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

- 1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. Ivana Bacik. [8212/23]
- 2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the social affairs and public service unit of his Department. Mary Lou McDonald. [9601/23]
- 3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. Mick Barry. [9974/23]
- 4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. Jim O'Callaghan. [10049/23]
- 5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. James Lawless. [10064/23]
- 6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. Cian O'Callaghan. [10248/23]
- 7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. Richard Boyd Barrett. [10249/23]
- 8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the high-level steering board, chaired by the Secretary General of his Department, to oversee the implementation of the High-Level Action Plan for the Report of the Commission on the Defence Forces. Mary Lou McDonald. [8122/23]
- 9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the high-level steering board, chaired by the Secretary General of his Department, to oversee the implementation of the high-level action plan for the Report of the Commission on the Defence Forces. Ivana Bacik. [9674/23]
- 10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the high-level steering board, chaired by the Secretary General of his Department, to oversee the implementation of the high-level action plan for the Report of the Commission on the Defence Forces. Mick Barry. [9975/23]
- 11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the high-level steering board, chaired by the Secretary General of his Department, to oversee the implementation of the high-

level action plan for the Report of the Commission on the Defence Forces. — Jim O'Callaghan. [10050/23]

- 12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the high-level steering board, chaired by the Secretary General of his Department, to oversee the implementation of the High-Level Action Plan for the Report of the Commission on the Defence Forces. James Lawless. [10065/23]
- 13. To ask the Taoiseach the membership and terms of reference of the National Security Committee chaired by the Secretary General of his Department. Mary Lou McDonald. [8123/23]
- 14. To ask the Taoiseach the membership and terms of reference of the National Security Committee chaired by the Secretary General of his Department. Ivana Bacik. [9673/23]
- 15. To ask the Taoiseach the membership and terms of reference of the National Security Committee chaired by the Secretary General of his Department. Jim O'Callaghan. [10051/23]
- 16. To ask the Taoiseach the membership and terms of reference of the National Security Committee chaired by the Secretary General of his Department. James Lawless. [10066/23]
- 17. To ask the Taoiseach the membership and terms of reference of the National Security Committee chaired by the Secretary General of his Department. Richard Boyd Barrett. [10250/23]
- 18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on the environment and climate change will next meet. Mattie McGrath. [9797/23]
- 19. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Environment and Climate Change will next meet. Ivana Bacik. [9676/23]
- 20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. Mattie McGrath. [9798/23]
- 21. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on immigration will next meet. Mattie McGrath. [9799/23]
- 22. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. Peadar Tóibín. [9814/23]
- 23. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. Mary Lou McDonald. [9603/23]
- 24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. Ivana Bacik. [9675/23]
- 25. To ask the Taoiseach when the committee that deals with higher education and research will next meet. Richard Boyd Barrett. [10251/23]

- 26. To ask the Taoiseach the extent of any recent discussions with the various political parties in Northern Ireland in the context of the Shared Island Initiative. Bernard J. Durkan. [9878/23]
- 27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Government's response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2022. Mary Lou McDonald. [9602/23]
- 28. To ask the Taoiseach the progress to date in addressing and/or implementing actions proposed by the National Competitiveness and Productivity Council, in the context of Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2022. Bernard J. Durkan. [10233/23]
- 29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. Mary Lou McDonald. [9604/23]
- 30. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. Ivana Bacik. [9677/23]

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

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

- \*31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with church leaders. [SUBSTITUTE ORAL]. Ivana Bacik. [9678/23]
- \*32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit. [SUBSTITUTE ORAL]. Ivana Bacik. [9679/23]
- \*33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the latest Shared Island dialogue initiatives. [SUBSTITUTE ORAL]. Ivana Bacik. [9680/23]

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

- \*34. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider extending the supports available to small and medium enterprises under the Green Transition Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Neasa Hourigan. [10539/23]
- \*35. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of labour inspectors currently employed at the Workplace Relations Commission; how this compares to the allocated number of labour inspectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Maurice Quinlivan. [10311/23]
- \*36. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he will honour the terms of the Employment Regulation Order for the security industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [10490/23]
- \*37. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the capital projects that have been undertaken by his Department in Westmeath since June 2020; the funding allocated each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Robert Troy. [10548/23]

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

- \*38. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. James Lawless. [10281/23]
- \*39. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason a person who is in receipt of an invalidity pension (details supplied) did not qualify for funding through the warmer homes scheme to install a heat pump eco-heating system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Lowry. [10292/23]
- \*40. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 172 of 23 February 2023, the independent environmental evaluations and assessments that have been undertaken in the matter of any planned of storage facilities (details supplied); the international credentials of those bodies undertaking such assessment; if he will publish their findings regarding same; whether any such planning and development of such facilities have been and will be undertaken within the context of Ireland's Aarhus responsibilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Réada Cronin. [10331/23]
- \*41. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the work of the District Energy Steering Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cian O'Callaghan. [10417/23]
- \*42. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will take action to ensure that district energy customers are charged at residential rates, rather than the more expensive commercial rates they currently pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cian O'Callaghan. [10418/23]
- \*43. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will examine the provision of free gas to glass house operators who grow vegetables for the Irish market (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [10462/23]
- \*44. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if an Eircode will be assigned to a rowing club (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [10504/23]
- \*45. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the capital projects that have been undertaken by his Department in Westmeath since June 2020; the funding allocated each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Robert Troy. [10555/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

\*46. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will support the establishment of a collaborative forum including his Department, the Department of Justice and representatives of the port sector and goods transport sector, with the aim of devising more efficient means of preventing persons entering the State illegally and detecting vulnerable persons who may be the victims of human trafficking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10288/23]

- \*47. To ask the Minister for Transport the total tonnage of throughput at Dublin Port; the total of which was agricultural produce for the years 2017 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [10339/23]
- \*48. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of Dublin port having reduced the number of days for which product can be held at Dublin Port from ten to two days; the reason for such; when the change was introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [10340/23]
- \*49. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of money raised through fines related to products being held at Dublin Port for the years 2017 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [10341/23]
- \*50. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are any exemptions for a person (details supplied) in County Kildare in sitting an exam; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Duncan Smith. [10359/23]
- \*51. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the CIÉ 1951 Pension Scheme, which has now met minimum funding standards and is solvent; if he plans to approve any amending Statutory Instruments for the scheme; if he will ask the CIÉ to provide a report on outstanding information sought by the Committee of Trustees and the preliminary questions in the Elected Trustee Bulletin; if he will ask the CIÉ to provide a report on outstanding questions asked by the Elected Trustees in relation to Agreed Actuarial Protocols; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cian O'Callaghan. [10425/23]
- \*52. To ask the Minister for Transport if a proposal has been made to him to sign an amending Statutory Instrument changing the benefits of members of the CIÉ 1951 Pension Scheme; and if not, if his attention has been drawn to any proposal to present such a draft Statutory Instrument to him; if it is his intention to refuse to sign any such Instrument on the basis that it has been confirmed by the 1951 Committee of Trustees independent actuary that the 1951 Scheme now meets the Minimum Funding Standard provisions of the Pensions Act 1990 and is solvent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [10442/23]
- \*53. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of scheduled weekly departures that will be provided as a result of the recently announced improvements in rural transport links; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [10466/23]
- \*54. To ask the Minister for Transport the capital projects that have been undertaken by his Department in Westmeath since June 2020; the funding allocated each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Robert Troy. [10557/23]
- \*55. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will increase the number of carriages on the Sunday train services from Limerick to Galway and vice versa, in view of the fact that it is an incredibly busy day for travel in respect of students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [10578/23]
- \*56. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that all public buses serving Bantry, County Cork, have the facility to accommodate mobility scooters for individuals who require them. Holly Cairns. [10588/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

