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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Mattie McGrath. [9798/23]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Gary Gannon. [10952/23]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [11006/23]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Mick Barry. [11019/23]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [11111/23]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [11298/23]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [11358/23]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11360/23]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Bríd Smith. [11363/23]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Gino Kenny. [11365/23]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [11507/23]
12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the economic policy unit of his Department. — Cian O’Callaghan. [11540/23]
13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [11068/23]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Immigration will next meet. — Mattie McGrath. [9799/23]

15. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Immigration will next meet. — Gary Gannon. [10953/23]

16. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee dealing with immigration will next meet. — Mick Barry. [11020/23]

17. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Immigration will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11361/23]

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on immigration will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [11364/23]

19. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with Immigration and Integration will next meet. — Alan Dillon. [11595/23]

20. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [9814/23]

21. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9603/23]

22. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [9675/23]

23. To ask the Taoiseach when the committee that deals with higher education and research will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10251/23]

24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [11110/23]

25. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11292/23]

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [11293/23]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Niamh Smyth. [11294/23]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Gary Gannon. [10954/23]

29. To ask the Taoiseach when the committee that deals with higher education and research will next meet. — Gary Gannon. [10955/23]

30. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. — Mick Barry. [11396/23]

31. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [11506/23]

32. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Cathal Crowe. [11545/23]

33. To ask the Taoiseach the extent of any recent discussions with the various political parties in Northern Ireland in the context of the Shared Island Initiative. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9878/23]

34. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island Dialogue all-island women's forum civic initiative. — Mary Lou McDonald. [10770/23]

35. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a report on any recent discussions with political parties in Northern Ireland in regard to the Shared Island Initiative. — Brendan Smith. [11296/23]

36. To ask the Taoiseach the extent of any recent discussions with the various political parties in Northern Ireland in the context of the Shared Island Initiative. — Gary Gannon. [10956/23]

37. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island Initiative. — Ivana Bacik. [11010/23]

38. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island Initiative. — Mick Barry. [11397/23]

39. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a report on any recent discussions with political parties in Northern Ireland in regard to the Shared Island Initiative. — Cathal Crowe. [11611/23]

40. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Government's response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2022. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9602/23]

41. To ask the Taoiseach the progress to date in addressing and/or implementing actions proposed by the National Competitiveness and Productivity Council, in the context of Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2022. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10233/23]

42. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Government's response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2022. — Ivana Bacik. [11007/23]

43. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Government's response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2022. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [11252/23]

44. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Government's response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2022. — Cian O'Callaghan. [11541/23]

45. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Government's response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2022. — Cathal Crowe. [11546/23]

46. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9604/23]

47. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [11008/23]

48. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Jim O'Callaghan. [11556/23]

49. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [9677/23]

50. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Peadar Kirby. [11112/23]

51. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [11253/23]

52. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Brendan Smith. [11295/23]

53. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Seán Haughey. [11297/23]

54. To ask the Taoiseach the number of meetings that have taken place to date in 2023 of the climate action delivery board co-chaired by his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [10768/23]

55. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the well-being framework for Ireland overseen by his Department. — Aindrias Moynihan. [10825/23]

56. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the well-being framework for Ireland overseen by his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [11070/23]

57. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the wellbeing framework. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11606/23]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

58. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider the introduction of targeted and temporary mortgage interest relief to absorb a portion of increased interest costs since June 2022 on primary dwelling home mortgages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [11517/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Finance the plans of his Department in terms of new taxation policies to stem the exodus of private landlords from the private rented sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [11590/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is satisfied that the insurance sector is providing insurance pricing which reflects the fall in the number and value of claims since the introduction of the Personal Injuries Guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [11518/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Finance the plans, if any, he has regarding the issue of affordability of cars for young families who are dependent on the second-hand car market for transport to schools, third-level institutions and work (details supplied). — Richard O'Donoghue. [10765/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of victims, of and the value of money stolen through, authorised push payment fraud in each of the years 2016 to 2022; the actions his Department will take to tackle authorised push payment fraud; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [11519/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

63. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the work of the Office for the Promotion of Competition in the Insurance Market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [10256/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is concerned with the potential impact of the reversal of the 9% VAT rate to 13.5% for enterprises; if his Department has evaluated the number of jobs this measure could potentially cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9270/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount raised by the various levies and contributions in existence on insurance premiums for each year since their introduction; if he is currently reviewing the operation of the levies associated with the ICF; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11341/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is concerned at the impact of recent and predicted ECB interest rate rises will have on the ability of first-time buyers to afford to purchase a home and service a mortgage; if he or his officials have had discussions in relation to any policy interventions which are under consideration in regard to the impact of continuing rate rises on borrowers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [11263/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to increase the tax-free allowance for pensioners to bring it in line with the new allowance for workers. — Emer Higgins. [11283/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the implementation of the recommendations of the Retail Banking Review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [11380/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of County Kildare businesses that have applied for assistance under the temporary business energy support scheme to date; the number of them that have been successful; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for businesses in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [11368/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking in response to a mortgage services provider (details supplied) increasing the standard variable interest rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11345/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will engage with the Central Bank with respect to the sale of tracker mortgages to vulture funds where those mortgages were overcharged as a result of the tracker mortgage scandal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [11337/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Finance if he or his Department has met with officials from the GAA to discuss the cashless ticket system (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [11113/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has any plans to change VAT rates in Ireland in response to the coming zero-rates of VAT on energy-saving materials such as solar panels in Northern Ireland, due to the Windsor Framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [11093/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will publish the economic analysis undertaken by his Department regarding the retention of the 9% rate of VAT with respect to the hospitality and tourism sectors; if he will outline its findings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [11320/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will indicate this country's total debt as a percentage of GDP, GNP and GNI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11302/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 240 of 24 January 2023, the status of the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal; the details of the body that will provide the facilities and secretarial service, in light of the recent decision by the National Rehabilitation Hospital to cease its involvement with the scheme; the timeline for when the appeals process will re-commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [11107/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Disabled Drivers Medical Board appeals process has been re-established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [11388/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Finance his estimate of the number of persons in County Cavan that are eligible to claim the rent tax credit; his estimate of the number of persons in County Monaghan that are eligible to claim the rent tax credit; the number of persons in County Cavan that are currently claiming it; the number of persons in County Monaghan that are currently claiming it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [11325/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to review the 41% exit tax charged on life-wrapped funds sold by life assurance companies and from exchange trade funds. — Emer Higgins. [11282/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in County Westmeath that have applied for assistance under the temporary business energy support scheme to date; the number of those that have been successful; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for businesses in County Westmeath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [11154/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of an organisation's (details supplied) recent call for a wealth tax of graduated rates of 2%, 3% and 5% on wealth above €4.7 million,

the organisation stating that such a wealth tax would raise €8.2 billion annually with the potential to transform Irish public services in health, housing and education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [11371/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the number of temporary business energy support scheme applications to date; the work being done to improve the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [9261/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Finance if the total number of persons who have successfully claimed the renters' tax credit recently introduced by the Government; if this measure will be strengthened into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [11343/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to improve the level of uptake of TBESS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [11347/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Finance the way his Department is working to encourage small Irish-based businesses to scale up in size using taxation strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [11382/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on increasing excise duty on the price of gas for residential use, home heating oil and solid fuel products in May 2023 in the context of a cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [11322/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Finance his assessment of the operation of the temporary business energy support scheme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [11379/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Finance the total monies received by the Revenue Commissioners in January and February 2023 through benefit-in-kind payments for vehicles compared to receipts from January and February 2021 and 2022; if any further consideration has been given to assist the many thousands of BIK recipients who have been negatively impacted financially since the change on 1 January 2023 in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [11342/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has plans to review the criteria for the incapacitated child tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [11376/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Finance when the next departmental tax expenditure evaluation will be published on the research and development tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [10598/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Finance if any changes are planned to the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [11377/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of applications for the rent tax credit to date in 2023; if a county breakdown of the claims is available; when the first credits will be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [11306/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review current rates of VRT given that some disability support and special needs organisations are being negatively impacted by current rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [11349/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Finance if the temporary business energy support scheme is available to (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [11105/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of the sale of tracker mortgages to vulture funds which were redressed/compensated as a result of the tracker mortgage examination; his views on these sales; and if he will engage with the Central Bank on the issue. — Louise O'Reilly. [11393/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of an organisation's (details supplied) recent report on wealth inequality in Ireland, which found that the number of Irish persons with individual wealth of over €46.6 million has more than doubled between 2012 and 2022, rising from 655 to 1,435 people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11408/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Finance his estimate of the number of persons in County Kildare that are eligible to claim the rent tax credit; the number of persons in County Kildare that are currently claiming it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [11369/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Finance his estimate of the number of persons in County Tipperary eligible to claim the rent tax credit; the number of persons that are currently claiming it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [11310/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to extend the business energy support scheme to LPG gas and oil; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [8044/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons that availed of the stay-and-spend scheme; the value of receipts uploaded to the scheme; the cost to the State of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [11305/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the number of persons who have availed of the new rent tax credit since it was introduced; the number who been awarded the credit provided an RTB registration number in their application compared to those who have not; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [10257/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of the sale of tracker mortgages to third parties and vulture funds which were overcharged as a result of the tracker mortgage examination; his views on these sales in the context of the principles of the TME; and if he will engage with the Central Bank with respect to same. — Pearse Doherty. [11319/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has any plans to amend the parameters of the regional uplift scheme to encourage film production as part of the film tax credit section 481; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [11157/23]

104. To ask the Minister for Finance the companies that attended the dinner he hosted in Davos recently; the matters that were discussed with these companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11406/23]

105. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of complaints made with regard to the operation and services provided by the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman; if he will consider introducing an independent assessor to consider complaints about the standard of service and practical handling of a case provided by the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [11321/23]

106. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware that leading global tax researchers from the University of California, Berkeley and the University of Copenhagen (details supplied) have identified Ireland as a major tax haven and estimate that Ireland artificially attracts €130 billion in profits from other countries and gains €7.2 billion in tax revenue from this profit shifting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [11372/23]

107. To ask the Minister for Finance further to his commitment at the Select Oireachtas Committee on Enterprise, Trade, and Employment, if he has devised a way to include those businesses using kerosene oil and LPG gas in the temporary business energy support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9182/23]

108. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline any role or involvement he has in the proposed Coillte/Gresham House deal in relation to the future of Irish forestry; his views on the tax treatment of such an investment plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11403/23]

109. To ask the Minister for Finance if any action can be taken for borrowers who had previously experienced difficulties in making mortgage repayments to banks and had their loans sold to non-bank lenders companies and are now stuck paying very high variable mortgage repayments with most credit servicing firms not offering new fixed rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [11153/23]

110. To ask the Minister for Finance if it has been brought to his attention that Ireland has one of the highest debt burdens per capita in the world. — Peadar Tóibín. [9818/23]

111. To ask the Minister for Finance if the current 9% tourism VAT rate will be extended past 1 March 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [3847/23]

112. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is satisfied that insurance premiums are being successfully reduced for motorists, businesses and other users, in line with the ever-reducing amounts for personal injury awards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [11327/23]

113. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans for reviewing motor tax and VRT for ICE and electric vehicles to encourage the uptake of smaller, lighter and more efficient vehicles on our roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [11386/23]

114. To ask the Minister for Finance his estimate of the number of person's in Dublin eligible to claim the rent tax credit; the number of person's that are currently claiming it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [11303/23]

115. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider a tax incentive scheme strategy or study to encourage the development of a hotel enterprise, with a minimum of 20 beds, in tourism business-dependent towns that currently do not have a hotel within their town boundaries (details supplied). — Frankie Feighan. [9596/23]

116. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to re-examine the benefit-in-kind changes introduced in the Finance Act 2019 due to higher emissions and costs to those workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11340/23]

117. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide the total value of money received in carbon tax in 2021 and 2022. — Brian Stanley. [11410/23]

118. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected contribution of and receipts to the exchequer to the European Multi-annual Financial Framework in each of the years 2023 to 2027. — Matt Carthy. [10334/23]

119. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of the sale of tracker mortgages to vulture funds which were overcharged as a result of the tracker mortgage scandal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [11328/23]

120. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 196 of 23 February 2023, if his Department is considering any changes to the range of professional services for which professional services withholding tax is operated; if professional services to which PSWT currently applies could instead be considered for the relevant contracts tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [11385/23]

121. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will set out his plans to address the rising cost of and access to public liability insurance for community groups to operate local festivals and events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [11384/23]

122. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will make provision for a reduction in the VAT rate applying to the music and entertainment sector, to align with other EU countries, and protect the viability of the sector. — Ciarán Cannon. [11387/23]

123. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has evaluated the financial status of small business in the post Covid period; the extent to which data from the Revenue Commissioners indicates a difficulty in meeting payments; if he can shed light on the reasons for the low take-up of the business energy cost supports offered by the Revenue Commissioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [11390/23]

124. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in County Meath that have applied for the business energy support scheme; the number that have been successful; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8319/23]

125. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated net benefit per households, from March to end October 2023, of the reduced VAT rate applied to electricity and gas, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [11323/23]

126. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of County Cavan businesses that have applied for assistance under the temporary business energy support scheme to date; the number of County Monaghan businesses that have applied; the number of County Cavan applications that have been successful; the number of Monaghan applications that have been successful; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [11324/23]

127. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Dublin businesses that have applied for assistance under the temporary business energy support scheme to date; the number of them that have been successful; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for businesses in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [11304/23]

128. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 121 of 24 January 2023, his plans for the phasing out of the help-to-buy scheme; the timeline for same; the details of any analysis carried out by his Department into the impact of the scheme on the price of new houses in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [11106/23]

129. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is concerned with the situation where disabled people who need to have vehicles modified for their use outside of the State are facing high additional costs due to VRT; his plans to alleviate this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [11389/23]

130. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department will reconsider the recent changes made to the benefit-in-kind tax for diesel vehicles; if his Department considered the rising costs to motorists despite the lead in time to the programme since the implementation of the 2019 Finance Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [11339/23]

131. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which positive conclusions can be drawn from this country's economic performance when considered alongside other EU zone countries and all other European countries; if the methodology for the measurement of the economy here continues to be robust and accurate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11301/23]

132. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of people that have claimed the rent tax credit to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [10973/23]

133. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of County Tipperary businesses that have applied for assistance under the temporary business energy support scheme to date; the number of them that have been successful; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for businesses in County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [11309/23]

134. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on his engagement with the Credit Union movement concerning the Credit Union (Amendment) Bill 2022. — Holly Cairns. [11392/23]

135. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of County Cork businesses that have applied for assistance under the temporary business energy support scheme to date; the number of them that have been successful; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for businesses in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11346/23]

136. To ask the Minister for Finance his engagement with the insurance companies that provide home insurance to ensure that new-build passive housing can secure home insurance; if he is aware of the difficulties with new flat-roof options for passive housing being declined for home insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [11326/23]

137. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the VAT treatment of used car imports into Ireland from Northern Ireland and from Great Britain; if the Windsor Framework will

have any effect on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [11092/23]

138. To ask the Minister for Finance his estimate of the number of persons in County Longford that are eligible to claim the rent tax credit; the number of persons in County Longford that are currently claiming it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [11350/23]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*139. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the setting-up of a public inquiry into the Covid-19 response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [10993/23]

*140. To ask the Taoiseach the remuneration or expenses the chair of the Citizens Assembly on drugs will be entitled to. — Carol Nolan. [11091/23]

*141. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department supports the use of gender-neutral pronouns in the drafting of legislation or policies initiated by or originating in his Department. — Carol Nolan. [11279/23]

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

*142. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the Government's plans to combat the use of artificial intelligence chat bots used to mimic individuals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [11448/23]

*143. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if person (details supplied) is still on the Enterprise Digital Advisory Forum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [11000/23]

*144. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what due diligence was carried out by Enterprise Ireland for their investment in a company (details supplied); if there was oversight at board level; and if recent developments will lead to a re-evaluation of investment strategies and oversight. — Louise O'Reilly. [11001/23]

*145. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total funding lost through investment in a company (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [11002/23]

*146. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on three work permit applications (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11087/23]

*147. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has provided any support to Irish companies to participate in the IDES 2023 arms fair in Abu Dhabi; if his Department is aware of any Irish companies participating in the fair; if so, if a list of the

companies will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [11169/23]

*148. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of WTE vacancies by job title in the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission as of 28 February 2023. — Alan Kelly. [11222/23]

*149. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department supports the use of gender-neutral pronouns in the drafting of legislation or policies initiated by or originating in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11268/23]

*150. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department can confirm delays in the granting of work visas to internationally qualified clinical measurement physiologists who wish to work in Ireland and apply for recognition of their qualifications to the Irish Institute of Clinical Measurement Science; if his Department is taking any steps to alleviate such delays to ensure the availability of such a critical workforce to the healthcare sector here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [11336/23]

*151. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has received any report from the Corporate Enforcement Authority on the meeting in January 2023 between the Corporate Enforcement Authority, workers of a company (details supplied) and this Deputy, a meeting that was facilitated by the Secretary General of his Department following a parliamentary question raised by this Deputy with the Taoiseach on 13 December 2022 regarding the findings from a recently made film in relation to the liquidation of said company; if he has not received such a report, if he will seek it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11420/23]

*152. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department was aware in the course of the liquidation of a company (details supplied); if so, when his Department became aware of the pre-pack administration package put together in April 2019 by several financial entities, involving a floating charge loan of £200 million to the company's UK entity, which was subsequently injected into it but for which the Irish and Danish stores were made co-guarantors, and the use of the 12-month rule in Irish law concerning the fixing of these charges on the company in Ireland, and the fact that the liquidation of the company's Irish operations was announced precisely 12 months later on the day such a liability became legally valid in Irish law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11421/23]

*153. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department was aware that a company (details supplied) had not renewed its 36 trademarks in the Republic of Ireland in 2020 prior to the liquidation of the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11422/23]

*154. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department is aware that workers of a company (details supplied) were initially told the company debt was €22 million in May 2020, and in July that debt had risen to more than €300 million, and that the workers were also told that the revenues from the online sales of a website would be used in the liquidation, which subsequently turned out not to be the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11423/23]

*155. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total amount of funding provided in 2022, either directly by his Department or indirectly through State agencies, which constitutes research, development, and innovation funding; the name of each stream, scheme, fund, grant, or other, through which said research, development and innovation funding is provided, and the accompanying volume of funding in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [11485/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what plans are currently under development at his Department for a State trade mission to the United States of America in 2023; what individual US States are under consideration to visit during such a trade mission; the process for developing such trade missions in the US at his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [11527/23]

*157. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total amount of funding for research, development, and innovation in 2023, either directly by his Department in or indirectly through State agencies, which constitutes RD&I funding; the name of each stream, scheme, fund, grant, programme or other, through which said RD&I funding is provided and the accompanying volume of funding, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [11552/23]

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

*158. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on work towards achieving the SDG targets. — Patrick Costello. [11425/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will list the number of registered one stop shops in Mayo and the Connaught region to offer a start-to-finish project management service, including access to financing, for home energy upgrades; the average costs and waiting time, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [10854/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of retrofits that were completed in 2022, under each scheme, by county; the average costs and waiting time, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [10855/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline what is envisaged in terms of the proposed administrative scheme to deal with costs associated with initiating proceedings relating to non-compliance with national law relating to the environment; if the scheme will replace existing protective costs orders; if it will provide for public interest and multi-party actions; the planned timeframe for roll-out of the scheme; if the scheme will be informed by the current review civil legal aid scheme and stakeholder submissions to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10870/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will clarify when the Annex of Actions to the Climate Action Plan 2023 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10872/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the implementation plan for the Climate Action Plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10881/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes upgraded under SEAI energy poverty schemes on an annual basis from 2015 to 2022; if he will provide a breakdown of works undertaken under those schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10882/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of live applications for the better energy warmer homes scheme; the average waiting time for an application to be assessed, both countrywide and by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10883/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes upgraded to BER B2 under SEAI retrofitting schemes on an annual basis from 2015 to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10884/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of heat pumps that have been installed on an annual basis from 2015 to 2022 in existing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10885/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of applications for the SEAI warmer homes grant; the current average length of time persons are waiting for SEAI warmer homes grant works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10886/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the low-interest loans to enable homes to retrofit will be available; the number of grant applications awaiting the finalisation of this rate before progressing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10887/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes that have applied for SEAI solar grants; the number of homes that have been approved for solar for each year since its inception up to and including 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10888/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the development of the small-scale generation support scheme; the policy measures that will be included in this proposal; when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10889/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of State contracts awarded in the past ten years for the provision of broadband and telecommunications projects; the value of each contract and the name of the successful bidder; the details of the level of Government oversight in each project; if this oversight extended to main subcontractors involved in delivering each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [10994/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will arrange for the appropriate official within the Department to make contact with a school (details

supplied) to organise a discussion on Greenwashing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [11023/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if houses that have outer leaf repairs carried out under the Mica redress scheme will qualify for SEAI home energy efficiency schemes grants, if it is the case they are prohibited from applying; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [11029/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on a service operated by a company that previously worked in collaboration with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to reports that users of the service who do not wish to continue with a new paid, private subscription have requested their original heating controls are reinstated, but have been refused this by the company; and if he will outline the options open to them to pursue a satisfactory resolution. — Eoin Ó Broin. [11098/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the current contract for the provision of handling emergency calls services is due to expire; and the amount his Department spent on this service in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [11216/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what work has been done by his Department to ensure that those whose principal private residence is a mobile home on a shared services site will get the Government energy credits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [11248/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of single-journey plane flights he has taken in each year in his duties as a Minister and a Deputy since the foundation of the Government; and if he will provide details of the destination for each flight. — Peadar Tóibín. [11257/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department supports the use of gender-neutral pronouns in the drafting of legislation or policies initiated by or originating in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11269/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how he intends to develop energy independence through policy measures and empower local communities in towns and villages across the country to develop local grids through solar farms or wind turbines that can supply households and reduce their exposure to energy hikes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11288/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how he intends to develop large-scale strategic renewable energy projects that will benefit local communities and people in the area and be reflected in their household bills; the potential of renewable energy projects in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11289/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if it is the case that the windfall tax on electricity companies operating here will apply only from 1 December 2022 to 30 June 2023; if there is provision in the Council Regulation (EU) 2022/1854 to apply

