]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on current height restrictions on timber framed buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [7782/23]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he is considering changing the height restrictions on timber framed buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [7783/23]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to review the fire safety codes with relation to timber framed buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [7784/23]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the role of glue-laminated timber in the construction sector in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [7787/23]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will introduce measures in order that local authority tenants and tenants of approved housing bodies can have their properties inspected by city and county council environmental health officers; if there are other mechanisms in place for these tenants to raise complaints concerning the condition of their properties if they feel that appropriate action has not been taken to rectify maintenance complaints; if the allocation of capital funding to approved housing bodies can be made conditional on them dealing effectively with maintenance complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [7793/23]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the quality control measures which are in place for timber frame housing in view of the lack of regulation and quality control that was in place for block build over the years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [7795/23]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the rationale for providing vacant homes grants for homes built before 1993; if he will consider expanding the scheme to include houses built after this date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7803/23]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the current situation regarding a project (details supplied) in County Cork; and if funding has been secured for the project in 2023. — Michael Creed. [7810/23]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social leases undertaken by the State since Housing for All was launched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [7824/23]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has plans to revise the income thresholds for local authority home loans; and his views on offering flexibility to couples who earn 5-10% more than the income threshold for couples who are applying for same. — Ivana Bacik. [7826/23]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of TDs per head of population in 1922 and for every ten years to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [7835/23]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the adequacy of the Report on Insurance and Fire Safety in Thatched Properties in addressing the immediate insurance concerns of thatched property owners; his views on the omission from the report of any consultation with the insurance industry; if he has considered the introduction or any measures such as grant assistance to ensure that the owners of such buildings can be assisted in maintaining these for the purposes of their own domestic and business concerns as well as to ensure their survival from a social and historical perspective; if he intends on pursuing any other



avenues to address the issues owners of these properties having getting affordable insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [7836/23]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the affordable housing action plan submitted to his Department by Kilkenny County Council has been approved; if the number of houses projected for delivery under this plan have been accepted by his Department; if not, if Kilkenny County Council has been requested to adjust the figures downwards; and if so, the reason. — John McGuinness. [7841/23]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will reimburse the full cost of the refurbishment of void properties and houses to local authorities as the increased costs of this type of work is causing unacceptable delays in reallocating the property; if an application for additional funding from Kilkenny County Council for such work for 2022 will be approved. — John McGuinness. [7844/23]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that approximately 130 members of staff from the Dublin Fire Brigade have yet to be paid the pandemic special recognition payment; the qualifying criteria for this payment to members of the Dublin Fire Brigade; if any members of the service have been excluded from this payment; the reason they have been excluded and not deemed to fit the criteria for the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [7845/23]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has been informed by a local authority (details supplied) of the number of applications, successful, and unsuccessful carried out in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, on the tenant in situ scheme; and if he will publish that data and the number of tenants it impacts. — Sean Sherlock. [7857/23]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will set out the timeframe for processing submissions made to the housing supply clearing house given the delays being experienced are unacceptable in a housing crisis; the status of an application made by a person (details supplied) for a shovel ready site; the engagement if any his officials have had with the developer and provide a timeline for same; the number of applications made to date to this agency; the number of those approved or rejected; if he is satisfied with the efficiency of this agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [7860/23]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in the case of a publican selling their liquor licence and wishing to renovate the premises and turn it into apartments, if there are grants available for the renovation process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [7861/23]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a schedule of the non-commercial and semi-State commercial companies under his aegis; if an explanatory memorandum will be provided in respect of the policy of a dividend payment to the Exchequer from each company; the dividend paid by each company to the Exchequer for each year from 2000 to 2022; if his Department collects the funds and forwards it to the central fund or whether it goes directly; if over that period his Department has requested an increase in respect of the dividend due over its percentage shareholding; the number of occasions that it waived the dividend; the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7908/23]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has received a request from the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to identify properties under the control of his Department or under the control of agencies under the remit of his Department for the purposes of providing accommodation to international protection applicants or beneficiaries of temporary protection; if he has identified potential properties and their locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7939/23]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are any exemptions from rates for sporting clubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [7977/23]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the legislative timeline for the draft Planning and Development Bill 2022, to complete pre-legislative scrutiny, to be introduced and passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas, and to enter into force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [7979/23]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the resources that will be allocated to An Coimisiún Pleanála to be constituted under the Planning and Development Bill 2022; whether additional resources will be allocated to address the backlog of cases currently before An Bord Pleanála; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [7980/23]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagements he and or his officials have had with the RTB in respect of resolving an issue regarding the RTB register in which inactive accounts on the RTB register are not issued with automatically generated reminders to register a property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8008/23]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when funding will be approved and released to Galway County Council under the multi-annual Rural Water Programme for upgrade work at a location (details supplied) in County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [8010/23]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the waiting lists and waiting times for receipt of the housing adaptation grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [8025/23]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a breakdown of the uptake of the housing adaptation grant in 2022; the number of applications for the grant; the number of applicants that were approved for the grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [8026/23]

