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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

1. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on NCT delays; the number of customers who have been afforded a free test in 2022 and 2023, in line with the recently re-introduced provision of the customer charter; the date on which a company (details supplied) will meet its 12-day waiting time target; the penalties it has faced to date for failing to meet this target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [10508/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline his plans for a national strategy for sustainable aviation fuel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [10363/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the measures he will take in 2023 to support Irish ports in readying themselves to help deliver on Ireland's offshore wind potential; if, drawing on European examples, options for direct State funding for ports have been explored and will be employed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [10509/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he will take to further securitise airspace in the context of the safety of persons in aircraft and on the ground regarding drone activity and interference; and if he has engaged with the Minister of State for Local Government and Planning in respect of designing more robust regulations in respect of drone use in local authority jurisdictions. — Catherine Murphy. [10762/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Transport if he agrees with bus services being withdrawn from communities as part of the Bus Connects strategy (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [9464/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. To ask the Minister for Transport when he will publish the All-Ireland Rail Review. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [10008/23]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. To ask the Minister for Transport when the All-Island Strategic Rail Review will be released. — Peadar Tóibín. [9820/23]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on BusConnects Cork. — Thomas Gould. [10455/23]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the Virginia bypass. — Niamh Smyth. [10393/23]

71. 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]

72. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the N25 upgrade between Middleton 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. To ask the Minister for Transport when the all-island strategic review will be completed. — Willie O'Dea. [10596/23]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

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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.

90. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline the process and procedures by which a line Department would come to his Department seeking permission for the release of funding for a pay claim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [10525/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when an improvement in the Naval Service patrol duty allowance will be implemented in accordance with the recommendations in the High Level Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [10763/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will detail the analysis of the Inflation Cooperation Framework that has been carried out to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [10526/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline the capital expenditure budget to be allocated to assist with infrastructure improvements at Rosslare Europort to ensure future growth in the output of the economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [10771/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the oversight that is kept of the monies allocated to various projects within the €165 billion which was allocated to the National Development Plan (details supplied). — Richard O'Donoghue. [10773/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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.

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

110. 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]

111. 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]

112. 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]

113. 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]

114. 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]

115. 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]

116. 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]

117. 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]

118. 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]

119. 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]

120. 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]

121. 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]

122. 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]

123. 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]

124. 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]

125. 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]

126. 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]

127. 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]

128. 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]

129. 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]

130. 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]

131. 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]

132. 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]

133. 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]

134. 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]

135. 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]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*136. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of foreign work permit applications applied for and granted in 2022 for workers in various companies in Limerick city and county, in tabular form. — Richard O'Donoghue. [10689/23]

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

*137. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the timeframe for the roll-out of at least 30mb broadband speeds to a location (details supplied) in County Donegal as part of the national broadband plan; if such areas with poor or no broadband coverage shall be prioritised during the roll-out phase as part of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [10603/23]

*138. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will examine a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [10605/23]

*139. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will examine a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [10606/23]

*140. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason local authorities can no longer install CCTV cameras in the vicinity of bottle banks and other waste collection locations; the measures he proposes to allow such monitoring to recommence; the timeframe for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10613/23]

*141. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 156 of 29 November 2022, if he is aware that the Residential Tenancies Board has advised that disputes relating to electricity credit payments fall outside the remit of the Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [10623/23]

*142. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on his Department's engagement with National Broadband Ireland on identifying and including in the national rollout new build premises which have been constructed in, or adjacent to, areas where the NBI network has been established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [10630/23]

*143. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has assessed the impact on 2023 GHG emissions, and climate measures uptake, of the ongoing delay in publication to date of the Annex of Actions for the Climate Action Plan 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [10642/23]

*144. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his intention to launch a public consultation on direct lines and private wires; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [10714/23]

*145. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he intends to publish Ireland's National Hydrogen Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [10715/23]

*146. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the funding streams that are available to developers who wish to construct renewable energy infrastructure in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [10716/23]

*147. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of RePowerEU funding availed of by Ireland since its inception in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [10717/23]