the tax retrospectively to account for the super-normal profits prior to that period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [11366/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the area of land covered by gorse and heather and so on, that has been burned nationwide; how many tonnes of CO₂ have been released into the atmosphere from the period 1 September 2022 to 28 February 2023; if this CO₂ is included in agriculture emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11399/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 167 of 12 May 2022, his plans for snap net fishing on the river Suir in 2023 following its closure a number of years ago; and if his Department has sought engagement with fishermen in the area since it was suggested in May 2022. — Kathleen Funchion. [11530/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a specific timeline for the introduction of a windfall tax on the extraordinary profits of energy companies; what he expects the tax to raise in its first 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [11261/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will 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. — Paul Murphy. [10819/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will insist that CIÉ provides a detailed explanation including all of the outstanding information sought by the statutory '1951 Scheme' Committee of Trustees. — Paul Murphy. [10820/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will take action 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 and which led to as yet unspecified financial loss to the pension scheme it was responsible for. — Paul Murphy. [10821/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will insist that CIÉ provides answers to the preliminary questions in relation to the CIÉ '1951 Scheme' outlined in the Elected Trustee Bulletin, dated the 20 February 2023 (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [10822/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will insist that CIÉ answers the questions posed in relation to the CIÉ '1951 Scheme' by your Elected Trustees in relation to agreed actuarial protocols, as outlined in their Elected Trustee Bulletin, dated 20 February 2023. — Paul Murphy. [10823/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of licensed State-owned vehicles on the national vehicle and driver file in each of the years 2018 to 2022; the number of hybrid and electric vehicles in those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10890/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding allocated to grants for the purchase of electric vehicles over the years 2018 to 2022, broken down by electric and hybrid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10891/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the breakdown on the Bus Éireann route 32 Letterkenny to Dublin on 23 February 2023; if he is satisfied with the measures being taken to prevent future interruptions in this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [10917/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the concerns of NDLS employees regarding the closure of the office in Kilkenny on certain days, resulting in job losses; if he will address the issues arising from the cutback, such as the applications from individuals that cannot use online services and those that do not have a PPS card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [10966/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that older passengers with a free travel pass are being charged to book seats on the Dublin-Belfast train; if this charge is being imposed by Irish Rail or if it is being imposed by Translink NI Railways; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [11003/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the success of adding double-decker buses to a PSO route (details supplied); if he plans any further expansions on that route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [11039/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on Leap card incentives (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [11043/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to sign any amending Statutory Instrument changing the benefits of members of the CIÉ 1951 scheme; if CIÉ will 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 Board of CIÉ to act in a timely manner in relation to investment decisions from the end of March 2020 to 13 May 2020; which CIÉ official was initially contacted by CIÉ's investment advisors when a crucial Board decision was required in early 2020 in relation to scheme investments; the steps that CIÉ official took when they were informed; if CIÉ will respond to the questions posed by its elected trustees in relation to agreed actuarial protocols, as outlined in its Elected Trustee Bulletin, dated 20 February 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [11057/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport if Enfield train station can be included in the Leap card zone; if plans are in place for the station to be included; the timeframe for when this will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [11063/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to include more frequent trains from Enfield train station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [11064/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport his Department's plans to develop the second and third phases of the Port Access Northern Cross Route in Drogheda, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [11125/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of all lands reserved for future public transport sites, such as train stations in Louth and east Meath; if he will provide any

details to progress plans to deliver on those sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [11126/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on a proposal (details supplied) to help speed up the Sligo to Dublin Connolly train line; if there are any plans to improve the speed of the Sligo to Dublin train service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [11132/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of roads project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11135/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) will receive a date for a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [11177/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of each category of train ticket that were sold for the Dublin Pearse to Maynooth commuter route in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in both directions. — Paul Donnelly. [11192/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of revenue generated through child fares on Dublin Bus journeys in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [11193/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of times the Irish Aviation Authority was informed of military exercises by foreign military or naval services affecting Irish-controlled airspace in the past three years; and the countries involved. — Alan Kelly. [11223/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost in 2023 of doubling the number of revenue protection officers within Iarnród Éireann. — Alan Kelly. [11224/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on when a decision will be made by the National Transport Authority on a possible extension of the short-hop rail zone to Drogheda and Laytown train stations; if he will apprise this Deputy of his functions in relation to the adoption of potential changes to fare structures for commuters using these stations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [11254/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department supports the use of gender-neutral pronouns in the drafting of legislation or policies initiated by or originating in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11281/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a bypass (details supplied) was not included in this year’s grant allocation for national roads; when this project will be considered again for a funding allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11285/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of a pedestrian footbridge over the Owenriff River in Oughterard, County Galway; the latest correspondence between TII and Galway County Council in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [11315/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport when a discharge book will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [11378/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will confirm that the transfer of patients by the coastguard contractor (details supplied) falls outside its contract; if the contractor is charging separately for these transfers; if so, the cost per transfer and or the cost per hour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [11428/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on a matter in relation to incentivising the private bus sector to involve itself in taking up potential routes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [11531/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport when a company (details supplied) will resume the operation of its battery-powered ebikes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [11560/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*218. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on progress towards complying with section two of the Glasgow Statement on International Public Support for the Clean Energy Transition to end new direct public support for the international unabated fossil-fuel energy sector within one year of signing this statement. — Eoin Ó Broin. [11141/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the amount of direct public support for the international unabated fossil fuel energy sector for each of the years 2019 to 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [11142/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Finance in a situation where a Minister had responsibility for an area such as consumer mortgage arrears, if their own credit history would be relevant and hence should be declared if they were currently or previously in significant arrears, given that the Ministerial Code of Conduct requires Ministers to “avoid any real or apparent conflict of interest”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [11313/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Finance in light of his review of the Ethics framework, the measures he is considering to improve the oversight of potential conflicts of interest, and sanctions for having failed to declare a conflict of interest when a Minister has authority or jurisdiction over the relevant area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [11314/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans for the affordability of electric cars in the years ahead for families and students who depend on the second-hand market for transport. — Richard O’Donoghue. [10766/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Finance how long the Government expects to be in a position to maintain some level of cost-of-living supports; to what level he envisages inflation rates would need to be reduced to before these supports will no longer be necessary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [11666/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Finance the strategy and timeline his Department has in relation to reducing Ireland’s national debt given that, according to the Department’s own report on public finances, it currently has one of the highest per capita debt burdens in the world, being noted as €226 billion at the end of quarter 4 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [11668/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department is currently considering measures to reintroduce mortgage interest relief, given the sharp compounded rises in mortgage interest rates that many families are facing at the moment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [11669/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify the criteria in relation to the first-time buyers grant (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [10921/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will examine a series of matters (details supplied) in relation to the 9% VAT rate hotels and restaurants. — Michael Collins. [10990/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the implementation of the findings of the review of the flat rate expenses system conducted by the Office of the Revenue Commissioners in 2018 and 2019; if he has sought a further deferral while the matter is being considered by the Tax Strategy Group under the auspices of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [11041/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will include Parkinson's disease as a qualifying condition for the primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [11048/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the implementation of the findings of the review of the flat rate expenses system conducted by the Office of the Revenue Commissioners in 2018 and 2019 (details supplied); and if he has sought a further deferral while the matter is being considered by the Tax Strategy Group under the auspices of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [11053/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the projected impact which the proposed rise in excise duty of a total of 21 cents on petrol and diesel over the coming months would have on overall revenues generated in a full year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11089/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue generated from VAT on the hospitality sector, both under the current 9% rate and under the previous 13.5% rate, for each year from 2007 to date; the amounts generated from hotels as a proportion of the total; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11090/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 188 of 1 December 2022, if a retail business displaying a sign stating that cash is not accepted or "card payments only" constitutes "a business specifying payment must be in a form other than cash", and therefore allows a shop to refuse payments in cash; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [11097/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to table a proposal for the OECD meeting in Paris on 6-9 March to enact restrictions on oil and gas export finance under the OECD Arrangement of Officially Supported Export Credits, in line with the Government's commitment to section 3 of the Glasgow Statement on International Public Support for the Clean Energy Transition. — Eoin Ó Broin. [11143/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Finance whether the terms of the settlement entered into by the special liquidators of IBRC with a company (details supplied) can be disclosed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [11144/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has undertaken or intends to undertake a study to determine the impact that a return to a 13.5% VAT rate will have on the hospitality sector. — Peadar Tóibín. [8411/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider legislation to provide the right for people to pay for goods and services in cash; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [11170/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department will review the tax treatment of rental income received by landowners and farmers who rent to those connected to them; if his Department has considered a more equitable system to allow extended farm families avail of the income tax relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [11176/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of VRT paid on vehicles imported from Britain that have been modified for a person with a disability in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [11182/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of waiving VRT on vehicles imported by primary medical card holders who need to purchase an adapted vehicle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [11183/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Finance the average cost of VRT on a wheelchair adapted vehicle imported from Britain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [11185/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal has been re-established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [11186/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of people currently on the waiting list for the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [11187/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Finance if it has been brought to his attention that Irish grocery price inflation hit a new record of 16.3% in February 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [9819/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Finance if the renter’s credit introduced in Budget 2023 is in the baseline and a recurring measure going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [11213/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Finance when the Revenue Commissioners’ public office on Cathedral Street, Dublin 1 will reopen to the public again as a walk-in public service without appointment necessary; if the public inquiry telephone numbers are now available again as normal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [11256/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department supports the use of gender-neutral pronouns in the drafting of legislation or policies initiated by or originating in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11270/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 234 of 28 February 2023, if the introduction of provisions to require reimbursement from payment service providers to victims of authorised push payment fraud domestically would contravene the revised Payment Service Directive (PSD2), given the response provided to the question did not clarify the issue. — Pearse Doherty. [11308/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of County Carlow businesses that have applied for assistance under the temporary business energy support scheme to date; the number of them that have been successful; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for businesses in County Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [11311/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Finance his estimate of the number of persons in County Carlow that are eligible to claim the rent tax credit; the number of people in County Carlow that are currently claiming it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [11312/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures he intends taking to expand the eligibility for the temporary business energy support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [9226/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he and his Department continue to monitor economic progress with a view to ensuring that inflation continues to be curbed and that the reduction in inflation is passed on to the consumer by way of lower prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6897/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Finance when it is likely that measures to reduce inflation will be passed on to the consumers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6898/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has received complaints that the BIK regime now in place is resulting in people undertaking greater mileage to reduce their tax exposure; if he has evaluated the features which cause this behaviour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [11529/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he can continue to take measures to control the cost of living without contributing to inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11564/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he and his Department continues to examine the contributory factors to inflation; the extent to which each and any can be controlled; if he will outline any trends likely to emerge in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11565/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which this country's economy continues to compete with other European economies inside and outside the Eurozone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11566/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which employment in Ireland's international financial services has increased since 2021; the trends emerging in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11567/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update in respect of when the issue regarding primary medical certificates will be resolved in order to facilitate those whose cases are in abeyance for some time in the first instance, and to meet the requirements of persons with disabilities who have mobility problems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11568/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding this country's economic growth trends, with particular reference to the need to compete with other European countries in terms of stability and growth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11569/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he is satisfied that Ireland remains an attractive location for foreign direct investment; if any further incentives to attract this type of investment are contemplated in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11570/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent of the different types of tax relief available to both PAYE employees and self-employed persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11571/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps that might be taken to alleviate price increases with consequent inflation affecting consumers throughout the country at large; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11572/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which the necessary economic fundamentals continue to be met and will do so in the coming year in the aftermath of Budget 2023 or otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11573/23]

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.