- \*57. To ask the Minister for Finance his intentions regarding Recommendation 16.1 of the report of the Commission on Taxation and Welfare; the steps he intends to take to ensure that adequate evaluation data on tax expenditures is collected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [10378/23]
- \*58. To ask the Minister for Finance his intentions regarding Recommendation 16.3 of the report of the Commission on Taxation and Welfare; his intentions in relation to the retrospective inclusion of sunset clauses for existing tax expenditures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [10379/23]
- \*59. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the reason tenants who have a formal rental agreement that is registered with the RTB, but who are renting off a family member such as a parent, are precluded from getting the rent credit via the Revenue Commissioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [10431/23]
- \*60. To ask the Minister for Finance if the rental tax credits introduced by the Government apply to parents of a student, from this State but now renting and studying in a recognised third level course in the North of Ireland. Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [10463/23]

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.

- \*61. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the OPW will replace a bridge in treacherous condition with a new bridge (details supplied) in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [10282/23]
- \*62. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 116 of 15 November 2022, the status of his Department's work to date on the implementation of the Official Languages (Amendment) Act 2021; if he will provide an update on his Department's role on the Irish Languages Services Advisory Committee, particularly in relation to the preparation of the national plan to increase the provision of services through Irish and survey the number of Irish speakers employed by the public service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [10383/23]
- \*63. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the timeframe for the completion of the design and planning of the family law court at Hammond Lane; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [10399/23]
- \*64. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the reason the construction of new Garda stations at Clonmel and Macroom have not commenced, notwithstanding that they have planning permission; if he can provide an indication when they will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [10400/23]
- \*65. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the capital projects that have been undertaken by his Department in Westmeath since

June 2020; the funding allocated each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [10553/23]

\*66. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the implementation of Chapter 17 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [10558/23]

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

- \*67. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she or persons within any statutory agencies under her remit have met with an organisation (details supplied). Sean Sherlock. [10467/23]
- \*68. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the capital projects that have been undertaken by her Department in Westmeath since June 2020; the funding allocated each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Robert Troy. [10556/23]

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

- \*69. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if any investigations into the Meenbog landslide, caused by windfarm construction in County Donegal in November 2020 have been completed; the recommendations; how they plan to implement the recommendations; and if any other reports are due from other agencies that he may be aware of; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [10293/23]
- \*70. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the proposed amendment to the Planning and Development Act 2020, currently before Dáil Éireann, will impact in any way on current regulations and provisions that deal with allotments and the provision of allotments by local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [10304/23]
- \*71. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify the position on clawback in respect of a dwelling purchased via the affordable housing scheme (details supplied). Catherine Murphy. [10374/23]
- \*72. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider amending the draft Planning and Development Bill 2022 to ensure that local authorities are obliged to reserve land for allotments and community gardens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mick Barry. [10406/23]
- \*73. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the output target for 2023, and subsequent years respectively, in terms of the number of social housing units to be delivered associated with Subhead A.33 Social Housing PPP Programme which has been allocated €30 million in the REV23. Eoin Ó Broin. [10433/23]

- \*74. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage of the €1.9 billion capital provision for housing for 2023 that is not voted Exchequer funding how much is to come from each of LDA investment and HFA lending, respectively. Eoin Ó Broin. [10434/23]
- \*75. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable purchase and cost rental homes respectively that will be delivered through LDA investment in 2023; and the estimated amount of expenditure it has allocated to deliver same. Eoin Ó Broin. [10435/23]
- \*76. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of voted current funding that has been allocated for 2023, and estimated for subsequent years respectively, for payment and availability arrangements associated with the output targets of subhead A.11. Eoin Ó Broin. [10450/23]
- \*77. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 142 of 28 September 2022, the discussions his Department has had with Cork City Council regarding stormwater pipe repair responsibility; and if his position has changed since the reply issued. Thomas Gould. [10454/23]
- \*78. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the protocols that are in place with the Residential Tenancy Board to respond to property owners who contact the Board (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patrick O'Donovan. [10510/23]
- \*79. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the capital projects that have been undertaken by his Department in Westmeath since June 2020; the funding allocated each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Robert Troy. [10551/23]
- \*80. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when measures (details supplied) in the Planning and Development, Maritime and Valuation (Amendment) Act 2022 will be enacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Smith. [10565/23]
- \*81. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide full details on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [10579/23]
- \*82. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide full details on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [10580/23]
- \*83. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the grants of up to €5,000 announced for biodiversity and nature recording in 2022 will be made available again this year. Holly Cairns. [10587/23]

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

\*84. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a decision will be made in respect of an application for a foreign birth registration (details supplied); the reason for the delay

in making a decision on the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [10315/23]

\*85. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if funding was provided to UNFPA supplies, the thematic programme of UNFPA, the UN sexual and reproductive health agency, dedicated to expanding access to family planning, in 2022; if he intends to allocate funding to this programme in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10500/23]

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

- \*86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the total number of officers in the Defence Forces who have been seconded since 2014, and specifically to the European Defence Agency and his Department. Patrick Costello. [10318/23]
- \*87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how many engineer corps officers have been seconded to his Department in the past four years; and to which body and when. Patrick Costello. [10319/23]
- \*88. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how many engineer officers were allowed to go on leave of absence and secondments from 2012 to 2022. Patrick Costello. [10320/23]
- \*89. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how many engineer officers have been refused a leave of absence and secondment since 2012. Patrick Costello. [10321/23]
- \*90. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how many engineer corps officers serve in transformation and innovation roles at the Defence Forces Headquarters or at Department of Defence level; the periods of these appointments; if his Department sent out expressions of interest for these appointments and secondments; and if not, if he will he provide the selection criteria. Patrick Costello. [10322/23]
- \*91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of derelict homes on the Curragh Camp in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [10484/23]
- \*92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he intends to deal with the dereliction on the Curragh Camp in the near future; if so, the timeframe for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [10485/23]
- \*93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the capital projects that have been undertaken by his Department in Westmeath since June 2020; the funding allocated each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Robert Troy. [10546/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