*148. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he intends to report on the Review of Ireland's security of supply of energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [10718/23]

*149. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his personal views on wave power in Ireland; if a policy around this type of renewable energy exists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [10719/23]

*150. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline Government policy in respect of onshore wind; if an onshore wind strategy exists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [10720/23]

*151. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if consideration has been given to the zoning of land for electrolyser facilities in the context of renewable hydrogen production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [10721/23]

*152. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications whether new battery storage projects are required to participate and apply to the renewable electricity support scheme to ensure community participation in energy projects with a mandatory community benefit fund to be used for the wider economic, environmental, social and cultural well-being of the local community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [10738/23]

*153. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding pricing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10743/23]

*154. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications whether it is the view of the Government and his Department that the obligations created by section 6A(5) of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 have been fully

discharged (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [10760/23]

*155. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a list of supports for businesses and enterprise under his Department; the funding breakdown for same in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [10775/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*156. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the traffic delays experienced by employers and their employees in Limerick as a result of roads being replaced by cycle-lane routes. — Richard O'Donoghue. [10774/23]

*157. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will confirm he will not take any actions that would amend the benefits of members of a pension scheme (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [10610/23]

*158. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that a group (details supplied) have requested information from an organisation; and if he will ensure the information is provided to the group. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10611/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for Transport the reasoning behind the reduced allocation in community involvement scheme funding to Cork County Council this year compared to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [10619/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for Transport the role his Department plays in the provision of transport for young adults with intellectual disabilities to attend further education, employment or training facilities; when he expects the final report of the Transport Working Group for the enhancement of transport and mobility supports to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [10621/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for Transport for transport the amount of revenue generated through advertisement on billboards in train and bus stations in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [10633/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for Transport when the Electric SPSV (eSPSV) scheme for small public service vehicles (SPSVs) will reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [10635/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the Finglas Luas project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [10636/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for Transport when the E, F and A spine of the network redesign of BusConnects will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [10637/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the Finglas roundabout scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [10638/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to expand and alternate the driving test routes at the Finglas test centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [10639/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine matters in relation to the CIÉ 1951 scheme (details supplied) given that he has been satisfied by the trustees as to the liquidity of the fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [10653/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which he and his Department continue to ensure best practice and safety throughout the road, rail and bus network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10673/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which he expects to be in a position to improve the capacity of the M50 and the M4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10674/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which it is anticipated to increase the capacity and frequency of commuter trains serving the towns of Leixlip, Maynooth, Kilcock, Clane, Celbridge, Sallins, Naas and Straffan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10675/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which it is expected to extend and improve the air transport service throughout all regions in such a way as to make it possible for business people and their employees to avail of an efficient and reliable service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10676/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for Transport if any particular traffic management plans are likely given the need to improve the efficiency and safety of the M50 and similar routes to the capital city given the drastic overcrowding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10677/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which it is anticipated to increase the number of carriages on all rail routes serving numerous towns and villages throughout County Kildare, given the demography of the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10678/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which five- and six-axle vehicular traffic continues to be restricted at peak traffic times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10679/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which the use of electric cars is likely to affect our emission reduction targets over the next three to five years; if he has any particular incentives in mind in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10680/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which the 2023 tourist season is likely to be in a position to avail of improved air transport services in terms of the number of flights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10681/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update in respect of the timeline for the electrification of the Maynooth rail line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10682/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of any reviews that have been undertaken regarding extending the short-hop zone in County Wicklow; if he has any plans to extend it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10726/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of any costings that have been carried out to move the rail line between Bray and Greystones inland to bypass Bray Head and lay twin tracks to increase the frequency of trains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10727/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details on the timeframe for the delivery of new train carriages; if these will be used on the Dublin to Rosslare rail line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10728/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details on any plans to develop park and ride facilities along the N11/M11 between Bray and Arklow; if he can provide a timeframe for the design, planning and delivery of any such facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10729/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request that Córas Iompair Éireann provide a detailed explanation, including all of the outstanding information sought by the statutory '1951 Scheme' Committee of Trustees, in respect of the failure of the CIÉ Board to act in a timely manner in relation to investment decisions from the end of March 2020 to 13 May 2020, which lead to an as yet unspecified financial loss to the pension scheme it was responsible for; and if he will provide answers to the preliminary questions outlined in the Elected Trustee Bulletin, dated 20 February (details supplied). — Emer Higgins. [10780/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will compel Córas Iompair Éireann to provide answers to the questions posed by Elected Trustees in relation to Agreed Actuarial Protocols, as outlined in their Elected Trustee Bulletin, dated 20 February 2023. — Emer Higgins. [10781/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to a campaign asking that he not sign any amending Statutory Instrument changing the benefits of members of the CIÉ '1951 Scheme' because the '1951' Committee of Trustees' independent actuary has confirmed 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. — Emer Higgins. [10805/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*185. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a further update regarding a demand for repayment of a State support (details supplied); if the matter has been reviewed in light of evidence provided to show compliance with the spirit of the scheme as designed by him; if so, when the small business owner will be contacted with an update; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10737/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Finance if he intends to streamline the Section 481 tax credit and ensure fundamental governance issues are addressed when film and television productions