*265. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the funding he intends to make available to address serious flooding concerns in Ballina, County Tipperary following on from a number of flooding incidents that have taken place in the town over the last couple of years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [10808/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when his Department signed off on licences to permit local schools access to the swimming pool in the Garda College in Templemore, County Tipperary; if he will list each school that has been granted a licence; if the schools have been contacted regarding these licences yet; if not, the reason for this delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [10811/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide this Deputy with the guidance his Department has circulated to the civil and public service in respect of parental leave entitlements. — Catherine Murphy. [10926/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his plans to subject Bus Éireann to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 when introducing amending legislation to this Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [10927/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide a breakdown of the additional expenditure incurred by the State for 2020, 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023 due to the occurrence of the Covid-19 pandemic, including that on employment and business supports and reliefs, testing and vaccine provision, PPE, and any other substantial expenditure during this period, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [11211/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department supports the use of gender-neutral pronouns in the drafting of legislation or policies initiated by or originating in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11276/23]

*271. 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 County Mayo; if further funding is available for coastal erosion which is gradually getting worse in west and north Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11284/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the long-awaited transfer of ownership of the historic Westgate House, Drogheda, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [11375/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will set out the different projects, schemes and Departments the carbon tax revenue in 2021 and 2022 was allocated to, in tabular form. — Brian Stanley. [11411/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the progress made on the development of a new Garda station in Kickham Barracks, Clonmel, County Tipperary; the additional engagement that has occurred for this development between his Department, the Minister of State in the Office of Public Works, the Minister for Justice, and the National Development Finance Agency (details supplied); if the development of Clonmel Garda station is considered a priority for the Government, given that a new Garda station in Clonmel is urgently needed for the all members of the public who are served by the members of An Garda Síochána stationed in Clonmel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [11459/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if there are plans to review the National Development Plan to increase the funding envelope to 2030, in light of increasing costs and new climate obligations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [11463/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he or his Department officials have met with representatives of medical scientists here in the wake of publication of an assessment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [11464/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the date on which it became compulsory for civil servants to join the superannuation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [11509/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will detail the expenditure on flood prevention measures in each of the past four years; the expenditure and location of the five most expensive schemes for each of those years; the expected completion date and final cost for each of those works, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [11583/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the progress made to date in providing improved bus, car, cycle and horse carriage parking facilities at a location (details supplied); whether it is intended to organise a round table of people with the local authority and the local State-funded development organisation due to safety concerns at this location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [11599/23]

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

*280. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the capital funding that Sport Ireland has spent on capital works projects in a stadium (details supplied) in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and the list of works that were carried out in each of the years in question, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [11203/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department supports the use of gender-neutral pronouns in the drafting of legislation or policies initiated by or originating in her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11280/23]

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

*282. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of heat pumps that have been installed on an annual basis from 2015 to 2022 in new homes. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10885/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of the targets for minimum standards in rented accommodation inspections for each year since 2019, broken down by local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [10809/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of minimum standards in rented accommodation inspections carried out in each year since 2019, broken down by local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [10810/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if arrangements can be put in place to allow Irish students living abroad as part of their course of study in an Irish

university, including students on Erasmus programmes, vote in Irish elections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [10824/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the particular aspect of the vacant homes policy contained within the Croí Cónaithe scheme (i.e. ownership of second properties) was currently under review and as this is impacting many accessing the grant and bringing properties into use through their local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [10840/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when Irish Water hopes to complete the full replacement of all lead water pipes nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10859/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans that are in place regarding index linked gratuity payments (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [10898/23]

*289. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if planning permission is required for a licence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [10907/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of single men with no parental responsibilities under the age of 60 years who are on the waiting list for social housing and or voluntary agencies housing in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [10963/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of single women with no parental responsibilities under the age of 60 years who are on the waiting list for social housing and or voluntary agencies housing in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [10964/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the grant aid that is available to small (three or more connections) group water schemes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [11056/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with respect to the European Commission's approval of the croí cónaithe cities scheme, the dates and summaries of the notifications between his Department and the Directorate-General for Competition in relation to this scheme; how the scheme will be implemented; the timeframes; the reason the scheme was located within the Housing Agency rather than the local authorities, given their experience in dealing with turnkey developments to date. — Eoin Ó Broin. [11073/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking in response to illegal land burning which occurred in Cork south-west in recent days. — Holly Cairns. [11085/23]

*295. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable homes delivered in Cork city in 2022. — Thomas Gould. [11099/23]

*296. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 295 of 21 February 2023, if he will provide the information that was

requested for both the allocation and outturn for each individual programme heading under each Vote for his Department for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [11120/23]

*297. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the review into housing adaptation grants. — Thomas Gould. [11160/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is any flexibility in relation to grant awards, particularly that of adaptation grants, given the increase in construction inflation; and if not, if consideration will be given to providing flexibility. — Eoin Ó Broin. [11161/23]

*299. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homes that were built by local authorities in 2022; the number that were built by approved housing bodies in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [11171/23]

*300. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of district conservation officers, wildlife inspectors, conservation rangers and ecologists that were recruited for the National Parks and Wildlife Service in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [11226/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the URDF plan for Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [11242/23]

*302. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are plans to address communication issues with the RTB, delays in response times to queries from the public, landlords and renters; if there is adequate staff allocated to the board to address issues arising; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [11244/23]

*303. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities have discretionary powers to waive social housing income limits where the applicant for social housing is less than €10 over the income limit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11251/23]

*304. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department supports the use of gender-neutral pronouns in the drafting of legislation or policies initiated by or originating in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11274/23]

*305. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding the Traveller Accommodation Expert Review, if his Department intends to act on a recommendation (details supplied) provided in the report. — Eoin Ó Broin. [11316/23]

*306. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if information on the septic tank grant will be provided to a person (details supplied) who was unaware of the need to register the septic tank in 2013 and has registered the tank since but has to wait for the seven-year period to be up before they can access the grant; how much funding was made available in 2022 for the septic tank grant; the average amount in euro awarded to householders in the form of a septic tank grant; how much of the 2022 available funding was unspent at year end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [11332/23]

*307. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Irish students enrolled in an Irish course, but temporarily on a placement overseas, can be considered for inclusion in the postal vote or otherwise accommodated to participate in elections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [11333/23]

*308. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the staff and details of an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [11334/23]

*309. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the 2023 caravan loan scheme will re-open for applications; whether such a loan will be available to all households that are residing in caravan's that are in bad condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [11353/23]

*310. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many call outs of emergency services there were to deal with out-of-control gorse fires nationwide, the costs from of same, from 1 September 2022 to 28 March 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11409/23]

*311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will increase the income threshold for eligibility for the housing adaptation grants from the local authority to support working families who encounter illness or life-changing physical disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [11412/23]

*312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will increase the maximum grant awards available under the housing adaption grants from the local authority to reflect the increasing costs in construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [11413/23]

*313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of a ringfort in Cork (details supplied), which is the largest ringfort in Munster and is designated as a national monument; if maintenance and a clean-up can be arranged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11429/23]

*314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the discussions he has had with Teagasc, the EPA, and third-level institutions in relation to developing improved wastewater treatment systems for small developments and single houses and businesses to virtually eliminate the risk of ground water pollution and contamination of the environment from this source; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [11482/23]

*315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the level of pollution caused in ground water by wastewater systems from single house treatment systems; the steps he is talking to eliminate this damage to the environment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [11483/23]

*316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what scheme is in place for halting sites operated by South Dublin County Council for electricity provision; if a subsidised energy scheme was in place over the years 2017 to present; if this scheme has been concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [11486/23]

*317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 249 and 295 of 28 February 2023, if further clarification will be provided (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [11494/23]

*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify a query regarding a grant (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [11512/23]

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

*319. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has conducted a review of the activities of the embassy of the Russian Federation in Ireland; if he is satisfied that the current level of diplomatic presence therein is justifiable in light of the prosecution by that nation of a war on the sovereign state, Ukraine, which has been condemned by the United Nations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [10895/23]

*320. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if, in light of the war in Ukraine being perpetrated by the Russian Federation, he will take steps to expel the Ambassador of the Russian Federation, or at least reduce the number of Russian embassy staff in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [10896/23]

*321. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if, in light of their active support for the war in Ukraine, he will summon the Ambassadors of China, India and South Africa to express the State's displeasure at their stance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [10897/23]

*322. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to propose another round of sanctions on Belarus at the next EU Foreign Affairs Council Meeting due to its involvement in the war with Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [10935/23]

*323. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to invite his Greek counterpart (details supplied) to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [10936/23]

*324. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a foreign birth register application will be processed for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [10968/23]

*325. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the position regarding a foreign birth registration for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11077/23]

*326. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the competition for the new roster for election monitoring will open in 2023; if so, when the competition will be advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11165/23]

*327. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department supports the use of gender-neutral pronouns in the drafting of legislation or policies initiated by or originating in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11271/23]

*328. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 318 of 28 February 2023, if he will specifically outline the efforts being made to ensure that insulin and blood glucose is, and has been, included with medical aid funded by the State to help the earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [11367/23]

*329. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on work towards achieving the SDG targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [11426/23]

*330. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to outline the amount spent to pay for the education of children of staff serving overseas for 2022; the estimate for 2023; the average amount per staff member overseas in the scheme; the average amount per child in the scheme; the maximum and the minimum amount that has been paid in any particular case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [11439/23]

*331. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will ensure that the passport application for a child (details supplied) will be processed urgently by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [11462/23]

*332. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the ongoing CJEU infringement proceedings against Hungary for its so called “anti-LGBTQ propaganda laws”; if he will consider adding the Irish Government’s name to the case alongside Belgium; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [11617/23]

*333. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs with regard to his recent statement that Ireland stands ready to support a just and lasting two-state solution based on international law and internationally agreed parameters as the only sustainable prospect that will enable Palestinians and Israelis to live in peace, if Ireland’s backing for such an initiative is contingent on other E.U. or U.N. member states spearheading such a proposal; if Ireland would be willing to take the leading role in view of our strong position on human rights, international law and the taking of territory by force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [11619/23]

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

*334. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of members of the Defence Forces who are currently deployed in Syria as part of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10832/23]

*335. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide details on any analysis, review, or evaluation of Ireland’s participation in the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force in Syria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10833/23]

*336. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if there are any plans to withdraw members of the Defence Forces from the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force in Syria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10834/23]

*337. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if any other analysis, review, or evaluation has taken place in respect of Ireland’s participation in any other United Nations overseas missions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10835/23]

*338. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his views on whether the Government's plans to allocate troops to an EU battlegroup will have a detrimental impact on Ireland's capacity to continue to contribute its UN overseas missions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10836/23]

*339. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide details of the proposed duties of members of the Defence Forces who will participate in the European Union Military Assistance Mission in Support of Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10837/23]

*340. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the units of the Ukrainian armed forces that will be trained by members of the Defence Forces as part of the European Union Military Assistance Mission in Support of Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10838/23]

*341. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if members of the Defence Forces will be involved in any other activities other than training Ukrainian forces in demining as part of the European Union Military Assistance Mission in Support of Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10839/23]

*342. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will detail both the maximum and the current strength levels of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10842/23]

*343. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will detail both the maximum and the current strength levels of the Naval Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10843/23]

*344. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current total strength of Air Corps personnel; and if he will provide a breakdown of the number of qualified military pilots, cadet pilots in training, qualified military aircraft maintenance technicians, qualified military avionics technicians and military apprentices in training of both aforementioned disciplines. — John Brady. [10844/23]