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

\*248. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will lobby at EU level to expand the scope of EU sanctions on Belarus to include furniture. — Cian O'Callaghan. [7839/23]

\*249. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department can provide verification that a person (details supplied) is an Irish born citizen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [7831/23]

\*250. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide a schedule of the non-commercial and semi-State commercial companies under his aegis; if an explanatory memorandum will be provided in respect of the policy of a dividend payment to the Exchequer from each company; the dividend paid by each company to the Exchequer for each year from 2000 to 2022; if his Department collects the funds and forwards it to the central fund or whether it goes directly; if over that period his Department has requested an increase in respect of the dividend due over its percentage shareholding; the number of occasions that it waived the dividend; the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7905/23]

\*251. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has received a request from the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to identify properties under the control of his Department or under the control of agencies under the remit of his Department for the purposes of providing accommodation to international protection applicants or beneficiaries of temporary protection; if he has identified potential properties and their locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7936/23]

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

\*252. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide a schedule of the non-commercial and semi-State commercial companies under his aegis; if an explanatory memorandum will be provided in respect of the policy of a dividend payment to the Exchequer from each company; the dividend paid by each company to the Exchequer for each year from 2000 to 2022; if his Department collects the funds and forwards it to the central fund or whether it goes directly; if over that period his Department has requested an increase in respect of the dividend due over its percentage shareholding; the number of occasions that it waived the dividend; the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7900/23]

\*253. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he has received a request from the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to identify properties under the control of his Department or under the control of agencies under the remit of his Department for the purposes of providing accommodation to international protection applicants or beneficiaries of temporary protection; if he has identified potential properties and their locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7931/23]

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

\*254. To ask the Minister for Education if she will instruct the relevant Assistant Secretary to liaise with her counterpart in the Department of Transport to organise a meeting which will include both senior Ministers and officials and Ministers of State in each Department to discuss safety issues at school bus stops/pick up points and drop off points; if consideration will be given at this meeting to introducing laws which will reduce the speed at these locations and prohibit vehicles from passing buses as students disembark from the bus; if this will be treated as a priority in light of the need for urgent safety measures in protecting the lives of students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [7771/23]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Education if it is intended to extend the time period which would allow mature students to register for the Leaving Certificate examination 2023 in view of the fact that the closing date for the registration was brought forward to an earlier date than that