are receiving this incentive, in order that the rights of performers are not contractually overridden from the lack of adherence to regulation with legislation such as the Copyright and Related Acts 2000 and the European copyright directive, similar to other international jurisdictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [10754/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for Finance if the €70 million cap on Section 481 tax breaks will be uncapped for pilot-period on the back of major capital investment in studio space in recent years and the potential for Ireland to attract tent-pole productions of scale following the recent success of Irish film production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [10755/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Finance the procedure to be followed by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10789/23]

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.

*189. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline the capital expenditure budget for projects in County Wexford identified in the National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [10772/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when additional long-service increments for Defence Forces personnel will be implemented in accordance with the recommendations in the High Level Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [10764/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 203 of 23 February 2023, when the memorial plaque for the Great Irish Famine, which is already in the possession of the OPW, will be put in an appropriate prominent place at the Custom House, Dublin, given that the exhibition in the Custom House visitor centre does not afford An Gorta Mór the significance it deserves in the narrative. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10617/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update on the development plans for Drogheda Garda station; if he will provide the overall details on the plans; the estimated costs of the plans; the projected date of commencement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [7517/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he expects reform to continue to be a feature in dealing with the National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10664/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which reform remains a feature of public expenditure, with a view to maximising benefit for the taxpayer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10665/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he anticipates the degree to which he can improve the public

procurement system in the coming years, with particular reference to a more efficient and speedy system of placing contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10666/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he has identified particular issues in relation to the implementation of the National Development Plan; his plans for the resolution of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10667/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he continues to examine all Government Departments and their respective agencies, with a view to speeding up and creating greater efficiency in terms of public expenditure and value for the taxpayer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10668/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the Government Departments that currently have the least attractive record in relation to delivery of public contracts and procurement; the provisions in mind, if necessary, to address any issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10669/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he continues to liaise with all Government Departments and their subsidiaries/agents, with a view to achieving the maximum in terms of efficiency and delivery in line with best international practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10670/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he and/or his Department are continuing to monitor all Government Departments and their agents with a view to accelerating and improving procurement, while at the same time maintaining the highest necessary standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10671/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the degree to which his Department continues to observe and encourage best practice in terms of the delivery of such issues as the National Development Plan; if savings for the taxpayer will emerge as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10672/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he is aware of problems with the State-owned building in Shannon, County Clare in which the Department of Transport have their offices (details supplied); if he will urgently acquire more suitable replacement accommodation in Shannon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [10731/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when his Department will sanction proposals, following a March 2020 Labour Court recommendation, to enable a new offer on pay, terms and conditions to be tabled to adult education tutors for their consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [10739/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the total number and value of unclaimed prizes from the National Lottery in each of the past six years to date; the degree to which such unclaimed prizes revert to the Exchequer and or to the lottery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10782/23]