*345. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of Naval Service operations and patrols which have been cancelled to date this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10845/23]

*346. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current number of women in the Defence Forces, by rank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10846/23]

*347. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current number of women in the Defence Forces who are currently serving overseas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10847/23]

*348. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of women members of the Defence who have left this year, by month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10848/23]

*349. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current strength of the Reserve Defence Force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10849/23]

*350. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of women in the Reserve Defence Force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10850/23]

*351. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if representatives of the Defence Forces or his Department participated in the recent IDEX 2023 arms fair in Abu Dhabi, UAE; if so, the meetings any delegation participated in; if any contracts were made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [11168/23]

*352. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he has spoken with the UK Secretary of Defence to date in 2023. — Paul Donnelly. [11210/23]

*353. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the amount spent on purchasing military equipment from companies based in either France and Canada in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [11225/23]

*354. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department supports the use of gender-neutral pronouns in the drafting of legislation or policies initiated by or originating in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11266/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*355. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department can supply a timeline for works to be carried out at a school (details supplied), including when the work will be put out to tender, planning permission dates, a date that the works will be completed by, and a date that the new classrooms will be operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10873/23]

*356. To ask the Minister for Education the population figures her Department is using to forecast future student numbers for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10874/23]

*357. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will consider proceeding with the development of a 1,000 student school at a school (details supplied) in light of a forecasted dramatic increase in the student population based on research carried out by the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10875/23]

*358. To ask the Minister for Education the minimum required sport facilities guidelines for secondary schools from her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10876/23]

*359. To ask the Minister for Education the minimum required toilet facility guidelines for a student for secondary schools from her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10877/23]

*360. To ask the Minister for Education if a school transport scheme will be free for eligible families for the upcoming 2023/2024 school year; if not, if an announcement will be made regarding the reintroduction of fees in the near future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10878/23]

*361. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will be releasing the results of a review of the school transport scheme which was carried out in February 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10879/23]

*362. To ask the Minister for Education the number of current and planned additional ASD places for primary school children in areas (details supplied) in tabular form. — Martin Browne. [10913/23]

*363. To ask the Minister for Education when parents in Kilcock can expect confirmation of school-places, locally, for their children starting primary education in 2023, given the understandable anxiety regarding same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [10923/23]

*364. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify whether there is an age limit in respect of a child for a parent or guardian to take parental leave; if she can supply the circulars and or memos that communicate parental leave to teachers in primary and post-primary schools. — Catherine Murphy. [10925/23]

*365. To ask the Minister for Education if a school can be mandated to go above the minimum number of 24 students per class for the 2023-2024 academic year, if there is a list of qualifying students awaiting a placement in a school. — Paul Donnelly. [10945/23]

*366. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on an appeal by a person (details supplied) for a transport grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [10969/23]

*367. To ask the Minister for Education in light of the projected increasing population of Kill village and the constrained nature of the current site of a school (details supplied), if her Department's forward-planning unit plans to engage with school management to explore options for the school's expansion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [10987/23]

*368. To ask the Minister for Education if she will indicate the projected intake into each of the primary schools in the Clongriffin, Baldoyle and Howth planning area in September 2023; the way this compares to the projected demographic demand for such places in the area; and if she plans to promote the creation of additional places for the area. — Richard Bruton. [10991/23]

*369. To ask the Minister for Education if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11032/23]

*370. To ask the Minister for Education if she will respond to concerns raised (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [11049/23]

*371. To ask the Minister for Education the start date for the new school building project for a school (details supplied) in County Donegal which is due to start in Q1 of 2023; the date which the building company have given her Department for which it will start the construction phase of school building; and the date it foresees the project being completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [11060/23]

*372. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of an application for a retrofit grant for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [11072/23]

*373. To ask the Minister for Education if she has received an application from Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board in respect of granting independent school status to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [11075/23]

*374. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for an extension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [11079/23]

*375. To ask the Minister for Education the number of SENOs currently active and the number of children assigned to each SEN area, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [11116/23]

*376. To ask the Minister for Education the final costing associated with the provision of the new major school extension to schools (details supplied) completed in January 2023 led by Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board; if she will confirm the works delivered under this scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [11127/23]

*377. To ask the Minister for Education the current approach to funding the teaching and learning of home economics in secondary schools; and if she plans to fully fund the teaching and learning of home economics to cover the cost of all ingredients, materials and equipment, ensuring the subject is funded in the same manner as wood materials technology/construction studies, metalwork/engineering and science subjects. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [11139/23]

*378. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide update on whether the Covid cleaning grant for schools will be continued for term 2; and when the payment schedule will issue. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [11140/23]

*379. To ask the Minister for Education if she will investigate the reason the school bus from Tralee to Castleisland no longer stops at a location (details supplied) where Ukrainian children are housed. — Pa Daly. [11150/23]

*380. To ask the Minister for Education if the requirement to have Leaving Certificate Irish will be relaxed to enter teacher training colleges due to the large number of non-nationals living in the country. — Brian Stanley. [11151/23]

*381. To ask the Minister for Education if a school place within ASD unit or a special school can be facilitated for September 2023 in the case of the son of a person (details supplied), who has ASD and is non-verbal, whose family have submitted 22 school applications on their behalf with no success, who are willing to travel a reasonable distance to get their child the education they require, who is five and a half in September; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11173/23]

*382. To ask the Minister for Education if a school place for September 2023 can be facilitated and confirmed in the case of the daughter of a person (details supplied), who has applied to seven secondary schools to no avail, who recently moved from County Offaly to County Kildare, who are worried that they will have no place in September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11175/23]

*383. To ask the Minister for Education the steps being taken by her Department in conjunction with the NCCA to actively assist and accommodate Ukrainian post primary pupils in schools; if consideration has been given to develop Ukrainian as a non-curricular language for those students moving into senior cycle next September; if the advices of the NCCA have been canvassed on this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [11179/23]

*384. To ask the Minister for Education the locations of buildings for new schools that are currently under construction in Dublin; and when each of these new schools will be built, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [11195/23]

*385. To ask the Minister for Education if a person (details supplied) who has very high level special needs and is in residential care and who has not received a full and specialised education based on their needs since 2020, will receive home tuition or admission to a special needs school which they have been repeatedly refused by application due to lack of capacity and lack of special needs facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11214/23]

*386. To ask the Minister for Education the number of WTE architects employed by her Department in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [11232/23]

*387. To ask the Minister for Education regarding the Section 29 appeal process as a result of oversubscription of a school, if there is any flexibility in relation to the 63-day timeframe; if school holidays are counted as days; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [11233/23]

*388. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an extension for a school (details supplied) in Carlow; the estimated timeframe from start to completion; the number of students upon completion that the school will cater for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [11247/23]

*389. To ask the Minister for Education the funding provided by her Department to the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment from 2010 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11250/23]

*390. To ask the Minister for Education the supports for primary schools to provide play therapy for children who have emotional needs and require this therapy. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [11260/23]

*391. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department supports the use of gender-neutral pronouns in the drafting of legislation or policies initiated by or originating in her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11267/23]

*392. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the precise architectural planning stages and current stage for each school building project in County Mayo under the School Building Programme from 2016 to 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11330/23]

*393. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a breakdown of the anticipated number of additional school places for primary, secondary, and special schools for school

building projects in County Mayo during the 2016 to 2023 period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11331/23]

*394. To ask the Minister for Education the statistics that are collected by the Tusla education support service and education welfare officer in relation to absenteeism in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [11414/23]

*395. To ask the Minister for Education her Departments process for students who have disengaged from mainstream education and have shown several signs of challenging behaviour; the supports in place for students; the services her Department offers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [11415/23]

*396. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide statistics from the education welfare officer in relation to absenteeism in schools in Tipperary; the number of students that have disengaged from mainstream education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [11416/23]

*397. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the situation where the school roll numbers have increased by over 22% year-on-year in a school (details supplied) in County Donegal, therefore meeting the appointment figure threshold for an additional mainstream teacher, yet based on the September 2022 returns, they have been turned down; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [11432/23]

*398. To ask the Minister for Education when an appeal by a school (details supplied) in County Donegal for the allocation of an additional mainstream teacher will be determined; if the unique situation of its mid-year enrolment increase will be properly considered in any decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [11433/23]

*399. To ask the Minister for Education further to a response (details supplied) which this Deputy received from the National Council for Special Education on 7 June 2022, if she will confirm whether the NCSE has provided her with an update on the status of an application to establish an ASD classroom in a school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [11438/23]

*400. To ask the Minister for Education if a place can be found for a student (details supplied) within their catchment area for the academic year beginning September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [11449/23]

*401. To ask the Minister for Education the up-to-date position with secondary school places in County Kildare (details supplied); if there are interim measures she is considering; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [11455/23]

*402. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on an Emergency Works Application 1732 from 19 April 2022 by a school (details supplied). — Sorca Clarke. [11493/23]

*403. To ask the Minister for Education the help and supports in place for school staff to recognise and support students with atypical ADHD; if there are any plans for training in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [11508/23]

*404. To ask the Minister for Education the proposals, if any, there are to confer DEIS status on a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [11551/23]

*405. To ask the Minister for Education if the same financial support to registered post-primary teachers to upskill in order to teach mathematics, physics and Spanish can be extended to home economics; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [11554/23]

*406. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware that the decision to remove the junior certificate from the YouthReach programme has been met with huge disappointment by the pupils and parents directly affected, as they still want the junior certificate programme as an option in order to achieve a meaningful education; if there was any consultation with young people or parents before this decision was taken; if she agrees that this decision is creating a new barrier to education for those affected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [11584/23]

*407. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware that there are 21 children on a waiting list for admittance to a school (details supplied) many of whom have siblings in the school and live within the catchment area of the school; if she will instruct the school and/or LMETB to add an additional class to the school to accommodate these students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [11587/23]

*408. To ask the Minister for Education if she will introduce legislation that protects substitute teachers; if she will instruct her Department that this legislation must ensure that all conditions expected, and hours offered to substitute teachers are outlined with due notice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [11602/23]

*409. To ask the Minister for Education if it is possible for a person (details supplied) to register with the Teaching Council of Ireland if they do not possess a level 8 undergraduate degree, but do have a level 9 MA, and a level 6 HND diploma. — Gary Gannon. [11616/23]

*410. To ask the Minister for Education if, following on from suspending the leaving certificate reform, the timeline on when she will engage with stakeholders, including student unions and student bodies to ensure a pathway to the reform of the leaving certificate. — Gary Gannon. [11622/23]

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

*411. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the provision of additional funding for a scheme will enable the inclusion of schools (details supplied) to avail of this support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [11579/23]

*412. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if community employment workers will be included in the list of social welfare applicants to receive bonus payments announced in February 2023; when they can expect to receive this payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [10818/23]

*413. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when Covid-19 will be recognised as an occupational disease for frontline healthcare workers in Ireland as per EU ACSH Agreement in November 2022.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [10831/23]

*414. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) is in receipt of their full pension entitlement; and if all of their entitlements will be reviewed to ensure they are in receipt of same. — John McGuinness. [10852/23]

*415. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of a carer's allowance claim in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [10856/23]

*416. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of a partial capacity benefit claim in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [10861/23]

*417. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of a fuel allowance claim in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [10899/23]

*418. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of a fuel allowance claim in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [10900/23]

*419. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of a fuel allowance claim in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [10901/23]

*420. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of a fuel allowance claim in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [10902/23]