which applied in previous years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7774/23]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to provide route 4 teachers the option to gain route 1 registration for primary teaching with an Irish Language requirement condition with the option of completing an aptitude test, SCG – An Scrúdú le hAghaidh Cáilíochta sa Ghaeilge, or an adaptation period OCG – Oiriúnú le hAghaidh Cáilíochta sa Ghaeilge; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7776/23]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a legal obligation on the design team or organisation dealing with a tender to inform the winner of the tender of the next closest price, if the difference in price is in the €1 million range; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [7778/23]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Education if he will detail efforts to provide professional development for teachers, in the context of employment demands driven by teacher shortages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [7788/23]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Education if she will detail the efforts her Department are making to reduce incidents whereby non-teaching staff are required to teach students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [7789/23]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider providing a home school community liaison for every developing school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [7790/23]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Education if she is considering providing non-teaching special educational needs coordinators; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [7791/23]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Education if she will confirm that consideration will be given to reducing the number of Sraith Pictúir required for the Leaving Certificate higher level Irish to be reduced from 20 to 10; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7794/23]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Education if she has considered reducing the number of sraith pictúir required for the Leaving Certificate. — Colm Burke. [7799/23]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Education the reason an association (details supplied) have been excluded from an organisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7806/23]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Education if she will list the names and technical expertise of the members of the Expert Advisory Group that developed the Framework of Principles that govern the RACE scheme and if she will list the names and technical expertise of the later Expert Advisory Group which made up-to-date language changes to the Framework of Principles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7811/23]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Education what solutions her Department is proposing for local children in Kilcock and Maynooth who have been refused secondary-school places locally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [7832/23]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Education what solutions her Department is proposing for children in north Kildare who cannot get a secondary-school place locally and where there is no adequate school transport or public transport system to get them to a school in another area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [7833/23]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Education if she will give an update on a proposal to reconfigure three primary schools (details supplied); if she will put a mechanism in place to allow local TDs for this constituency to obtain timely responses to their queries in relation to this proposal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [7838/23]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which her Department is in contact with all the relevant school authorities in the north Kildare area to ensure there are adequate school places for all children as required, at all levels, given the demographic trend in this area for the last number of years and with a view to ensuring that no child is left without a school place for the forthcoming academic year in September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7842/23]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a request by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [7843/23]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Education the solutions her Department is proposing for children in Kilcock starting school, including those who have had two years ECCE and are school-ready and who now have no school-place locally having been refused; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [7846/23]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Education for an update regarding the reconfiguration for diversity programme in three schools (details supplied); when the reconfiguration report for these schools will be available for parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [7853/23]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools that have undergone a reconfiguration of diversity programme with a breakdown of whether the school remained secular or became non-secular; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [7854/23]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Education the policies in place for schools with pupils who wish to opt-out of religious education classes; the way her Department will support parents and schools where pupils choose to opt-out of religious education classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [7855/23]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Education given that the Dublin 8 school zone is an area in which there is not currently sufficient provision of secondary places for all primary students as per departmental figures, and given that many parts of Dublin 8 have experienced significant population growth in recent years, the justification that is given by her Department for not constructing a new school in the area. — Patrick Costello. [7862/23]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Education given that the Dublin 8 school zone does not currently have a multi-denominational secondary school, and given that the area has one of the highest proportions of residents who do not identify as ‘Catholic’ or ‘Church of Ireland’, the justification that is given by her Department for not providing multi-denominational education in this area. — Patrick Costello. [7863/23]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a schoolchild (details supplied) in County Sligo who has to attend a school in Roscommon has not been granted any transport support to attend the only suitable school which is 85KM away; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [7864/23]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Education the number of places available in reading schools for children with severe dyslexia; and her plans to expand the provision given these places are oversubscribed and the outcome of the review of the policy on reading classes and schools. — Richard Bruton. [7870/23]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a list of all ASD unit facilities in Fingal; the details of any facilities which will have vacancies in September 2023 for children in Fingal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [7873/23]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a list of all ASD unit facilities in Dublin, Meath and Louth; the details of any facilities which will have vacancies in September 2023 for children in Fingal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [7874/23]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary teaching vacancies in County Limerick towns, in tabular form. — Richard O'Donoghue. [7891/23]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Education the current number of vacancies in secondary schools for teachers and the subjects in which the vacancies occur in schools in County Limerick, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [7892/23]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline any plans to provide additional primary special education places in north Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [7896/23]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a schedule of the non-commercial and semi-State commercial companies under her aegis; if an explanatory memorandum will be provided in respect of the policy of a dividend payment to the Exchequer from each company; the dividend paid by each company to the Exchequer for each year from 2000 to 2022; if her Department collects the funds and forwards it to the central fund or whether it goes directly; if over that period her Department has requested an increase in respect of the dividend due over its percentage shareholding; the number of occasions that it waived the dividend; the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7901/23]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Education if grants are available for primary schools to purchase sports equipment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [7916/23]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Education if she will detail the procedures primary schools must follow if they seek to transition from being mainstream schools to special schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [7922/23]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Education if she has received a request from the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to identify properties under the control of her Department or under the control of agencies under the remit of her Department for the purposes of providing accommodation to international protection applicants or beneficiaries of temporary



protection; if she has identified potential properties and their locations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7932/23]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a shortfall in primary school places in the Kilcock area, Kildare; her plans to address this; and if she will outline the steps a parent or guardian may take if a school cannot enrol a child at their school due to it being at capacity. — Catherine Murphy. [7983/23]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Education the options, if any, for a person (details supplied) who has been unable to secure a first year school place for the 2023-2024 academic year, and who has no further applications submitted due to the oversubscription of all secondary schools in the area. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7984/23]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Education if details of a family (details supplied) have been forwarded to her Department for consideration for the remote area grant; the steps the family need to take to pursue this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8019/23]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Education if school place can be found for a student (details supplied); if extra provision can urgently be provided given the growing problem in Kildare north; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8021/23]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that despite WRC negotiations, a Labour Court recommendation and a promise from her Department that it would be making an offer of improved pay and conditions to the unions representing adult education tutors employed by education and training boards by September 2022, no offer has yet been forthcoming; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [8032/23]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Education if she will respond to correspondence from a school (details supplied) in Dublin 9; if he will give close consideration to the matters raised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [8037/23]