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

*205. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén fáth nach ndéantar íocaíocht leis na teaghlaigh a bhíonn ag coinneáil scoláirí faoin scéim scoláireachta chuig scoileanna dara leibhéal ar na hoileáin ar laethanta nach bhfuil na scoláirí ann de bharr drochaimsire, tinneas, cluichí agus turais scoile de bharr go mbíonn orthu na seomraí a choinneáil dóibh na laethanta sin agus go mór mór le drochaimsir agus tinneas, is minic go dtarlaíonn sé sin gan choinne; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [10735/23]

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

*206. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the limited finance options available through pillar banks for those seeking home ownership and building modular homes with certified engineers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [10615/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of modular or rapid build homes constructed in 2022; if he will detail in tabular form the number for each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [10616/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason Louth County Council are no longer taking properties for long-term lease, further to departmental advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [10624/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of houses built in each county in 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Richard O'Donoghue. [10691/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider expanding the eligibility criteria for the vacant property refurbishment grant scheme, to include persons who may wish to restore a derelict house to habitable use for a family member or as a small-scale investment, thus increasing the availability of property for the rental market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [10697/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the work underway by his Department on investigation of upland management techniques, other than legal burning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [10698/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 110 of 26 January 2023, the specific measures planned or underway as capacity is built for long-term habitat management; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [10699/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 110 of 26 January 2023, the specific measures planned or underway as capacity is built for grazing pressures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [10700/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 110 of 26 January 2023, the specific measures planned or underway as capacity is built for the control of alien invasives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [10701/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of private rented accommodation inspections carried out by local authorities in each of the years 2018 to 2022, and to date in 2023; the number of inspections in which further enforcement action was taken, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [10736/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will amend the Planning and Development Bill 2023 to restore the requirement for local authorities to reserve land for communities to use for cultivation as allotments and to regulate, promote and facilitate the use of land for allotments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [10756/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he supports the continued reservation of land by local authorities for communities to use for cultivation as allotments; the measures that he proposes to make to support allotments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [10757/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the studies, if any, his department has carried out on the potential negative impacts of removing the requirement for local authorities to reserve land for communities to use for cultivation as allotments and to regulate, promote and facilitate the use of land for allotments from the Planning and Development Bill 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [10758/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has any plans to extend the planning permission requirement for short-term letting to areas outside rent pressure zones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10778/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 266 of 15 November 2022, if he will review and correct his previous response where he stated that the procedures were followed in relation to a complaint made to the Ombudsman Office concerning breach of a statutory requirement, under section 53(1) of the Building Control Act 2007, by the Society of Chartered Surveyors Registration Body Professional Conducts Committee, which it is believed were not followed in accordance with section 53(1) of the Building Control Act 2007 in that the right of appeal was denied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10798/23]

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

*221. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the aims and objectives of the German government-backed Munich Security Conference; if he will report on his attendance at the recent meeting of this conference; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [10628/23]

*222. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he considers the unequal treatment of Palestinians in Israel and in the occupied Palestinian territory, as well as the discriminatory practices towards the Palestinian people on a regular basis, as crimes against humanity which the international community is obliged to oppose and to act, individually and collectively, to end. — Patrick Costello. [10646/23]

*223. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he agrees with the former Attorney General of Israel (details supplied) that this is now a one-State reality, with two different peoples living with unequal rights, and that Israel's entire society is implicit in this unjust reality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10647/23]

*224. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passports issued in each county in 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Richard O'Donoghue. [10690/23]

*225. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he intends to increase the capacity of the Permanent Representation of Ireland to the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [10722/23]