- \*94. To ask the Minister for Education the efforts being made by her Department to ensure a person (details supplied) obtains a school place suitable to their specified educational needs. Kathleen Funchion. [10404/23]
- \*95. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the announced scheme to install solar panels on all schools. Holly Cairns. [10585/23]

- \*96. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 426 of 18 October 2022, if she will provide an update on the installation of the internet at a school (details supplied); if funding and resources have been provided by her Department to ensure internet is accessible to the entire school building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Eoin Ó Broin. [10284/23]
- \*97. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 425 of 18 October 2022, if she will provide an update on the status of a project for a school (details supplied); and the timeframe for the commencement and completion of this long awaited school build. Eoin Ó Broin. [10285/23]
- \*98. To ask the Minister for Education if funding from her Department's grants is due to be provided to a school (details supplied); and if so, when it can be expected. Eoin Ó Broin. [10286/23]
- \*99. To ask the Minister for Education following the announcement in Budget 2023, if she will provide an update on the roll-out of solar panels for school buildings; how solar panel providers can tender for such work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Duncan Smith. [10324/23]
- \*100. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will consider advising Bus Éireann school transport section to move a student collection point in (details supplied) in County Sligo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Frankie Feighan. [10362/23]
- \*101. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to provide for student teachers to be paid for the hours they work while on placement; the details of any analysis carried out by her Department in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [10384/23]
- \*102. To ask the Minister for Education the school planning area in which a household is located (details supplied); if there are enough primary school places available in this school planning area for those children who parents wish for them to commence a mixed-sex education beginning in the academic year 2023/2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Seán Haughey. [10394/23]
- \*103. To ask the Minister for Education the school planning area in which a household is located (details supplied); if there are enough primary school places available in this school planning area for those children whose parents wish for them to commence a primary school education beginning in the academic year 2023/2024; if her attention has been drawn to reports that there are already waiting lists for the primary schools in this school planning area and adjacent school planning areas; if she will take on board the concerns of parents who cannot find school placements for their children in this locality; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Seán Haughey. [10395/23]
- \*104. To ask the Minister for Education if schools can refuse a child a place in a special class for children with autism based on continence issues, despite a recommendation for a place in such a class being made by a clinical psychologist.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Martin Browne. [10423/23]
- \*105. To ask the Minister for Education if there are initiatives to promote the switch of any of the single-sex schools at primary level to co-educational in a school planning area (details supplied) or in the adjoining school planning areas; the supports which her Department offers to

- facilitate such a switch; and if the lack of a co-educational option in a school planning area can be a reason for planning additional accommodation. Richard Bruton. [10424/23]
- \*106. To ask the Minister for Education the efforts being made by her Department to ensure a person (details supplied) obtains a school place suitable to their specified educational needs. Kathleen Funchion. [10474/23]
- \*107. To ask the Minister for Education if she has an opening date for the new build for a school (details supplied) at a location in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [10480/23]
- \*108. To ask the Minister for Education her advice for parents whose children have been refused a school place in all of their local primary/secondary schools due to over-subscription; the options that are available for these parents and their children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Cian O'Callaghan. [10491/23]
- \*109. To ask the Minister for Education if internet access will be provided throughout an entire school (details supplied); when this will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Mark Ward. [10502/23]
- \*110. To ask the Minister for Education the capital projects that have been undertaken by her Department in Westmeath since June 2020; the funding allocated each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Robert Troy. [10547/23]
- \*111. To ask the Minister for Education if additional resources will be provided to a school (details supplied) to help the school tackle the huge waiting lists that it is facing and allow for a greater intake of first-year students in September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [10559/23]
- \*112. To ask the Minister for Education in view of the recommendation of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, if she will provide for the effective implementation of 'reduced timetable' guidelines and measures to prevent their disproportionate use on Traveller children; and when she will publish Tusla's first, second and third quarter 2022 reduced-day outcome reports. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [10570/23]
- \*113. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the specific actions undertaken to ensure Traveller parents are aware of the reduced-day guidelines. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [10571/23]
- \*114. To ask the Minister for Education when she will launch the consultation on the Traveller Education Strategy; and in view of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, how she will ensure that such measures are adequately resourced. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [10572/23]
- \*115. To ask the Minister for Education when she will publish the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment's Traveller Culture and Heritage research report. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [10573/23]
- \*116. To ask the Minister for Education in follow-up to the recommendation of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, if she will publish education-related data disaggregated by ethnic origin. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [10574/23]

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

- \*117. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 81 and 83 of 22 February 2023, the oversight and accountability measures she applies regarding the operation of the free travel scheme by bus companies, including Bus Éireann; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [10411/23]
- \*118. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her advice on a matter (details supplied) in relation to extending the working family payment for single parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [10310/23]
- \*119. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will advise on the reviews that have been carried out by her Department with regard to disability allowance recipients; if she will provide figures from review decisions, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Claire Kerrane. [10316/23]
- \*120. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 107 of 23 February 2023, if she will publish communications with the Commission on the matter of recognising long-Covid as an occupational injury, together with her correspondence with the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment on such a matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Réada Cronin. [10317/23]
- \*121. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the process for a person with a disability to renew their public services card if they can make an appointment in their local Intreo office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Mark Ward. [10352/23]
- \*122. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) is still waiting on an appeal decision for carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Niamh Smyth. [10414/23]
- \*123. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if Covid-19 will be deemed as an occupational illness as recommended by the EU Advisory Committee. Cian O'Callaghan. [10427/23]
- \*124. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if it is permissible for bus companies that are part of the "free travel scheme" of her Department to charge an online booking fee to those eligible for "free travel" to book online under the terms of the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [10443/23]
- \*125. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of the "free travel scheme" to her Department in each year since 2010; the number of persons each year over the same period with free travel passes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [10444/23]
- \*126. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [10489/23]
- \*127. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to an application for a disability allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [10503/23]
- \*128. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clearly outline the rationale for the stopping of child benefit at the age of 18 years; if she will acknowledge that many children

are still in full-time secondary education at this age and that their parents/guardians still rely on the payment to help with costs; if she will further acknowledge that in the current cost-of-living crisis, this presents significant financial difficulties for parents with school-going children of 18 years and above; if there are plans to legislate for an increase in the age at which child benefit will cease; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [10523/23]

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

- \*129. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will amend legislation to ensure that properties held in trust can receive payment for accommodating Ukrainians. Robert Troy. [10354/23]
- \*130. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on an early years' service withdrawing its part-time service with very little notice despite being in receipt of ECCE funding; if his Department has any procedures in place to prevent providers in receipt of State funding from suddenly withdrawing services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [10361/23]
- \*131. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the position regarding a survey carried out by his Department which was sent to Members of the Houses of the Oireachtas in relation to the provision of maternity leave for Members (details supplied); if he will provide the parameters of the research and results; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Steven Matthews. [10369/23]
- \*132. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in light of his Department's plans to establish a national centre for research and remembrance, if he will outline the timeline for the plans. Marian Harkin. [10412/23]
- \*133. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in light of his Department's plans to establish a national centre for research and remembrance, how an individual (details supplied) will be able to participate in the process. Marian Harkin. [10413/23]
- \*134. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 443 of 14 February 2022, if the information can now be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [10448/23]
- \*135. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has entered into an agreement to use a building (details supplied) in County Kerry as a direct provision centre to accommodate asylum seekers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [10520/23]
- \*136. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the capital projects that have been undertaken by his Department in Westmeath since June 2020; the funding allocated each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Robert Troy. [10545/23]
- \*137. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will increase the funding provided to a direct provision centre (details supplied) which is over capacity as families cannot move out due to a local shortage of accommodation. Holly Cairns. [10584/23]