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

\*294. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will raise the age limit for domiciliary care allowance to 18 years of age, to reflect the reality that recipients of DCA are dependents until they reach the age of majority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [7877/23]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will re-examine the criteria for disability allowance for those coming off the domiciliary care allowance at the age of 16 years who are still in full-time education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [7878/23]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for fuel allowance by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7851/23]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason an application for household benefits package for a person (details supplied) was unsuccessful and under what circumstances it can be awarded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [7876/23]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Social Protection can a person who was self-employed but now permanently unable to work apply for invalidity pension now the benefit it is available to those who were self-employed but when they became incapacitated before the change in regulations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [7879/23]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a schedule of the non-commercial and semi-State commercial companies under her aegis; if an explanatory memorandum will be provided in respect of the policy of a dividend payment to the Exchequer from each company; the dividend paid by each company to the Exchequer for each year from 2000 to 2022; if her Department collects the funds and forwards it to the central fund or whether it goes directly; if over that period her Department has requested an increase in respect of the dividend due over its percentage shareholding; the number of occasions that it waived the dividend; the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7912/23]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if free travel scheme holders have to book train journeys online in order to use their pass; if this is the case for all public transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [7917/23]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will advise on the rule for the assessment of second properties for applicants of farm assist; the way this rule is applied; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [7918/23]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a child benefit payment will be awarded to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [7928/23]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a working family payment will be made to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [7929/23]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has received a request from the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to identify properties under the control of her Department or under the control of agencies under the remit of her Department for the purposes of providing accommodation to international protection applicants or beneficiaries of temporary protection; if she has identified potential properties and their locations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7943/23]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a fuel allowance application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7960/23]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration has been given to increasing qualified adult rates alongside increases to core social welfare rates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [8027/23]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of persons supported by the pandemic unemployment payment by county, in tabular form. — Cathal Crowe. [8029/23]



\*308. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide in tabular form on a county basis the total number of persons that were in receipt of the Covid-19 enhanced illness benefit payment. — Cathal Crowe. [8030/23]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in view of the recommendation of the European Commission in late November 2022 that Member States recognise Covid-19 as an occupational disease if contracted by workers in disease prevention, in health and social care, in domiciliary assistance or during a pandemic in other sectors where there is an outbreak and where a risk of infection has been proven, if she plans to review the current government position on the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [7550/23]

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

\*310. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a location (details supplied) is due to be used as accommodation for people seeking international protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [7797/23]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of the problems at a hotel accommodating Ukrainian refugees (details supplied), including the eviction of refugees; the steps he intends taking to address the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [7812/23]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide a list of all recipients of Lottery funding in south Dublin, from his Department, from 2011 to 2023, in tabular form. — Emer Higgins. [7819/23]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide a list of all recipients of the funding allocated to the Dublin local authorities play and recreation grant fund for the refurbishment and development of playgrounds and play areas on 2011 to 2023, in tabular form. — Emer Higgins. [7820/23]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when legislative proposals arising from the review of the equality Acts will be brought before the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if measures to prevent the overuse of non-disclosure agreements in discrimination and sexual harassment disputes will be included in those proposals. — Ivana Bacik. [7830/23]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will 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. — Ivana Bacik. [7834/23]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a schedule of the non-commercial and semi-State commercial companies under his aegis; if an explanatory memorandum will be provided in respect of the policy of a dividend payment to the Exchequer from each company; the dividend paid by each company to the Exchequer for each year from 2000 to 2022; if his Department collects the funds and forwards it to the central fund or whether it goes directly; if over that period his Department has requested an increase in respect of the dividend due over its percentage shareholding; the number of occasions that it waived

the dividend; the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7899/23]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a payment will be made to a centre (details supplied) housing Ukrainian refugees; the reason for the delay in making this payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [7919/23]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to confirm that the former convent (details supplied) in Kilcormac County Offaly will be used to accommodate Ukrainian citizens who are beneficiaries of temporary protection only; the cost of the contract that was agreed with the owner of the site; the timescale agreed for the duration of the contract; if he or his Department engaged in any discussions with local representatives prior to the decision being made to use the site for accommodation purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7975/23]