*226. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the current position in regard to the availability of an Irish passport in the case of a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10784/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*227. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider taking the necessary steps to allow the education welfare service attached to Tusla to find school placements for children under six years of age, given that many parents in certain areas are having great difficulty finding school places for their children; the role of education welfare officers in sourcing school places for children generally, including children with special educational needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [10626/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Education if a decision in relation to the case of a person (details supplied) will be reconsidered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10687/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Education if she will confirm if funding will be made available for student teachers in a course (details supplied) to cover the cost of their Gaeltacht fees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [10693/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Education the enrolment figures for all the schools, primary- and post-primary, in Trim, County Meath on a class-by-class basis and, where relevant, by gender; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [10609/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Education if she will give consideration to a request from students (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [10614/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Education if the catchment areas of schools coincide with her Department's school planning areas; the role of feeder primary schools in this context; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [10629/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider extending eligibility for Gaeltacht placement grants to students from an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [10634/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Education if she will detail the contacts she has had with a school (details supplied) in respect of the need to progress the building programme for the school; if she will provide an update and give assurance in relation to the building programme at the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [10640/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Education if a decision has been made on an application by a person (details supplied) for assistance through CaraNua; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [10641/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to consult with small independent retailers whose main business is the supply of schoolbooks in advance of the introduction of free books to primary schools, in order to give them time to plan for the 2023-2024 term; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [10643/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Education if additional resources will be provided to a school (details supplied) in view of the circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10645/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Education if the number of teachers will remain the same in a school (details supplied) given the circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [10688/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding a lease for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [10692/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Education if she will confirm the details of the assessment processes in place for approving children's books to be made available in public libraries and school curricula; if there is a forum where parents can make submissions on books already approved or to be approved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [10694/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Education when a project will proceed to the next stage (details supplied) in view of the urgency of providing additional permanent accommodation at this school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [10702/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Education the plans she has to support children who may feel othered because they will be removed from classes that teach gender identity ideology; and if she will provide alternative teaching for children who are removed from these classes to ensure that

they do not receive less education because of their adherence to the scientific understanding of gender identity. — Peadar Tóibín. [10703/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Education if the teaching of gender identity ideology will be limited to specific classes, or if it will be integrated across a number of subjects or delivered across the whole of the curriculum; if it is the latter two, how children will be able to absent themselves from gender identity ideology classes without missing out on core curriculum subjects; and how parents who work full-time will be able to facilitate children absenting themselves from gender identity ideology classes. — Peadar Tóibín. [10704/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Education if she has taken legal advice as to the exposure to litigation of her Department where the new junior cycle SPHE curriculum on gender identity contributes to a child with psychological comorbidities being gender affirmed to a new gender without the comorbidities being identified or treated; the duty of care the school has in these situations; and the resources that will be provided to the school to ensure that they can fulfil their duty of care. — Peadar Tóibín. [10705/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Education if the new NCCA curriculum for the junior cycle indicates clearly to children the link between children consuming pornography and sexual violence and rape; if the new NCCA curriculum for the junior cycle will indicate the link between children consuming pornography and distorted understandings of healthy relationships, pornography addiction, distorted male and female expectations of sexual relationships and of body image; and if the new NCCA curriculum for the junior cycle will give clear ethical guidelines to children not to consume pornography while under the age of 18 years. — Peadar Tóibín. [10706/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a list of supports for businesses and enterprise under her Department; the funding breakdown for same, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [10776/23]

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

*247. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Cork is entitled to a companion pass. — Michael Creed. [10604/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her advice for parents who cannot register their child's birth due to delays in getting a court date for paternity; when section 6 of the Civil Registration (Amendment) Act 2014 will be commenced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [10631/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a disability allowance payment in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10648/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in respect of review for carer's allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); when a decision is expected to issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10651/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the correct level of pension payable in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10652/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the review of disability allowance means for a person (details supplied); when the payment will increase; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [10654/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will make a statement on her department's oversight role in relation to the Citizens Information Service. — Ivana Bacik. [10660/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the independent review of volunteering in the Citizens Information Service has been completed; and when the report will be published. — Ivana Bacik. [10661/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will advise with regard to a person changing their name on their public services; if she will advise on the current process of unofficially using a name for two years before the change can be made; if there are any avenues by which a person can expedite the process in certain cases (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [10742/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the continued entitlement, if any, for an appropriate social welfare payment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10783/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a review and appeal can be initiated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10788/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which rent supplement remains payable in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10794/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of social welfare claims in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [10799/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a status update on a carer's allowance claim in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [10800/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a status update on a carer's allowance claim in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [10801/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a status update on a carer's allowance claim in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [10803/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 74 of 29 November 2022, if the evaluation of the school meals programme is complete, including the funding rates made available in order to provide nutritious meals for children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [10813/23]