- Chun an Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta: To the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research; Innovation and Science.
- \*138. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will amend the qualifying criteria for individuals wishing to apply for Springboard courses in order that those who are in receipt of invalidity pensions are no longer excluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cathal Crowe. [10283/23]
- \*139. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason returning emigrants, who have established residency for over three years in Ireland cannot re-classify from non-EU to EU status mid-course of study but if a non-EU citizen obtains EU citizenship mid-course of study, they are immediately eligible to apply for EU reclassification, which affords more moderate third level fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [10453/23]
- \*140. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the capital projects that have been undertaken by his Department in Westmeath since June 2020; the funding allocated each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Robert Troy. [10549/23]

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

- \*141. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will support the establishment of a collaborative forum including his Department, the Department of Transport and representatives of the port sector and goods transport sector, with the aim of devising more efficient means of preventing persons entering the State illegally and detecting vulnerable persons who may be the victims of human trafficking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [10289/23]
- \*142. To ask the Minister for Justice the current position in regard to the application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [10325/23]
- \*143. To ask the Minister for Justice if recommendation 8 of the Interim Evaluation of the Immigrant Investor Programme (published July 2018) was implemented; the years in which the recommended annual formal evaluations occurred; if such evaluations have been published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [10336/23]
- \*144. To ask the Minister for Justice if the reviews of the Evaluation Committee of the Immigrant Investor Programme of 2013 and 2016 have been published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [10337/23]
- \*145. To ask the Minister for Justice the reviews carried out of the Immigrant Investor Programme to date; the person or body such reviews were completed by; if they have been published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [10338/23]
- \*146. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of asylum seekers seeking international protection who arrived in Ireland to date in 2023 having come from another European country; and the number who were returned under the Dublin Convention. Robert Troy. [10353/23]
- \*147. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to reduce the €300 annual fee for renewals of Irish residence permit cards for non-EEA students in view of the ongoing cost-of-living crisis;

- the details of any analysis carried out by her Department in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [10396/23]
- \*148. To ask the Minister for Justice what, if any, fees apply for the replacement of a lost or stolen Irish residence permit card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [10397/23]
- \*149. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of staff within his Department that are working within the Immigration and Naturalisation Service; if recruitment of further staff would expedite applications for visas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [10398/23]
- \*150. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community gardaí assigned to each station within the DMR west and DMR south central areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patrick Costello. [10428/23]
- \*151. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to the Newbridge, Kildare and Athy areas of County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [10481/23]
- \*152. To ask the Minister for Justice his views on crime prevention resources in the Newbridge areas of County Kildare. Patricia Ryan. [10482/23]
- \*153. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda personnel in Newbridge Garda station per working shift to serve a town of almost 30,000 people. Patricia Ryan. [10483/23]
- \*154. To ask the Minister for Justice the capital projects that have been undertaken by his Department in Westmeath since June 2020; the funding allocated each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Robert Troy. [10552/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

- \*155. To ask the Minister for Health given that the paid leave for the public health service employees unfit for work post-Covid infection is due to finish in the coming months; if his Department has engaged with the relevant unions regarding the above payment ceasing; if he will outline the long-term plan for those currently in receipt of the payment who will not be able to return to work due to long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cian O'Callaghan. [10427/23]
- \*156. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurse posts in each CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patrick Costello. [10290/23]
- \*157. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurse posts filled in each CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patrick Costello. [10291/23]
- \*158. To ask the Minister for Health if she will establish a Commissioner for Ageing and Older People. Marian Harkin. [10295/23]
- \*159. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists who submitted claims under the dental treatment services scheme for each month in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date

- in 2023, by CHO and LHO, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [10305/23]
- \*160. To ask the Minister for Health the number of treatments provided for under the dental treatment services scheme for each month in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, by CHO and LHO, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [10306/23]
- \*161. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of expenditure spent under the dental treatment services scheme for each month in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 to date, by CHO and LHO, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [10307/23]
- \*162. To ask the Minister for Health the number of students at primary school level that were due to receive dental screening, in second, fourth and sixth class, under the school dental screening programme in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, by CHO, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [10308/23]
- \*163. To ask the Minister for Health the number of students at primary school level that received dental screening, in second, fourth and sixth class, under the school dental screening programme in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, by CHO, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [10309/23]
- \*164. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to have their assessment of need carried out. Eoin Ó Broin. [10327/23]
- \*165. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Joe Carey. [10328/23]
- \*166. To ask the Minister for Health the number of FTE public health nursing posts in County Cavan; the vacancy rate 2018 to date by year; if additional posts were provided for through Budget 2023; any government targets in relation to an expanded number of posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [10351/23]
- \*167. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the changes to income thresholds for medical card eligibility that have been made since 2013. Brian Stanley. [10357/23]
- \*168. To ask the Minister for Health the mental health day services that are currently operating in Thurles, County Tipperary; how an individual may avail of such services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [10358/23]
- \*169. To ask the Minister for Health the number of biopsy tests relative to cancer that were submitted to the laboratory at UHW for analysis from hospitals located in counties Kilkenny, Tipperary and Waterford in the period from September 2022 to January 2023; if all of the patients concerned were informed of their biopsy histology results within the optimum timeframe; If he will confirm the protocols and waiting times applied to such tests; if he is satisfied that the laboratory at UHW is fully compliant in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John McGuinness. [10360/23]
- \*170. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline he is working towards in bringing forward proposals to enable young people under the age of 17 years to access the free contraception