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

\*319. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the progress of the National Review into PhD conditions; if he will provide a full work plan for the review as laid out by chairs and the meetings the chairs may have had or plan to have with stakeholders; the anticipated date of completion for the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7813/23]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to clarify the process by which chairs of the review into PhD conditions were selected and to provide details of the remuneration awarded to chairs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7814/23]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to request the chairs of the review into PhD conditions contact an organisation (details supplied) and to meet with the organisation as the body representing PhD researchers in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7815/23]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a schedule of the non-commercial and semi-State commercial companies under his aegis; if an explanatory memorandum will be provided in respect of the policy of a dividend payment to the Exchequer from each company; the dividend paid by each company to the Exchequer for each year from 2000 to 2022; if his Department collects the funds and forwards it to the central fund or whether it goes directly; if over that period his Department has requested an increase in respect of the dividend due over its percentage shareholding; the number of occasions that it waived the dividend; the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7906/23]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has received a request from the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to identify properties under the control of his Department or under the control of agencies under the remit of his Department for the purposes of providing accommodation to international protection applicants or beneficiaries of temporary protection; if he has identified potential

properties and their locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7937/23]

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

\*324. To ask the Minister for Justice if he can provide an update on the establishment of the new statutory body to oversee the State response to domestic- and gender-based violence within his Department. — Martin Kenny. [8002/23]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Justice if he can provide an update on the roster discussions taking place within An Garda Síochána. — Martin Kenny. [8003/23]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Justice if he can provide an update on the current Garda recruitment processes. — Martin Kenny. [8004/23]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Justice if he can provide an outline of the internal services available to gardaí who encounter a mental health difficulty in the course of their work. — Martin Kenny. [8006/23]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are plans in relation to reform of the system of coroners. — Pa Daly. [1790/23]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Justice the engagements he has had with European partners in relation to the Afghan refugee crisis, and future plans in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [6892/23]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Justice if he is aware of the recommendations issued as a result of the inquest into the death of a person (details supplied) in Cork prison; if he will agree to implement these recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [7768/23]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Justice when a service (details supplied) will be restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7796/23]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí that are stationed in County Donegal broken down by station for each of the last ten years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7805/23]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of people held in solitary confinement 22+ hour lock up for more than 15 consecutive days during 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [7827/23]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of people held on solitary confinement 22+ hour lock-up for more than 3, 6 months 1 year and 18 months during 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [7828/23]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has plans to review the legislative provisions that prohibit access to all forms of temporary release for people serving a presumptive minimum prison sentence for certain drugs and firearm offences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [7829/23]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will confirm the basis of Ireland's legal responsibility to provide shelter to those who come to our country fleeing war and persecution; the role of the EU and the UN in respect of these obligations; if he has any plans to review these legal responsibilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [7837/23]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of asylum seekers that were shown to have false travel documents for each of the past five years; and the resources the Government uses to ascertain what documents are false. — Peadar Kirby. [7852/23]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps being taken to implement the recommendations made in the report by the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Justice on the sanctions for possession of drugs for personal use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [7856/23]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Justice whether he agrees that the rules for applying citizenship should be amended in order to treat time spent living in Northern Ireland as equivalent to time in the Republic of Ireland, in other words enabling a migrant to qualify for citizenship on the basis of time spent living in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [7858/23]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Justice whether he agrees the rules should be changed to allow those legally resident in Northern Ireland to travel to the Republic of Ireland without restrictions. — Paul Murphy. [7859/23]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a schedule of the non-commercial and semi-State commercial companies under his aegis; if an explanatory memorandum will be provided in respect of the policy of a dividend payment to the Exchequer from each company; the dividend paid by each company to the Exchequer for each year from 2000 to 2022; if his Department collects the funds and forwards it to the central fund or whether it goes directly; if over that period his Department has requested an increase in respect of the dividend due over its percentage shareholding; the number of occasions that it waived the dividend; the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7909/23]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps being taken to ensure that those with criminal convictions in their countries of origin are not being allowed access to the State through the International protection system or through the beneficiaries of temporary protection system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7927/23]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has received a request from the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to identify properties under the control of his Department or under the control of agencies under the remit of his Department for the purposes of providing accommodation to international protection applicants or beneficiaries of temporary protection; if he has identified potential properties and their locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7940/23]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which adequate resources continue to be made available to An Garda Síochána to sustain the battle against drug barons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7947/23]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Justice his plans to increase the strength of An Garda Síochána in the short-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7948/23]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which the revised bail laws are successfully preventing crimes while the accused is on bail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7949/23]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prisoners currently on educational or rehabilitative courses while in prison; the extent to which the number has remained consistent over the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7950/23]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which rehabilitation and education continues to be offered to first time offenders in prison; the number of such persons currently accessing such courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7952/23]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of persons currently listed missing or otherwise unaccounted for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7954/23]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which he proposes to strengthen the law in regard to child sexual abuse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7955/23]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which the number of persons awaiting naturalisation is being addressed with particular reference to those in this jurisdiction for more than five years and anxious to obtain employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7956/23]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which educational and rehabilitation facilities remain available in all the prisons throughout the country; the extent to which first time offenders have access to such services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7957/23]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent of the progress nationally and in conjunction with other jurisdictions globally, in combatting the activities of so-called drug barons; the extent to which international cooperation now plays an important part in this battle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7958/23]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Justice the number and locations of speed cameras in County Louth; the new locations coming online in County Louth in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [8007/23]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Justice if all documentation associated with the application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied) has been received and processed; whether outstanding information is required; when this might be dealt with and their application for citizenship approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8012/23]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on his work to create awareness and availability of restorative justice at all stages of the criminal justice system as committed to in the Review of Policy Options for Prison and Penal Reform 2022-2024; if there is a timeline for the publication of policy proposals on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [8036/23]