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

*264. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware that young LGBTQ people in Ireland are being targeted on social media with advertisements for conversion therapy; and the measures his Department plans to take to address the issue. — Martin Browne. [10812/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of accommodation centres which were not subject to inspection by officials from the International Protection Accommodation Service or a company (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [10658/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of accommodation centres which were subject to inspection by officials from the International Protection Accommodation Service or a company (details supplied) and which failed the inspection process in each month of 2022 and to date in 2023, expressed as a figure and also as an overall proportion of registered centres at the time of inspection. — Ivana Bacik. [10659/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason payments have not issued to an accommodation centre housing Ukrainian refugees (details supplied) for the months of November, December, January and February; when these payments will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [10740/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when an accommodation provider for Ukrainian refugees (details supplied) who is experiencing financial difficulties will receive payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [10779/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will look into acquiring a disused school (details supplied) in County Tipperary for use in accommodating refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [10802/23]

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

*270. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if students studying for a qualification (details supplied) qualify for the reduced fee contribution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [10683/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the OECD review of Ireland's skills planning and development will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [10663/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when he will publish the Research and Development Budget 2021 – 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [10686/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline a timeframe for the publication of the OECD Review of Ireland's skill strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [10724/23]

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

*274. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will advise and assist with an issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [10627/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application for citizenship for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10662/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Justice if applications are being accepted from prisoners serving sentences in the UK for transfer to serve the remainder of their sentences in Ireland; if this includes those serving sentences in Northern Ireland; the steps being put in place to speed up these transfers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [10741/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will consider an independent review of the role and powers of the Data Protection Commission, and of how best to strengthen and reform the Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [10750/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Justice if an application for citizenship is current in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10785/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Justice the current position in regard to the determination of eligibility for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10786/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Justice when a response might be expected in respect of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10790/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Justice the current and expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10791/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Justice the current or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10793/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*283. To ask the Minister for Health the reason proof of payment for procedures through the cross-Border directive has to be provided to the cross-Border office to secure reimbursement (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [10600/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the implementation of the Public Health (Tobacco and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Bill 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [10602/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Health the current staff vacancies and the length of time those vacancies have existed in each of the different CDNTs in CHO7; the steps that are being taken to

retain staff and to recruit staff for existing or expected vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10607/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Health if a child on a waiting list for services at one CDNT can move on the list to another adjacent CDNT; if they can, if their time on the waiting list will be taken into account or whether they will be put at the end of the waiting list. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10608/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive their cataract surgery. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10612/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline plans for a facility (details supplied). — Emer Higgins. [10618/23]

*289. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail the reason for the excess mortality rates reported recently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [10622/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with Kerry addresses that are waiting for consultation for cataracts; the number of persons with Kerry addresses that are waiting to have a cataract removed following on from having met a consultant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10625/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the Waterford and Southeast Caredoc service (details supplied) in view of communications regarding delayed access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [10649/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Health if persons in receipt of a British pension can apply for reimbursement of costs for healthcare treatment received in another EU member state under the Cross Border Directive scheme; if there are other arrangements in place which allow persons in receipt of a British pension to apply for reimbursement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [10655/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to a further extension of the temporary inflation payment scheme into 2023 to support private and voluntary nursing homes with energy cost increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [10656/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to a further extension of the temporary assistance payment scheme into 2023 to support private and voluntary nursing homes with additional costs due to Covid-19 outbreaks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [10657/23]

*295. To ask the Minister for Health arising from the recent meetings between the HSE and a company (details supplied), if an agreement has been or is likely to be reached in relation to the drug, kaftrio, which is eagerly and anxiously awaited by parents and children alike; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10684/23]