- scheme, as committed to during Committee and Remaining Stages of the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) Bill 2022 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [10380/23]
- \*171. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the eligibility criteria will be for publicly-funded fertility care, outlined in the Programme for Government, in terms of age, relationship status, sexuality, and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [10381/23]
- \*172. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to improve the speed and efficiency of health technology assessments for new treatments which have already been approved by the European Medicines Agency, in particular preventative treatments for Covid-19 for immunocompromised people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [10382/23]
- \*173. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will publish an alcohol non-compliance list in accordance with section 31 of the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018. Eoin Ó Broin. [10407/23]
- \*174. To ask the Minister for Health the number of instances of alleged breaches of section 14 of the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018 that have been brought to the HSE's attention; and the number of cases that have been investigated. Eoin Ó Broin. [10408/23]
- \*175. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to develop a model of care for people with the eating condition of avoidant restrictive food intake disorder; if he intends to develop a model of care for people with ARFID and a diagnosis or ASD or other associated condition in what could be referred to as dual diagnosis; if he has any intention of appointing a clinical lead in providing a pathway to care for people with ARFID, with reference to children and adults; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Martin Browne. [10419/23]
- \*176. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in Ireland estimated to have the eating condition ARFID; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Martin Browne. [10420/23]
- \*177. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the equality of access to treatment for people in Ireland with ARFID, with reference to geographical location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Martin Browne. [10421/23]
- \*178. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the equality of access to treatment for people in Ireland with ARFID and another associated or complicating condition, such as ASD, with reference to geographical location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Martin Browne. [10422/23]
- \*179. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of telemedicine abortion; if it is intended to revert back to the pre-Covid practice in this regard now that the Covid pandemic restrictions are ended; and if so, when this is likely to happen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [10436/23]
- \*180. To ask the Minister for Health if nursing homes which are part of the "nursing home subvention scheme" are entitled to charge a general daily "contribution charge" to the resident over and above the amount agreed with the HSE for the resident; if not, the steps the HSE intend

- taking to ensure that this practice is happening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [10445/23]
- \*181. To ask the Minister for Health if nursing homes which are part of the "nursing homes subvention scheme" are entitled to charge for ancillary services not covered by the scheme as a general charge, even though they are not being availed of by the resident of the home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [10446/23]
- \*182. To ask the Minister for Health if it is intended to send inspectors to nursing homes that are part of the "nursing home subvention scheme" to ensure that they are not overcharging residents against the rules of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [10447/23]
- \*183. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [10449/23]
- \*184. To ask the Minister for Health the reason priority is given to CEO entry applicants within the HSE Internship placement programme in addition to or instead of percentile marking; the reason applicants for internship posts who accepted a place in Irish medical school through a CAO officer will be allocated posts ahead of applicants who accepted an Irish medical school place directly from the medical school; his views on whether this practice is discriminatory given that all students registered in a college course should be treated fairly and equitably; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [10452/23]
- \*185. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE home help carers in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [10477/23]
- \*186. To ask the Minister for Health the reason it has taken so long to fill a social worker post for a hospice (details supplied) in the Curragh, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [10478/23]
- \*187. To ask the Minister for Health if the social worker position for recruitment in a hospice (details supplied) in the Curragh, County Kildare will be filled by a basic or senior grade social worker; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [10479/23]
- \*188. To ask the Minister for Health if the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018 will see the introduction of warning signs on alcohol being provided in English and Irish; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cian O'Callaghan. [10492/23]
- \*189. To ask the Minister for Health if the figures for all elements in relation to the construction of the National Children's Hospital, both mechanical and electrical, i.e. lighting, ductwork, ventilation, are completely measured and agreed by the cost consultants. Paul McAuliffe. [10493/23]
- \*190. To ask the Minister for Health if the percentage of building work completed in relation to the construction of the National Children's Hospital is validated; and how it is validated on a monthly basis. Paul McAuliffe. [10494/23]

- \*191. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE plans to introduce a dedicated paediatric speech and language service at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ged Nash. [10501/23]
- \*192. To ask the Minister for Health the status of recommendation eight of the Report of the Strategic Workforce Advisory Group on Home Carers and Nursing Home Healthcare Assistants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [10505/23]
- \*193. To ask the Minister for Health if he will amend the Public Health Alcohol Act 2018 to include zero alcohol products in the restrictions on advertising and marketing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [10506/23]
- \*194. To ask the Minister for Health if he will commission a full independent review of service provision by a provider (details supplied) since publication of the Assurance Review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [10507/23]
- \*195. To ask the Minister for Health the capital projects that have been undertaken by his Department in Westmeath since June 2020; the funding allocated each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Robert Troy. [10550/23]
- \*196. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the cancellation of elective surgeries on a number of occasions in the past week at Ennis Hospital; the contingencies he will put in place to ensure that this does not happen again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [10577/23]
- \*197. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the provision of funding for a service (details supplied) to bring patients from Cork South-West to CUH to receive cancer health care. Holly Cairns. [10586/23]

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

- \*198. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider putting specific supports in place for the sheep sector, which is currently in crisis. Marian Harkin. [10294/23]
- \*199. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of establishment grants and premia paid, by county in each of the years 2016 to 2022 from the State's afforestation scheme. Marian Harkin. [10312/23]
- \*200. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of establishment grants and premia paid to farmers in each of the years 2016 to 2022 from the State's afforestation scheme. Marian Harkin. [10313/23]
- \*201. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of establishment grants and premia paid to non-farmers in each of the years 2016 to 2022 from the State's afforestation scheme. Marian Harkin. [10314/23]
- \*202. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has or intends to apply for European Union co-financing under EU Promotion Regulations published on 30 January

- 2023; his timeline to do so; the topics under which he is applying and the projects the funding is intended to support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [10344/23]
- \*203. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if construction costs associated with new milking parlours will be covered under a young farmer capital investment scheme in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [10345/23]
- \*204. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason and basis for those farmers who availed of previous funding for robotic milking equipment under TAMS being excluded from similar supports under TAMS 3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [10346/23]
- \*205. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the target for the total forestry licences issued in 2023, by week, by type and by private/Coillte; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [10347/23]
- \*206. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will specify the cost to discharge his Department's liability on the current afforestation scheme; older legacy scheme; the estimated cost for forestry supports under the new draft forestry programme in each of the years 2023 to 2030, in tabular form by capital and current expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [10348/23]
- \*207. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will specify when his departmental officials received drafts of the revised guidelines for State-aid in the agricultural and forestry sectors or the Agricultural Block Exemption Regulation from the European Union Commission or any other EU body prior to their publication in December 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [10349/23]
- \*208. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 778, 782, 783 and 784 of 31 January 2023, when he expects to receive correspondence from the EU Commission clarifying the possibility for Coillte to be a direct beneficiary of forestry premiums under the new State-aid rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [10350/23]
- \*209. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a payment (details supplied), approved under the basic payment scheme will be issued; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [10403/23]
- \*210. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a further update on the implementation of the recommendations from the food vision beef and sheep group; and if he has given consideration to concerns raised through the sector regarding the reduction of suckler cow numbers and the inclusion of the diversification and extensification schemes. Robert Troy. [10405/23]
- \*211. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are any proposals or plans in place regarding carbon credits valuation certificates for farmers and herd number owners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Marian Harkin. [10430/23]
- \*212. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the capital projects that have been undertaken by his Department in Westmeath since June 2020; the funding allocated each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Robert Troy. [10544/23]