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

\*357. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [7850/23]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Health the plans his Department has to re-instate mobility allowance or a replacement payment for same. — Brian Stanley. [8024/23]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the high incidence of physical and verbal assaults on frontline healthcare workers; if he will take steps to ensure adequate funding for the Health and Safety Authority in order to establish a dedicated health sector unit to oversee workplace safety at all public healthcare facilities; if he will arrange for a full review of security measures at all emergency departments; if he will further arrange for a public awareness programme in this regard in order to reduce such assaults; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [8014/23]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Health the actions his Department intends to take following the recent RTÉ Investigates report that showed that up to 12,000 vulnerable people were denied their disability allowances by State actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [6069/23]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to review the age parameters for breast check to increase the provision of free examinations to over 70s; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7526/23]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Health when the money for the fourth phase of eating disorder team progression will be released from Budget 2023; the CHOs that this will be used for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2321/23]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the €4 million for improving regulatory compliance in mental health in-patient services in alignment with Mental Health Commission regulations, which was announced in the health budget press conference; the way that the funding will be spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2322/23]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Health when the Government's attention was drawn to the concerns raised in the interim report into CAMHS by the Mental Health Commission. — Mark Ward. [4643/23]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Health when an need for autism will be carried out in the case of a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5003/23]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Health the manner in which it is intended to reduce waiting lists for those potentially suffering from life threatening or life changing condition with particular reference to delays arising in the aftermath of Covid-19, if immediate preparations can be made to address these issues in the short-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6212/23]