*421. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of a fuel allowance claim in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [10905/23]

*422. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of a fuel allowance claim in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [10906/23]

*423. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of a fuel allowance claim in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [10908/23]

*424. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of a fuel allowance claim in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [10911/23]

*425. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of a fuel allowance claim in respect of persons (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [10912/23]

*426. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if community employment supervisors will be permitted to work past their 66th birthday; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10946/23]

*427. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline the position regarding a rent supplement claim by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [10949/23]

*428. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if those who have been in receipt of illness benefit since April 2022 or before will be eligible for the one-off payment of €200; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [10950/23]

*429. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update regarding legislation to abolish mandatory retirement ages, given the recommendations of the report of

the Pensions Commission which propose that the Government addresses current legislation governing mandatory retirement ages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [10967/23]

*430. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on an application for State pension (contributory) in the name of a person (details supplied); and if her Department has any agreement with the Netherlands regarding pension contributions. — John McGuinness. [10972/23]

*431. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current position in relation to a current appeal for domiciliary care allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11004/23]

*432. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [11005/23]

*433. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [11014/23]

*434. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine a case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [11026/23]

*435. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she can make arrangements for the early payment of an annual grant in respect of a person (details supplied); if this is not readily available to the person, if she will provide guidance on whether any other social protection payment is available in the interim; and if an appeal process is available in respect of another social protection should the person fail to secure it. — Catherine Murphy. [11030/23]

*436. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) can be permitted to remain on the community employment scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [11067/23]

*437. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will remedy an anomaly concerning the means tested payment for carer's allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11133/23]

*438. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing the number of advocacy services for persons with disabilities to 60 years. — Paul Donnelly. [11209/23]

*439. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason she has delayed an extra payment of child benefit to June while other cost-of-living measures announced by her Department recently are being paid in April; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [11255/23]

*440. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department supports the use of gender-neutral pronouns in the drafting of legislation or policies initiated by or originating in her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11278/23]

*441. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will urgently re-visit the funding of the Money Advice and Budgeting Service in order that the highly valued work undertaken by dedicated mortgage advisors can continue beyond the current funding expiration date of 30 November 2023; if she will consider making dedicated mortgage advisor positions permanent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [11291/23]

*442. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a domiciliary care allowance claim in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [11351/23]

*443. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Cork is entitled to the living alone allowance. — Michael Creed. [11373/23]

*444. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a pro-rata State pension in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork will be reinstated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [11430/23]

*445. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason persons aged 66 years cannot remain on working at a CE scheme; the reason those who are currently on an old-age pension cannot start a CE scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [11443/23]

*446. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average waiting time for a PPS number for adult applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [11444/23]

*447. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person with Stamp 4 permission to remain in the State is eligible for unemployment supports such as jobseeker's benefit or jobseeker's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [11479/23]

*448. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for their PPS number; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [11480/23]

*449. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the centralisation of social welfare offices to support teams in Tuam is leading to delays (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [11510/23]

*450. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the provision that has been made for self-employed persons who were paying an S1 contribution prior to Covid restrictions in 2020 and when they applied for maternity benefit in 2022, where the reckonable year is 2020 and have found their application denied owing to insufficient PRSI contributions in the reckonable year; if she will consider this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [11528/23]

*451. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 313 and 314 of 27 September 2022, her plans to extend the free travel scheme to persons with an epilepsy diagnosis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [11548/23]

*452. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of children resident in the State for whom child benefit is payable as of 1 January 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [11574/23]

*453. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of children resident outside the State for whom child benefit is payable as of 1 January 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [11575/23]

*454. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will report on the effectiveness of the employer helpline established under the Comprehensive Employment Strategy for People with Disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [11585/23]

*455. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a case of a family (details supplied) in which a child with multiple diagnoses, who has been refused several financial aides for supporting said child's medical condition can be examined and resolved. — Gary Gannon. [11620/23]

*456. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for an exceptional needs payment will be reviewed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11623/23]

*457. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a carer's allowance payment will increase with associated payment for dependents in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11626/23]

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

*458. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide additional funding for long-term care for people with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [11024/23]

*459. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current position regarding funding for the Cleary Centre capital project in Donegal town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [11103/23]

*460. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the specific additional supports a mother of two children with disabilities, for which she is receiving DCA, might be entitled to including but not limited to a tax credits for a new car; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10841/23]

*461. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will mandate his Department to examine the introduction of public provision of childcare, as recommended by the expert group report Partnership for the Public Good; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10871/23]

*462. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when IPAS will issue a payment to an accommodation provider (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10922/23]

*463. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if IPAS plans to extend the contract of an accommodation provider (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10940/23]

*464. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current number of child and family support networks in operation; where they are located; the number

in planning stage; their location; when they will be delivered, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [10941/23]

*465. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will examine raising the age of children from 13 years for parents to qualify for parental leave, given the high number of parents with mid-teenage children who want the opportunity to take such leave and in the context of Tusla's insistence that children under 16 years cannot be left alone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [10989/23]

*466. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update following the design team meeting at a site (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [11038/23]

*467. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will examine a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [11047/23]

*468. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if all children who are referred to Tusla for being at risk of harm, are given an initial assessment within 20 days; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [11080/23]

*469. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of family resource centres in the State; his plans to expand the number of FRCs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [11086/23]

*470. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a person (details supplied) who is awaiting a substantial payment, with some payments outstanding since 2022 from his Department for housing Ukrainian families receive this payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [11174/23]

*471. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total cost of delivering each temporary modular unit; the number of temporary modular units being delivered and the total cost of this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [11180/23]

*472. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on a proposal to use a property (details supplied) to provide emergency accommodation for persons seeking emergency protection; the number of persons planned to be located at this property; the gender and age breakdown of the persons that are to be located at this property; when it is expected that they will be located at the property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [11181/23]

*473. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE staff by job title working for TUSLA dealing with applications for authentic birth information under the Birth Information and Tracing Act 2022. — Paul Donnelly. [11194/23]

*474. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department supports the use of gender-neutral pronouns in the drafting of legislation or policies initiated by or originating in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11265/23]

*475. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can clarify in relation to the operation of Ireland's community sponsorship programme for refugees led by the Irish refugee protection programme, the reason communities seeking to welcome refugees via this programme must first fundraise €10,000; if any consideration has been given to ensuring that such funding is provided by the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [11290/23]

*476. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on work towards achieving the SDG targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [11424/23]

*477. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will confirm whether a management company (details supplied) or IPAS are asking people with the right to remain to leave direct provision centres; if he will guarantee that these people will not be made homeless; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [11447/23]

*478. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the capital costs associated with establishing a brand new family resource centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [11458/23]

*479. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the Government will implement the optional protocol of the United Nations Convention on Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [11489/23]

*480. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on plans to ensure that those with disabilities who are living in nursing homes can be supported to move out of the older-people-care setting to more appropriate facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [11492/23]

*481. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he expects the publication of a report (details supplied); the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that this report is published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [11515/23]

*482. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the cost of the provision of a modular unit for Ukrainian people, including the cost of construction, installation and complete finish; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [11588/23]

*483. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total amount of funding provided under the youth service grant scheme for each of the years 2008 to 2023 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [11618/23]

*484. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of the living conditions for residents of the Richmond Street emergency accommodation centre (details supplied); and if he plans to remedy these issues on an urgent basis. — Gary Gannon. [11621/23]

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

*485. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 143 of 25 January 2023, if he will clarify a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [11021/23]

*486. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of places available on SNA courses in Irish universities; and the number of graduates of these courses for each year they have run. — Holly Cairns. [11084/23]

*487. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [11096/23]

*488. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will clarify the plans for a third-level institution (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [11138/23]

*489. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will confirm whether a €1,000 reduction in the student contribution fee will be put in place for undergraduate students eligible for the free-fee scheme in the academic year 2023/2024, similar to what was introduced for these students in the academic year 2022/2023 as per Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [11147/23]

*490. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will confirm whether consideration would be given to reducing the student contribution fee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [11148/23]

*491. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department supports the use of gender-neutral pronouns in the drafting of legislation or policies initiated by or originating in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11272/23]

*492. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there is an underrepresentation of specific expertise from both academia and practice in the areas being reviewed by the recently appointed expert advisory panel to review opportunities for new programmes in dentistry, pharmacy, medicine, nursing and veterinary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [11437/23]

*493. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the plans he has to ensure all research staff grades have access to public service pensions in all higher education institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [11457/23]

*494. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has engaged with the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications to ensure there are adequate third level courses in areas needed for renewable energy such as floating wind turbines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [11555/23]

*495. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an outline of the total level of public funds that have been spent by Solas towards an electronic marking system for adult and apprenticeship programmes; the progress of this project; the breakdown of this spend, detailing how much was allocated to a software company (details supplied) and other companies; the actual overall cost inclusive of Solas working hours, travel and subsistence; if there is any decision on its future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [11559/23]

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

*496. To ask the Minister for Justice if he can assist a person (details supplied) with a family reunification from Afghanistan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [10815/23]

*497. To ask the Minister for Justice the new measures being considered under the sale of intoxicated liquors in future legislative proposals; if once-off event licences for the sale of alcohol will be considered rather than the current transfer of licences as under current law and procedures around the district and circuit courts. — Frankie Feighan. [10904/23]

*498. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 569 and 570 of 21 February 2023, if he will confirm whether he and related parties have had an enforcement notice communicated to them in respect of a determination of the Labour Court; if he and or his officials have engaged with officials and or the Minister in the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform in respect of the ruling. — Catherine Murphy. [10919/23]

*499. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new Garda cars and vans that were allocated to the Cavan-Monaghan division in 2022 and to date in 2023; the number of Garda cars and vans withdrawn from this division during the same period, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [10937/23]

*500. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated cost of increasing funding to the Data Protection Commissioners by 15%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [10938/23]

*501. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding has been secured in 2023 to replace the patrol boat and rigid inflatable boats within the Garda water unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [10939/23]

*502. To ask the Minister for Justice when a decision will be made in respect of three applications lodged under the atypical working scheme by a nursing home (details supplied); the reason for the delay in considering said applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [10997/23]

*503. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of calls received by An Garda Síochána in County Clare with respect to reports of DSGBV in each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [11040/23]

*504. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will clarify whether persons arriving into the State without documentation, valid documentation or false documentation, and who then request

international protection, can go on to access the labour market after a period of six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11051/23]

*505. To ask the Minister for Justice if a passport is needed for travel from Carrickfinn Airport, County Donegal to Dublin Airport (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [11054/23]

*506. To ask the Minister for Justice if a travel pass which is issued by the Department of Social Protection can be used as a valid identification when traveling from Carrickfinn Airport, County Donegal to Dublin Airport by plane given that the travel pass is produced as proof of identification for travel on buses, trains and other public transport but a passenger was informed that it was not a valid travel pass on this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [11055/23]

*507. To ask the Minister for Justice when the Community Safety Innovation Fund will be re-opened for new applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [11081/23]

*508. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in processing the renewal of an Irish residence permit card in the case of a person (details supplied); when this card can expect to be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11100/23]

*509. To ask the Minister for Justice if ambulance personnel will be covered under proposed increases in sentences for attacks on essential frontline workers. — Pa Daly. [11137/23]

*510. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of a visa application in the case of a person (details supplied); when a decision is likely to issue; the reason for the delay is issuing visas to date; the plans in place to address this delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11152/23]