- \*213. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will engaged with farmers and farming organisations regarding their concerns about the Targeted Agricultural Modernisation Scheme (TAMS) 3 which farmers believe is unduly penalising farmers using robotic milking; if it is the case that farmers who have previously invested in robotic milking parlour equipment are ineligible to apply for milking robots support under the new TAMS 3 (details supplied); if this will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [10576/23]
- \*214. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on having a limit of 160 cows for young farmers applying to the Targeted Agricultural Modernisation Scheme 3 (TAMS). Holly Cairns. [10581/23]
- \*215. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will remove the inclusion of previous investment in robotic milking equipment as a criteria excluding farmers under Targeted Agricultural Modernisation Scheme 3. Holly Cairns. [10582/23]
- \*216. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a list of all grants available to farmers/landowners to plant native broadleaf trees on their land. Holly Cairns. [10583/23]

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

- \*217. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide a breakdown, by county, of the €33 million allocated by her Department to the public libraries capital programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [10287/23]
- \*218. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the capital projects that have been undertaken by her Department in Westmeath since June 2020; the funding allocated each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Robert Troy. [10554/23]

### CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH, I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 2 MÁRTA, 2023 QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 2 MARCH, 2023

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

- 1. To ask the Minister for Transport the current capital budget allocation for the Department for rail transport in 2021, 2022, and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [10517/23]
- 2. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on his response to the calls from the north-west of Ireland for the Government to reinstate financial support to the City of Derry Airport to reflect the fact that 40% of their passengers come from County Donegal. Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [10009/23]

- 3. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on capital investment on the N71, including the Bandon relief road and the Innishannon bypass. Holly Cairns. [10273/23]
- 4. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will give positive consideration to the reopening of Cratloe and Crusheen railway stations in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cathal Crowe. [10271/23]
- 5. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of money made available for Greenways from Athenry to Collooney this year; the work to be done with this allocation; if he can confirm if he has instructed that any Greenway planned will not interfere with the closed railway line from Athenry to Collooney, which is being considered for reopening as part of the Strategic Rail Review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [10330/23]
- 6. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that the National Transport Authority regulations regarding renewal of taxi licences incorporate some leeway on deadlines; if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [4807/23]
- 7. To ask the Minister for Transport if deployment of staff has happened at the three driving test centres in County Clare to deal with significant waiting times of up to 35 weeks in Shannon, Ennis, and Kilrush (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Joe Carey. [10301/23]
- 8. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will establish an inquiry to independently review the structure, governance, management and organisational culture at the Irish Coast Guard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Darren O'Rourke. [10515/23]
- 9. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will indicate the latest data on modal shares on key routes into Dublin city and how they compare to the pre-Covid time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Bruton. [9532/23]
- 10. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the measures that are being taken to increase security around Dublin Airport, specifically with regard to drone technology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Farrell. [10260/23]
- 11. To ask the Minister for Transport when he will publish the All-Ireland Rail Review. Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [10008/23]
- 12. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which transport is being staggered at peak times to ensure the greatest utilisation of the road, rail and bus network and improved safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [10475/23]
- 13. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagements his Department has had with the Shannon Foynes Port Company regarding the Vision 2041 Masterplan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Maurice Quinlivan. [9948/23]
- 14. To ask the Minister for Transport If he will examine the way the contracts for the national car testing system are awarded in light of the recent crisis at the NCT centres and the ongoing industrial relations issues at an organisation (details supplied) and the inability to retain

and recruit suitably skilled staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [10460/23]

- 15. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement his Department has had with BusConnects in Cork to ensure that rural areas are adequately serviced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [10356/23]
- 16. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Government intends to continue to implement reduced fares on public transport across the State; if any consideration has been given to extending that reduction or moving to providing fare-free public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [10461/23]
- 17. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made to date in securing and re-opening the rail line from Athenry to Claremorris; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [10329/23]
- 18. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on his plans to increase the number of e-bike sharing schemes in Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

  Paul McAuliffe. [10468/23]
- 19. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that will be implemented to eliminate unacceptable delays in applicants receiving appointments for driving tests in the Cavan test centre; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that much inconvenience is caused to applicants through late cancellations, in many instances within a very short time of the test being due to be undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Smith. [10499/23]
- 20. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the reference within the Shannon Foynes Port Company Vision 2041 Masterplan for the need, over the lifetime of the plan, to acquire an additional 127 hectares of port development land; if he will discuss what planning has taken place with Shannon Foynes Port Company regards to acquiring this land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Maurice Quinlivan. [9949/23]
- 21. To ask the Minister for Transport when he plans to introduce experimental traffic orders; the effects he anticipates from same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [10266/23]
- 22. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the financial deductions applied to public transport operators due to punctuality, reliability and service quality key performance indicators from 2020 to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mark Ward. [10560/23]
- 23. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to improve wait times for NCT tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul McAuliffe. [10469/23]
- 24. To ask the Minister for Transport when additional driver testers will be appointed to the Cavan test centre, in view of the delays in applicants receiving appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Smith. [10498/23]
- 25. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding completion of the next phases of the N22, Cork-Kerry Road, Baile Bhuirne and Baile Mhic Íre; the anticipated timeline for opening these sections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [10534/23]

- 26. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the progress being made to bring the enterprise service to an hourly service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [9869/23]
- 27. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on taxi licence numbers, driver numbers and late night working following the recent driver recruitment campaign; if the restriction on plate transferability is recognised as a barrier to recruitment; his plans to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Darren O'Rourke. [10512/23]
- 28. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline his plans to bring forward legislative provision for experimental road traffic orders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Darren O'Rourke. [10513/23]
- 29. To ask the Minister for Transport the cycle paths that his Department has identified to cut carbon emissions and ease traffic congestion in Lucan, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Emer Higgins. [9939/23]
- 30. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will list the number of active travel and Safe Routes to School projects completed by Mayo County Council in round 1 of the programme; the number of projects in round 1 that were listed in round 2; the reason for this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [10562/23]
- 31. To ask the Minister for Transport when the All-Island Strategic Rail Review will be released. Peadar Tóibín. [9820/23]
- 32. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that the Western Rail Corridor is added to the TEN-T Network following the publication of the All-Island Rail Review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [10590/23]
- 33. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can clarify the proposed progressing of the BusConnects scheme for Dublin in the coming year, specifically if the NTA intend to push ahead with existing dates for implementation given the difficulty that transport companies concerned have in recruiting and retaining staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [10458/23]
- 34. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will work with the NTA to increase the frequency of bus services on the S2, Sligo to Rosses Point route, to cater for the very significant increase in passenger numbers due to refugees being accommodated on the Rosses Point Peninsula. Marian Harkin. [10437/23]
- 35. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress and timeline for the implementation of the expansion of the 233 bus route and the further expansion of the 257 bus route under Connecting Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Aindrias Moynihan. [10540/23]
- 36. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will intervene with the NTA in relation to the ongoing deterioration of bus services in Ballyfermot as a result of the introduction of the new BusConnects routes, specifically the collapse of services in Lower Ballyfermot as a result of the introduction of the new 60 route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [10457/23]