\*367. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the remaining front-line workers that have yet to be paid the Covid bonus; when will this payment be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [7775/23]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the 19 key recommendations made by the Ombudsman in the report Wasted Lives: Time for a Better Future for Young People in Nursing Homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5665/23]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Health if he will set out the criteria used to determine eligibility for the pandemic bonus payment for frontline workers in community disability support centres who worked during the pandemic, in particular if he will set out the criteria used to determine eligibility at a centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [7798/23]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of all orphan medicines included in the drugs payment scheme from 2019 to date; if he will confirm the date of the drugs group decision to allow reimbursement under the drugs payment scheme; the date when the drug became available for reimbursement in each case in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7800/23]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Health the drug reimbursement decisions made by the HSE drugs group and executive management team, respectively in each of its meetings from January 2019 to date in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7801/23]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the NCPE's assessment of the HTA in respect of securing the drug kafrtio for 35 children who benefit from its use and the HSE's ongoing discussions with the drug producer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7802/23]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Health if he will set out the waiting times and the number on the waiting list in each public hospital to be seen by a consultant dermatologist; the list of hospitals that use outsourced private dermatology services for both diagnosis and treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [7807/23]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has agreed an increased cost with voluntary and private homecare providers to ensure all operators who provide homecare procured by the HSE can pay mileage and travel costs to carers as recommended by the Cross Departmental Strategic Workforce Advisory Group; the estimated increased cost to his Department; if the additional funding will be provided to allow these payments be made under the HSEs procurement of home care from voluntary and private sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [7809/23]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of all recipients of Lottery funding in south Dublin, from his Department, from 2011 to 2023, in tabular form. — Emer Higgins. [7817/23]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list, of all recipients of Lottery funding in south Dublin, from the HSE, from 2011 to 2023, in tabular form. — Emer Higgins. [7818/23]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the waiting time figures for emergency calls for ambulances for the north Dublin area; and the measures being taken to reduce them. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [7821/23]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Health if there are sufficient ambulance and paramedic staff in both the National Ambulance Service and Dublin Fire Brigade serving the Dublin area; if there are unfilled vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [7822/23]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of any retention issues among emergency response paramedics in the health services. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [7823/23]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Health when a speech and language service will be provided to a child (details supplied) considering that the children's disability network team identified this as a high priority due to the complexities of the child's disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [7840/23]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been refused the special pandemic recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [7848/23]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect an appointment in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7849/23]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Health if he will re-examine the rules around who is eligible for the pandemic bonus payment for healthcare workers with a view to including a group that have been left out (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [7866/23]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GP practices in Cork; the number who are participating in the under 6 scheme; the number of practices advertised by the HSE as participating; the number of modifications to that HSE list since it was initially published; the reason the various modifications were made; the level of confidence in the accuracy of the list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7867/23]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Health the discussions that have taken place between him and an organisation (details supplied) on a topic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [7872/23]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that several patients on trolleys were temporarily moved from the hallway of the accident and emergency department to the transit ward and other areas of the hospital prior to the Ministers visit to Tullamore Hospital on or about 2 December 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [7885/23]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a schedule of the non-commercial and semi-State commercial companies under his aegis; if an explanatory memorandum will be provided in respect of the policy of a dividend payment to the Exchequer from each company; the dividend paid by each company to the Exchequer for each year from 2000 to 2022; if his Department collects the funds and forwards it to the central fund or whether it goes directly; if



over that period his Department has requested an increase in respect of the dividend due over it's percentage shareholding; the number of occasions that it waived the dividend; the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7907/23]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received a request from the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to identify properties under the control of his Department or under the control of agencies under the remit of his Department for the purposes of providing accommodation to international protection applicants or beneficiaries of temporary protection; if he has identified potential properties and their locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7938/23]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Health when a healthcare worker (details supplied) will be awarded the pandemic payment bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7959/23]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Health the drugs currently available and approved throughout he HSE for the treatment of cystic fibrosis and other similar conditions, medication for which is awaiting approval in this country or in the EU; when it is expected those still waiting for approval are likely to become available to patients likely to require the treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7961/23]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give a personal direction to ensure that patients with life threatening illnesses are offered medical cards without incessant reviews on financial grounds or otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7962/23]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Health the current average waiting time for a patient between triage and access to doctor in all accident and emergency departments throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7963/23]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Health if he remains satisfied that reimbursement in respect of new and orphan drugs and other emergency drugs is sufficiently speedy and capable of meeting the demand; if he has identified any shortcomings; if so, when these will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7964/23]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that the health services can be coordinated in such a way as to ensure a modern response to patients needs in all areas throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7965/23]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to augment child and adult mental health services in CH07; if the precise measures deemed to be necessary are being taken forthwith; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7966/23]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Health the number of active recruitment campaigns for positions within CH07; when he expects such campaigns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7967/23]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applicants for medical cards granted in the past twelve months to date; the number refused or under investigation in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7968/23]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which all hospital building proposals are sufficiently in hand to meet the urgent demand in all hospitals throughout the country; the progress of each project in the past six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7969/23]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Health the programme for the provision of primary care centres throughout County Kildare having regard to those already in operation, those planned and approved or those pending; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7970/23]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Health the degree to which it is intended to ensure that primary care centres are provided throughout County Kildare with particular reference to growing population centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7971/23]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he hopes to set up an emergency management team to deal with overcrowding and hospital accident and emergency departments, with particular reference to ensuring that the highest possible standards prevail when dealing with the inflow of patients by facilitating their access to emergency treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7972/23]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for delay in dealing with the waiting lists of children seeking procedures for scoliosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7973/23]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he can take steps to counter the difficulties of obtaining and retaining professional staff throughout the health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7974/23]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Health if he will establish a community neuro-rehabilitation team in Dublin south-west or area CHO7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [7978/23]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Health when front line workers in an organisation (details supplied) will be paid the Covid bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [7985/23]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Health when front line workers in an organisation (details supplied) will be paid the Covid bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [7986/23]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for surgery for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [8017/23]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Health the rate of indexation on deferred nursing home payments in 2021, 2022 and projected for 2023; the way they compare to the cost of Government borrowing to fund the carryover of such debt; and his views on the significant gap emerging; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [8020/23]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of respite places available in CHO9 compared to the other CHO areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [8022/23]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Health when a speech and language service will be provided to a child (details supplied) considering that children’s disability network team identified this as a high priority due to the complexities of the child’s disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [8034/23]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Health when secretarial support will be provided at the neurology clinic in UHG; if he is aware that 400 patients who have been seen at the clinic have not had their letters sent to their GPs updating them on patient information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [8035/23]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Health when the blood results of the microarray test conducted in April 2022 at Portiuncula University Hospital, Ballinasloe, County Galway on a child (details supplied) will be made available to the family; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [8042/23]