*511. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); if his Department can outline the documentation required in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11156/23]

*512. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 273 of 29 November 2017, if he will provide an update (details supplied). — Mick Barry. [11172/23]

*513. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 523 of 14 February 2023, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to answer the question. — Paul Donnelly. [11204/23]

*514. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 461 of 24 January 2023, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to answer the question. — Paul Donnelly. [11205/23]

*515. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount of drugs seized under Garda Operation Pier; and the number of persons arrested and charged under this operation to date. — Paul Donnelly. [11207/23]

*516. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of arrests from Blanchardstown Garda station in 2022, and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [11208/23]

*517. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of drones owned by An Garda Síochána. — Alan Kelly. [11229/23]

*518. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated cost of training an additional 225 gardaí in the competency-based driver level 3 course in 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [11230/23]

*519. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons arrested and charged with burglary within the Tipperary division in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [11231/23]

*520. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will reconsider a visa appeal application in the name of a person (details supplied) in light of the individual circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [11235/23]

*521. To ask the Minister for Justice if his Department supports the use of gender-neutral pronouns in the drafting of legislation or policies initiated by or originating in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11275/23]

*522. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps the Courts Service intends to take in order to reduce the delays in the Probate Office and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [11435/23]

*523. To ask the Minister for Justice the reasons behind the delays in INIS; the steps he intends to take in order to reduce the delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [11436/23]

*524. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has received representations from an organisation (details supplied) regarding the pensions for members of An Garda Síochána, and in particular, regarding the implications which revised pension arrangements post-2013 are having on recruitment and retention on the force. — Michael Creed. [11484/23]

*525. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide the draft heads of the Bill to establish an agency with responsibility for domestic sexual and gender-based violence. — Mary Lou McDonald. [11488/23]

*526. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 520 of 14 February 2023, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this question answered. — Paul Donnelly. [11582/23]

*527. To ask the Minister for Justice if a Stamp 4 will be granted as a prelude to making an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11624/23]

*528. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for a visa in the case of a person (details supplied); when a decision is likely to be reached; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11625/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*529. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expand on the work to set up a cross-departmental unit to examine access to therapies, as outlined in the Taoiseach's speech to the Houses of the Oireachtas on 17 December 2022. — John Paul Phelan. [10725/23]

*530. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who were granted a primary medical certificate in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; the total number of people to currently hold a primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [11184/23]

*531. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that will be implemented to address the shortage in GPs throughout the country particularly in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [10806/23]

*532. To ask the Minister for Health the measures taken to improve the recruitment and retention of GPs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [10807/23]

*533. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently waiting for fistula surgery in UHG; the current wait time; the steps that are being taken to reduce this waiting time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [10817/23]

*534. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who following a home visit 18 months ago is waiting on an occupational therapist report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [10829/23]

*535. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 412 of 16 February 2023, when the blood results of the microarray test conducted in April 2022 at Portiuncula University Hospital, Ballinasloe, County Galway on a child (details supplied) will be made available to the family; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [10830/23]

*536. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a medical card has not been approved for a person (details supplied); and if his case will be reviewed urgently with a view to granting a medical card as soon as possible. — John McGuinness. [10853/23]

*537. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail the health threats posed to users by lead water pipes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10860/23]

*538. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has calculated the additional cost burden on the healthcare system due to an increase in hyperemesis gravidarum patients presenting at emergency services to get an initial cariban prescription from an obstetrician consultant instead of their GP, so that they can claim back the cost of cariban under the new reimbursement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10867/23]

*539. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will engage directly with an organisation (details supplied), the Irish College of General Practitioners, and other expert bodies on how best to implement the cariban reimbursement scheme in a manner which prioritises and maximises hyperemesis gravidarum patient care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10868/23]

*540. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline what the review of the HSE policy on provision of cariban will entail; when it will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10869/23]

*541. To ask the Minister for Health the action that is being taken to progress a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [10903/23]

*542. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who has been waiting on an appointment with the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) at University Hospital Limerick for two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [10914/23]

*543. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Leitrim will receive an appointment in Beaumont Hospital. — Darren O'Rourke. [10924/23]

*544. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail the public hospitals that currently have an outpatients migraine clinic for persons aged over 18 years; the hours per week that each clinic is available in each hospital; in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [10934/23]

*545. To ask the Minister for Health the number and location of summer camp-based specialist services for children with complex support needs that will be established in counties Cavan and Monaghan in summer 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [10931/23]

*546. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE scrub nurses working in Cavan General Hospital in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; if the current number will be further increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [10932/23]

*547. To ask the Minister for Health the number of rapid response vehicles that are based in counties Cavan and Monaghan in each of the years of 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the number that are available to attend emergency calls on a 24-7 basis, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [10933/23]

*548. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied); and when they can expect an appointment with an orthopaedic surgeon, Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore, County Offaly. — Barry Cowen. [10943/23]

*549. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention in the west Cork children's disability network team, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [10944/23]

*550. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment at Letterkenny University Hospital can be expedited for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; if they are on the routine or urgent waiting list in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [10947/23]

*551. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 279 of 23 February 2023, if he is aware that the families concerned have made requests to meet the HSE individually and as a group but have not yet received a response. — Thomas Gould. [10948/23]

*552. To ask the Minister for Health if a request for a second opinion in the case of a person (details supplied) will be expedited as the patient requires major foot surgery and their case is deemed urgent by their medical team. — John McGuinness. [10961/23]

*553. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the Government's position in relation to the payment of the pandemic special recognition payment to section 39 workers in the healthcare industry who were employed during the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10970/23]

*554. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the funding for a treatment centre (details supplied) in County Donegal; the provision the Government has put in place to support this essential service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [10971/23]

*555. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dedicated whole-time equivalents of consultant endocrinologists, dietitians, advanced nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, staff nurses, podiatrists and administrative support posts currently dedicated to the outpatient adult diabetes clinic in University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [10979/23]

*556. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dedicated whole-time equivalents of consultant endocrinologists, dietitians, advanced nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, staff nurses and administrative support posts currently in place in the paediatric diabetes and endocrinology service at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [10980/23]

*557. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dedicated whole-time equivalents of consultant endocrinologists, dietitians, advanced nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, staff nurses, podiatrists and administrative support posts currently dedicated to the outpatient adult diabetes clinic in St. Luke's, Kilkenny General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [10981/23]

*558. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dedicated whole-time equivalents of consultant endocrinologists, dietitians, advanced nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, staff nurses and administrative support posts currently in place in the paediatric diabetes and endocrinology service at St. Luke's Kilkenny General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [10982/23]

*559. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dedicated whole-time equivalents of consultant endocrinologists, dietitians, advanced nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, staff nurses, podiatrists and administrative support posts currently dedicated to the outpatient adult diabetes clinic in Wexford General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [10983/23]

*560. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dedicated whole-time equivalents of consultant endocrinologists, dietitians, advanced nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, staff nurses and administrative support posts currently in place in the paediatric diabetes and endocrinology service at Wexford General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [10984/23]

*561. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dedicated whole-time equivalents of consultant endocrinologists, dietitians, advanced nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, staff nurses, podiatrists and administrative support posts currently dedicated to the outpatient adult diabetes clinic in South Tipperary General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [10985/23]

*562. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dedicated whole-time equivalents of consultant endocrinologists, dietitians, advanced nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, staff nurses and administrative support posts currently in place in the paediatric diabetes and endocrinology service at South Tipperary General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [10986/23]

*563. To ask the Minister for Health how he intends to strengthen HIQA's enforcement powers to regulate acute general hospitals against nationally mandate standards under the Health Act 2007; and how serious non-compliant findings reported to the HSE and the Department of health are addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [10992/23]

*564. To ask the Minister for Health when the Pandemic Bonus Payment of €1,000 will be paid to workers in an organisation (details supplied); the reason for the delay in doing so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [10995/23]

*565. To ask the Minister for Health when the pandemic bonus payment of €1,000 will be paid to workers in an organisation (details supplied); the reason for the delay in doing do; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [10996/23]

*566. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) cannot have their treatment at Cavan General Hospital rather than having to travel to the Mater Hospital on five consecutive days once a month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10998/23]

*567. To ask the Minister for Health if officials in his Department can urge CAMHS in County Clare to fast-track the preparation of 'Connors Report' for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [10999/23]

*568. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11013/23]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 361 of 1 December 2022 and 355 of 19 January 2023, the total cost of security on Millfield House from the commencement of a contract for the facility in 2019 until 28 February 2023, with the cost for each year set out; if any tendering process was applied to the granting of contracts associated with these security costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [11015/23]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 484 of 16 November 2021, 1715 of 19 January 2022, 169 of 9 February 2022, 186 of 23 March 2022, 720 of 17 May 2022, 1903 of 14 June 2022, 565 of 13 December 2022 and 19 January 2023, if the clinical directors of the west Cork, north Cork and south Lee HSE mental health catchment areas have agreed with CHO 4 HSE senior management to accept out-of-area respite or long-stay referrals from east Cork into community residences under their clinical governance in the event that the Owenacurra Centre is closed; if so, if he will provide the dates for when any such

agreements may have been made; the context in which such agreements were made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [11016/23]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the status of the HSE's use of Garnish House, Cork as a mental health facility; the projected timeframe for its continued use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [11017/23]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to a complaint being made on behalf of persons (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [11022/23]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health when an ophthalmology appointment will be allocated to a person (details supplied) in County Cork where a referral has been made. — Sean Sherlock. [11025/23]

*574. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will assist a person (details supplied) in County Mayo to secure a vital service in view of their current medical situation and their need for same. — Michael Ring. [11027/23]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to roll out a free inoculation programme to vaccinate infants and children against chicken pox; if so, when such a programme will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [11028/23]

*576. 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. [11031/23]

*577. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the MCAP review; who is carrying out the review; if he will confirm whether patient advocacy groups are involved in the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [11034/23]

*578. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the issue of the MCAP restrictive access by broadening it to cover patients suffering from chronic pain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [11035/23]

*579. To ask the Minister for Health what consideration he has given to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice recommendation to expand the MCAP to those for whom conventional pain management has proven ineffective; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [11036/23]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that patients approved for medicinal cannabis through Ministerial licence are not eligible for any financial assistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [11037/23]

*581. To ask the Minister for Health based on the HSE flow chart (details supplied), where in North Kildare the community can access treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [11042/23]

*582. To ask the Minister for Health where a person (details supplied) is placed on the list for a bed in Kenmare Community Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11052/23]

*583. To ask the Minister for Health if a drug (details supplied) can be added to GMS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [11059/23]

*584. To ask the Minister for Health where the processing team in the medical card section obtains information on applicants' previous employments and self-employments records (details supplied); the reason requests for historic employment are being made of applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [11071/23]

*585. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that the staff of a nursing home (details supplied) will be awarded the pandemic bonus payment given they were frontline workers during the Covid pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [11074/23]

*586. To ask the Minister for Health the steps taken to ensure that a person (details supplied) who worked for a company in a position that qualified them to receive the pandemic special recognition payment during the applicable time period was not paid, and had their claim rejected by a company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [11076/23]

*587. To ask the Minister for Health the measures in place to ensure physical assault support schemes are equitable across all grades; if there are differences in the support scheme available for support staff compared to other grades; if so, the reason this is the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [11078/23]

*588. To ask the Minister for Health when a response will issue to a medical card appeal by a person (details supplied) sent in September 2022. — James O'Connor. [11088/23]