- 37. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures being taken by Transport for Ireland to introduce multi-modal integrated ticketing nationwide; the timeline that exists for its implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Duncan Smith. [10366/23]
- 38. To ask the Minister for Transport his Department's projected total number of electric vehicles on Irish roads in each of the years 2023 to 2030, inclusive. Brian Stanley. [10521/23]
- 39. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the electrification of the Dublin Bus fleet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Farrell. [10261/23]
- 40. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the stealth charges from Irish Rail which affect those using the elderly travel passes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Duncan Smith. [10364/23]
- 41. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details on whether a feasibility study can be commissioned to look at the impact that the reopening of Dunleer train station would have in terms of reducing vehicles, improving connectivity in mid Louth, and reducing commuting costs for mid Louth residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Fergus O'Dowd. [10439/23]
- 42. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on BusConnects Cork. Thomas Gould. [10455/23]
- 43. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the DART+ West; and when the construction works are expected to be completed. James Lawless. [10388/23]
- 44. To ask the Minister for Transport if further funding will be made to Monaghan County Council as the lead agency of the N2 Ardee to Castleblayney Road scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [9868/23]
- 45. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the level of funding that has been allocated for roads in Cork, in particular rural roads, in light of the 2023 grant allocations from his Department for national roads, active travel and greenways; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [10470/23]
- 46. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding the construction of the South Kerry Greenway; the timeline and budget for the various stages of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [10533/23]
- 47. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the investment in greenways in Cork south-west under the national development plan. Holly Cairns. [10276/23]
- 48. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has specific initiatives in place to facilitate vehicle sharing platforms; and the role which he envisages they can play in a more sustainable transport strategy. Richard Bruton. [9531/23]
- 49. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the new spines for BusConnects, particularly the G, C and D spines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Joan Collins. [10566/23]

- 50. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 33 of 10 November 2022 and 81 of 19 January 2023, the status of the preparations for carrying out the promised feasibility study of light rail in Galway; the timeline for the feasibility study; the status of the specialist team tasked with assisting the National Transport Authority in the updating of the Galway Transport Strategy; the membership of the specialist team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [10377/23]
- 51. To ask the Minister for Transport the total projected number of electric vehicle charging points in Ireland in each of the years 2023 to 2030, inclusive. Brian Stanley. [10522/23]
- 52. To ask the Minister for Transport the situation with respect to plans to provide a bypass for Castlemartyr and possibly Killeagh in East Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [10410/23]
- 53. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he will take to address the interference of drone activity on civil aviation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Darren O'Rourke. [10511/23]
- 54. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the All-Ireland Rail Review; if he will provide an update on the progression of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

  James O'Connor. [10298/23]
- 55. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is taking to create a second-hand market for electric vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Darren O'Rourke. [10514/23]
- 56. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Navan-Kingscourt rail line, which is to be included in the all-island Strategic Rail Review, will be reopened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Niamh Smyth. [10392/23]
- 57. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider establishing a fund for registered cancer support groups that would allow for the purchase of an electric vehicle to be administered in a similar way to a scheme (details supplied) to transport clients to hospital appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Steven Matthews. [10268/23]
- 58. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the cessation of a bus service (details supplied) from New Ross to Kilkenny; if there will be a replacement service put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Duncan Smith. [10365/23]
- 59. To ask the Minister for Transport the action his Department is taking to improve safety standards on the N20 national road from Cork to Limerick, in view of the high level of accidents on this road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [10471/23]
- 60. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of the measures his Department proposes to adopt to ensure that operations at Irish airports are not impeded by the illegal flying of drones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cathal Crowe. [10270/23]
- 61. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update in relation to the provision of a rail spur to Shannon Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Joe Carey. [10300/23]

- 62. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 6 of 10 November 2022 and 47 of 19 January 2023, the progress to date on the roll-out of park-and-ride facilities in Galway; the details of any engagement he has had with the park-and-ride development office relating to the Draft Park and Ride Strategy: Galway City and Environs, and in particular with a view to ensuring the delivery of park-and-ride on the western side of the city as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [10376/23]
- 63. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress being made for routes servicing Ballincollig under BusConnects for Cork city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Aindrias Moynihan. [10541/23]
- 64. To ask the Minister for Transport if he or his officials have been briefed in relation to industrial relations issues at a company (details supplied) and proposed industrial action at the company; if he has any proposals to ensure disputes at the company do not arise as a result of lower levels of pay or conditions being imposed on drivers as a result of the way the NTA awards routes under the competitive tendering system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [10459/23]
- 65. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which progress is likely on urgently-needed arterial road developments deemed by those directly affected to be vitally necessary in the shortest possible time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [10476/23]
- 66. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the Virginia bypass. Niamh Smyth. [10393/23]
- 67. To ask the Minister for Transport if any plans are in place to amalgamate the child Leap card for five- to fifteen-year olds, and the child Leap card for 16- to 18-year-olds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Duncan Smith. [10367/23]
- 68. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the N25 upgrade between Midleton and Carrigtwohill, County Cork, was not included in this year's grant allocation for national roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [10409/23]
- 69. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans his Department has to incentivise private car park owners, restaurant, hotel leisure centres and so on to provide commercial EV charging at their facilities, especially in rural towns and villages across Ireland that would support tourism and EV owners and continue the encouragement to people to consider EV cars when presented with the opportunity to change their vehicle. Frankie Feighan. [9593/23]
- 70. To ask the Minister for Transport the contingency plans in place for drone attacks and illegal use of drones at Irish airports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [10355/23]
- 71. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on additional bus capacity that has been delivered or is planned to be delivered on the 109x Dublin-Kells-Cavan service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [10568/23]
- 72. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the DART+ South West Programme, which will service Celbridge. James Lawless. [10387/23]

- 73. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which he expects to meet carbon reduction targets in commercial transportation, and other transportation sectors without jeopardising Ireland's economic capabilities; the Government and EU supports that will be provided to these sectors; the investments his Department intends to make in Ireland's transport infrastructure to aid the transition to a zero-emission future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Lowry. [9911/23]
- 74. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the delivery of Connecting Ireland in Cork South West. Holly Cairns. [10272/23]
- 75. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update from his Department on the discussions which have taken place with Meath County Council in respect of progressing the proposed Julianstown bypass, which aims to deal with the relentless congestion experienced in the village; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Fergus O'Dowd. [10438/23]
- 76. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is prepared to immediately increase services on the S2 bus route in Sligo which services Rosses Point, among other locations in Sligo, which is insufficient at current capacity given the effective doubling of the population on the Rosses Point peninsula due to accommodation of Ukrainian refugees, such that school children and elderly people are unable to secure a seat on the bus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Marc MacSharry. [10497/23]
- 77. To ask the Minister for Transport when a new tranche of funding will be made available for the safer access to schools scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Canney. [2882/23]
- 78. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can give assurances that the recent disruption to travel due to an airline (details supplied) cancelling flights to Donegal Airport will not re-occur; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [10524/23]
- 79. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans in place to improve the rail system between Mayo and Dublin; if he will outline his position on the Western Rail Corridor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [10561/23]
- 80. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Programme for Government commitment to establish regional cycle design offices, co-located in the seven regional design offices for roads, to support local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [10267/23]
- 81. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason working taxi licence owners cannot pass on their licence until death; and the proposals regarding amending this to facilitate transfer of ownership during the lifetime of the owner upon incapacitation or retirement. Sorca Clarke. [10269/23]
- 82. To ask the Minister for Transport when the all-island strategic review will be completed. Willie O'Dea. [10596/23]
- 83. To ask the Minister for Transport if HVO fuel could be used in the public transport fleet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Moynihan. [10389/23]