*296. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding hospital parking charges for groups (details supplied); if a free parking pass system will be considered that would reduce the financial burden on these voluntary groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [10685/23]

*297. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to publish a successor to the now-expired National Rare Disease Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [10710/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the recruitment process for a dedicated official within his Department to have oversight of rare disease policy; the timeframe for such a process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [10711/23]

*299. To ask the Minister for Health when he intends to publish the review of the Obesity Policy and Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [10712/23]

*300. To ask the Minister for Health when the cross-departmental group on the EU Pharmaceutical Strategy last met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [10713/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Health the amount being spent per month on maintaining the Covid tracker app; how many people log-in daily; how many close contacts have been contacted as a result of engagement with the app, on average monthly, since its inception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10733/23]

*302. To ask the Minister for Health if he can assist a person (details supplied) with an issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10745/23]

*303. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10746/23]

*304. To ask the Minister for Health the reason melatonin and propranolol are not covered by a student medical card while venlafex, which has been prescribed as part of a trio of medication, is; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that having to pay for these two medications is having a significant financial impact, especially when other college costs are also factored in; if there are any other supports or schemes a student can access to cover the cost of their medications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [10748/23]

*305. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the terms of reference given to HIQA to carry out health technology assessments related to influenza vaccines; if he will detail the proposed timelines for these assessments to be commenced and completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [10751/23]

*306. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he and his officials are taking to ensure vulnerable groups including those aged over 65 years of age have the greatest level of protection for the 2023/2024 winter flu season; if he has considered NIAC's advice to offer an enhanced influenza vaccine for this age cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [10752/23]

*307. To ask the Minister for Health if home help hours can be reinstated for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10761/23]

*308. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the number of persons from County Wicklow currently undergoing dialysis treatment; if any review is ongoing into the

potential to offer this treatment in a primary care setting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [10777/23]

*309. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which a refused medical card application in the case of a person (details supplied) can be reviewed given the health circumstances of their case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10787/23]

*310. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure in place to ensure an adequate coverage of GPs to replace those retiring or new residents who have not yet been able to source a GP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10792/23]

*311. To ask the Minister for Health the availability of speech and language therapy in the case of the son of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10796/23]

*312. To ask the Minister for Health the steps the Government has taken to implement the Commission Delegated Directive [EU] 2022/2100 on the withdrawal of certain exemptions in respect of heated tobacco products, which was published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 3 November 2022 and entered into force on 23 November 2022 ahead of the deadline of 23 July for the transposition of the directive into the national framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [10804/23]

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

*313. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he can reconsider the rules excluding robotics farmers from the new TAMS scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [10599/23]

*314. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when data checks regarding curlew action will be completed for a person (details supplied) in order that their 2021 GLAS 3 balancing payment can issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [10601/23]

*315. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry will be accepted into the ACRES scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10620/23]

*316. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry will be accepted into the ACRES scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10632/23]

*317. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of TB lesions that were cultured in 2022; the percentage of these lesions that were from reactor animals; the percentage that were from post-mortems in factories; if he will provide a ratio of positive to negative cultures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [10695/23]

*318. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the minimum and maximum timeframes that are for culturing TB lesions; if it is possible with advancements in technologies to reduce the amount of time it takes to culture lesions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [10696/23]

*319. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he can assist pensioners of a company (details supplied) whom he has responsibility for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [10709/23]

*320. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider including agricultural/farm contractors in the new targeted agricultural modernisation scheme (TAMS 3); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [10747/23]

*321. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the taking-out of a joint train licence by an individual (details supplied) is in compliance with Horse Racing Ireland rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [10753/23]

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

*322. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there are grants provided for under her Department that allow for improvement works to be carried out on car parks and footpaths around local parish and community halls and centres being cognisant of the fact that the Community Centre Investment Fund does not appear to cover these works; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [10732/23]

*323. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development whether it is intended to provide funding for the improvement of a LIS road on an island in 2023 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [10734/23]