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

\*413. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the expected timeframe to open a liming scheme announced as part of Budget 2023; the proposed payment rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7769/23]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to detail the current capability for the Irish forestry sector to produce timber that can be used in cross laminated timber manufacturing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [7780/23]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views regarding the supply of load-bearing timber in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [7785/23]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the production of timber in Ireland suitable to be used in glue-laminated timber glulam manufacturing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [7786/23]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of the serious concerns in the fishing industry regarding the limitations of the voluntary permanent cessation scheme; and if he will urgently establish the amount of unspent money within the Brexit Adjustment Reserve Fund for Ireland and seek permission from the European Commission to reallocate this to persons who have lost their livelihoods as part of a fair and reasonable decommissioning scheme. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [7808/23]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of ASSAP advisors employed in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [7880/23]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will expand the number of ASSAP advisors to ensure progress on water quality is maintained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [7881/23]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to ensure that a wool scouring machine is available to wool producers in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [7882/23]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to address the sharp drop in the profit made from sheep and lamb sales; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [7883/23]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a schedule of the non-commercial and semi-State commercial companies under his aegis; if an explanatory memorandum will be provided in respect of the policy of a dividend payment to the Exchequer from each company; the dividend paid by each company to the Exchequer for each year from 2000 to 2022; if his Department collects the funds and forwards it to the central fund or whether it goes directly; if over that period his Department has requested an increase in respect of the dividend due over its percentage shareholding; the number of occasions that it waived the dividend; the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7898/23]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will put an emergency fund in place to support sheep farmers who have seen a collapse in income due to rising input prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7921/23]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has received a request from the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to identify properties under the control of his Department or under the control of agencies under the remit of his Department for the purposes of providing accommodation to international protection applicants or beneficiaries of temporary protection; if he has identified potential properties and their locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7930/23]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will liaise with Coillte to arrange the planning and execution of new viewing points for walkers on Coillte land on the Cooley Mountains, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [8009/23]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will examine and address a matter (details supplied) in relation to securing the supply of organic rations for sheep; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8011/23]

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

\*427. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will expand the dog warden service in County Kildare, given the recent attacks on sheep by free roaming dogs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [7884/23]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide a schedule of the non-commercial and semi-State commercial companies under her aegis; if an

explanatory memorandum will be provided in respect of the policy of a dividend payment to the Exchequer from each company; the dividend paid by each company to the Exchequer for each year from 2000 to 2022; if her Department collects the funds and forwards it to the central fund or whether it goes directly; if over that period her Department has requested an increase in respect of the dividend due over its percentage shareholding; the number of occasions that it waived the dividend; the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7911/23]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has received a request from the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to identify properties under the control of her Department or under the control of agencies under the remit of her Department for the purposes of providing accommodation to international protection applicants or beneficiaries of temporary protection; if she has identified potential properties and their locations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7942/23]