- 84. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the progress of the development of the Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. James O'Connor. [10299/23]
- 85. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to previous visits, the position regarding the improvement of facilities on An Blascaod Mór; if these improvements will be in place for the 2023 visitor season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [10531/23]
- 86. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the OPW will install CCTV at the national monument at Clareabbey, County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Joe Carey. [10569/23]
- 87. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will detail the efforts being made under the National Development Plan for growing population centres, such as Swords, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Farrell. [10258/23]
- 88. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the expected timeline for the roll-out of the Peace Plus Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Smith. [10464/23]
- 89. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline the cost-of-living supports announced last week; the estimated number of people who will benefit from these supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [10402/23]
- 90. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the allocation of funding to address coastal erosion in east Cork; if further funding is available for coastal erosion which is gradually getting worse near Youghal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. James O'Connor. [10297/23]
- 91. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when flood defence construction works will advance in the upper Lee area for Inchigeelagh, Ballingeary and Ballyvourney; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Aindrias Moynihan. [10537/23]
- 92. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he has drawn down Ireland's full entitlement of the EU Recovery and Resilience Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [10518/23]
- 93. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline how he intends to ensure the crucial posts across the public sector are filled, in particular in the cities, given the unaffordability of housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [10594/23]
- 94. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he has established a benchmark within public bodies for the proportion of their procurement, which is acquired under green procurement frameworks; and the targets that are being set for adoption in the years ahead. Richard Bruton. [10543/23]

- 95. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the proposed level of funding for the Peace Plus Programme; the breakdown in funding to be provided by the Government, the European Union and the British government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Smith. [10465/23]
- 96. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the work that the Construction Sector Group is currently undertaking to advance the roll-out of modern methods of construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [10530/23]
- 97. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the Glashaboy flood relief. Thomas Gould. [10495/23]
- 98. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the legislation he will bring forward this year in relation to the Freedom of Information Act 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [10528/23]
- 99. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline the green transition provisions within the National Recovery and Resilience Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [10519/23]
- 100. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 131 of 19 January 2023, the status of the review of the programme for the Coirib go Cósta flood relief scheme; the status of the revised programme; if it has been completed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [10372/23]
- 101. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the current status of the National Development Plan in terms of delivering on the projects set out and achieved to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [10564/23]
- 102. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department has examined the feasibility of providing for future greenway, walking and cycling infrastructure when planning further flood protection schemes in the vicinity of coasts, rivers and other locations; the consultation that has taken place with other Departments and agencies in this general area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [10532/23]
- 103. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the engagement he has had with a group (details supplied) regarding its call for a stimulus package for the Northern and Western Region, as well as increased capital investment in the region's infrastructure assets, in view of the classification of the region by EU bodies as a "region in transition" and a "lagging region"; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [10373/23]
- 104. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department has engaged in any deliberations with a company (details supplied) to amend the licence to ensure that 98% of unclaimed prize money cannot be spent on self-promotion and marketing. Brian Stanley. [10535/23]

- 105. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he continues to take action to expand and improve the public procurement process in a way that is appropriate to the ongoing needs of the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [10473/23]
- 106. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will report on efforts being made to fill posts across the public sector, given the difficulties currently being experienced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [10593/23]
- 107. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the Office of Public Works will install CCTV cameras to help deter vandalism at Clareabbey, County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cathal Crowe. [10274/23]
- 108. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will seek an update on the long-awaited council plans to provide a new community-based plaza at the historic St. Laurence's Gate in Drogheda, which is owned by the OPW; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Fergus O'Dowd. [10441/23]
- 109. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline the discussions that have taken place within his Department with respect to the future development and investment in Oldbridge House in Drogheda, County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Fergus O'Dowd. [10440/23]
- 110. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his attention has been drawn to the situation where a Deputy who resigns their Party Whip loses their Parliamentary Activities Allowance; if he will seek to rectify this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [10589/23]
- 111. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform how departmental structures and processes are being revised to strengthen the delivery of vital infrastructure under the National Development Plan, in particular in relation to achieving balanced regional development, and how projects may be prioritised to maximise efficiency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [10265/23]
- 112. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which issues are being considered which are most likely to have an impact on improving delivery on the National Development Plan, with particular reference to specific infrastructure which is now, or likely to become in the near future, critical to progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [10472/23]
- 113. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will report on the discussions he has had with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage on the failure of Housing for All to deliver on its local authority build targets for 2022, particularly in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [10595/23]
- 114. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will report on the role his Department has in ensuring the progress of the

- commitments in the National Development Plan in terms of supporting the current public housing programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [10592/23]
- 115. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the progress to date on funding and works required to the weir at Ballincollig Regional Park; the engagement that has been had with the local authority to progress these works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Aindrias Moynihan. [10538/23]
- 116. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the implementation of the National Development Plan 2021-2030, and specifically in relation to NSO 10 of the Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [10391/23]
- 117. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department has sought any legal advice regarding the use of unclaimed prize money by a company (details supplied) for self-promotional marketing purposes. Brian Stanley. [10536/23]
- 118. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the work undertaken by his Department to address recent targets included in the Climate Action Plan pertaining to capital projects contained within the National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. James O'Connor. [10296/23]
- 119. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the work being undertaken by his Department in developing a wellbeing framework; what legislative underpinning might be required to meaningfully integrate the framework into Ireland's budgetary cycle; if, in that context, his Department is aware of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act in Wales that has underpinned the application of the Welsh wellbeing framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [10264/23]
- 120. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will report on the progress of NSO 8 in National Development Plan "Transition to Climate Neutral and Climate Resilient Society"; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [10591/23]
- 121. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the NDP monitoring is showing that projects are being delivered on schedule; and if population growth requires any revisions to the plan. Richard Bruton. [10542/23]
- 122. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform as part of his focus on the NDP and in relation to the capital ceilings, if he has identified particular Departments as a priority and whose current ceiling may need amending; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [10529/23]
- 123. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the Coirib go Cósta Project flood defences of Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [10527/23]

- 124. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the Office of Public Works or he will provide an inventory of unused State-owned buildings in County Clare at this time; the details of which of these buildings he has proposed as suitable accommodation for Ukrainian refugees and/or individuals who have arrived in Ireland seeking international protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cathal Crowe. [10275/23]
- 125. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the Crossmolina flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [10563/23]