*589. To ask the Minister for Health the reason some eligible non-HSE Section 38 healthcare employees (details supplied) covered by the Government decision have still not received the Covid-19 pandemic recognition payment; the reason this is the case; and when these workers will receive payment. — Mary Lou McDonald. [11094/23]

*590. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the rollout and processing of the Covid-19 pandemic recognition payment to eligible non-HSE/Section 38 healthcare employees (details supplied) covered by the Government; the number of payments that have been made by HSE and a company to date; and the number awaiting processing for payment. — Mary Lou McDonald. [11095/23]

*591. To ask the Minister for Health the number of abortions carried out in the State under the 2018 Act in a non-hospital and non-GP settings from 2019 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [11101/23]

*592. To ask the Minister for Health the number of abortions carried out under the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy Act) 2018 in hospitals between 2019 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [11102/23]

*593. To ask the Minister for Health if a medical card covers the cost of a GP completing medical reviews or medical assessments for a patient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [11104/23]

*594. To ask the Minister for Health the spend by Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda on agency staffing and private recruitment firms in each of the years 2018 to 2022 inclusive, by year

and by firm, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [11121/23]

*595. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda on access to private diagnostics in each of the years 2018 to 2022 inclusive, by year and by firm, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [11122/23]

*596. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of waiting lists for dental surgery and orthodontics for CHO8, by county and by year from January 2019 to January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [11123/23]

*597. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting list for the HSE school dental screening service for CHO8, by county and by school year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [11124/23]

*598. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update in relation to the provision of the primary healthcare centre at Station Road, Ennis, County Clare; the services that are currently being delivered from the centre; the remaining services that will be provided from this centre; when it is expected that all planned services will be available from this centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [11128/23]

*599. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update in relation to all the planned primary healthcare centres in County Clare, outlining the various stages of their development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [11129/23]

*600. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to support general practitioners to take up positions in rural general practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [11130/23]

*601. To ask the Minister for Health if he will put plans in place to improve access to occupational therapy, speech therapy and social therapy at Ennis General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [11131/23]

*602. To ask the Minister for Health the number of long-stay patients currently in acute psychiatric units in the State. — Charles Flanagan. [11134/23]

*603. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the review of roles and responsibilities within the National Ambulance Service. — Pa Daly. [11136/23]

*604. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive medical treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11145/23]

*605. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be urgently reviewed for additional respite hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11146/23]

*606. To ask the Minister for Health when additional healthcare professionals (details supplied) will be recruited in view of long delays in children receiving appropriate therapeutic interventions and supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [11155/23]

*607. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the main stakeholders from his Department and its agencies who will be involved in formulating a new National Rare Disease Plan; if he will outline the anticipated work schedule, including an expected publication date for this new plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [11162/23]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health the reason essential medication being used by a person (details supplied) cannot be covered via their medical card. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [11163/23]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to provide treatment by an ear plastic surgeon for children born with or suffering from an ear deformity; when this service will be available on a permanent and full-time basis in the State; in the interim, what steps are being taken to put a SLA in place to enable delivery of this treatment in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [11164/23]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will begin to receive CDNT9 supports in the form of speech and language, occupational therapy, physical therapy and psychology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [11178/23]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant posts among nursing staff, consultants, physiotherapists and other health/medical staff within the Saolta hospital group, by occupation, and by hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [11188/23]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant posts among nursing staff, consultants, physiotherapists and other health/medical staff at Galway University Hospitals, by occupation and department, currently and in each of the past five years; and the steps taken to address the issue. — Noel Grealish. [11189/23]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health the number of health professional staff employed at Galway University Hospitals who are currently not at work due to illness, and the number who are on maternity leave or for any other reason. — Noel Grealish. [11190/23]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of staff employed at Galway University Hospitals, by occupation, currently and in each of the past five years. — Noel Grealish. [11191/23]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on CHO7 waiting lists for counselling and psychotherapy on initial assessment, initial therapy intervention and further therapy intervention lists, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [11196/23]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE radiographers attached to both CHI Temple Street and CHI Crumlin in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [11197/23]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE staff by job title employed in the HSE pest control service in Dublin in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [11198/23]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE staff by job title that have been recruited for the community neuro-rehabilitation team in CHO7; and when will the remaining staff for this team be filled, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [11199/23]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant, endocrinologist, dieticians, advanced nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, staff nurses and administrative support posts currently in place in outpatient adult diabetes clinics in each of the hospitals under the RCSI Hospital Group. — Paul Donnelly. [11200/23]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time autism therapists and autism support workers in each of the disability network teams in CHO9, in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [11201/23]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time cognitive behavioural therapy posts in St. James's Hospital in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [11202/23]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to concerns raised (details supplied) on bilingual packaging on alcohol warnings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [11212/23]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists in County Tipperary who are on the medical card dental scheme; and the number of these dentists that are accepting new patients. — Alan Kelly. [11217/23]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health the names of international recruitment agencies in the United States, Canada, Australia, UK and New Zealand that have contracts with the HSE to advertise for posts to be filled within the Irish public health service. — Alan Kelly. [11218/23]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health the number of operating theatres in University Hospital Limerick; and if each of these theatres is in use. — Alan Kelly. [11219/23]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times the HSE has advertised for the post of consultant ophthalmologist since January 2021. — Alan Kelly. [11220/23]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of CHOs 3 and 5 funding, by local team level, for psychology services. — Alan Kelly. [11221/23]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the three-year cap on farm land in the fair deal scheme, if that cap takes effect following three years of the individual being in nursing home care under fair deal, or when the successor is appointed, if the successor is not appointed until after the three-year mark; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [11234/23]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health when Tullow, County Carlow will get a primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [11239/23]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health if Borris, County Carlow will get a primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [11240/23]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the provision of a new ambulance base in Carlow; the status of a temporary modular base; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [11243/23]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the construction of a new day care facility (details supplied) in County Carlow to replace the outdated prefabricated facility, which is home to the support services of mental and physically disabled children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [11245/23]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the status of funding allocated in Budget 2023 as part of a €100 million fund to support community-based service providers in the provision of health services across the country for a service in County Carlow (details supplied). — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [11246/23]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health the extent of the backlog in urgent and routine cancer test processing at University Hospital Waterford; the number of tests outstanding; the average length of time it is taking the laboratory to process such tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [11258/23]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health if there has been a request for additional resources to tackle a backlog of cancer screening tests at University Hospital Waterford; the number of additional staff required, by grade, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [11259/23]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department supports the use of gender-neutral pronouns in the drafting of legislation or policies initiated by or originating in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11273/23]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health who is liable for the cost of taxis to hospital appointments for residents in long-term nursing home care in receipt of medical cards. — Eoin Ó Broin. [11307/23]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health if further to Parliamentary Question No. 250 of 23 February 2023, if his Department is aware of undue delays currently in accreditation of international cardiac physiologists by the Irish Institute of Clinical Measurement Science; if his Department has taken or proposes to take any steps to assist with the current challenges being experienced by the IICMP to ensure that internationally qualified clinical measurement physiologists who wish to work in the healthcare sector here can obtain visas to do so in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [11335/23]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health the implications of Cork HSE management requesting and recently being granted a three year extension of the registration of a centre (details supplied) as an approved centre by the Mental Health Commission; its meaning in the context of HSE plans to close the facility which had been due to conclude by 31 October 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [11352/23]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to make the free contraception scheme accessible for marginalised communities including disabled women, migrant women, Traveller women and Roma women in terms of telemedicine, eligibility without a PPSN and inclusion of pharmacist-prescribing as part of the roll out. — John Lahart. [11354/23]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of members of the Clinical Expert Group on the free contraception scheme in the HSE. — John Lahart. [11355/23]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the provision of a chest-bracing service for children under the public healthcare system as of March 2023; when he expects the HSE National Service Plan 2023 to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [11357/23]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the provision of respite services for a person (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [11374/23]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid, per year to a company (details supplied) by the HSE and his Department; the details of the cases being handled by year by the company; the cases still to be resolved by the company; and a timeline for when these cases are expected to be resolved. — Peadar Tóibín. [11417/23]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by the HSE and his Department per month on the Covid tracker app in each of the past three years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [11418/23]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by the HSE and his Department per month on the implementation and practical costs of the Covid vaccine passport both for foreign travel and for public houses and restaurants in each of the past three years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [11419/23]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health if the audit of TAPS payments undertaken by both the NTPF and the HSE has been delivered to him; if so, if he will publish the audit in full; if it is not complete, if he will indicate an expected date of the report to be before him, and subsequently published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [11431/23]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health if any assistance can be given in relation to deferring a payment for a person (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [11434/23]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children aged between eight to 12 years inclusive, 13 to 15 inclusive, and 16 to 18 inclusive, who have been referred to the National Treatment Purchase Fund for dental treatment in each of the years 2020 to 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [11440/23]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied). — Michael Healy-Rae. [11450/23]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the steps being taken to provide treatment by an ear plastic surgeon for children born with or suffering from an ear deformity (details supplied); when this service will be available on a permanent and full-time basis in the State; in the interim, the steps being taken to put an SLA in place to enable delivery of this treatment in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11451/23]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has to wait so long for an operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [11452/23]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health the number of organisations and their locations supplying meals on wheels in the Kildare south area; the number of meals they are providing and their

frequency; how much financial support they are getting from the HSE and or her Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [11453/23]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position on a national register for the location of defibrillators AEDs; if he is considering an app to assist in their location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [11454/23]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health his views in relation to the lack of public urology services in Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [11456/23]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health when staff from an agency (details supplied) will receive their Covid-19 special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [11471/23]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health when staff from an agency (details supplied) will receive their Covid-19 special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [11472/23]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health when staff from a nursing home (details supplied) which has since closed down will receive their Covid-19 special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [11473/23]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health when staff from a nursing home (details supplied) which has since closed down will receive their Covid-19 special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [11474/23]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health when staff from an agency (details supplied) will receive their Covid-19 special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [11475/23]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health when staff from an agency (details supplied) will receive their Covid-19 special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [11476/23]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health when staff from an agency (details supplied) will receive their Covid-19 special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [11477/23]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health when staff from an agency (details supplied), who worked as clerical staff at Mullingar Regional Hospital, will receive their Covid-19 Special Recognition Payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [11478/23]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the reason allowances in all disability day care centres were stopped by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [11490/23]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will reopen the motorised transport grant to new applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [11491/23]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the publication of the 2023 HSE Service Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [11495/23]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the commitment to eliminate the use of all single-use plastic in HSE-operated canteens and other food service outlets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [11498/23]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health if there is any consideration being given to the reduction in single-use plastic as part of his Department's procurement policy for the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [11499/23]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take action regarding the level of single-use plastic in Ireland's healthcare system; if any review of this has been carried out by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [11500/23]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health if there has been any progress in relation to eradicating the €80 charge for venesection procedures for people with haemochromatosis, in view of the grave financial implications for haemochromatosis sufferers given the number of times they have to undergo this procedure per year; if any recent discussions have taken place on this matter; the plans there are to eradicate the charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [11505/23]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for an operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [11511/23]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Meath will receive the pandemic special recognition payment. — Darren O'Rourke. [11534/23]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health the existing staffing levels in each of the long-Covid clinics and post-acute clinics by role, in tabular form; and the number of vacant posts. — Róisín Shortall. [11535/23]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for each of the long-Covid clinics and post-acute clinics by CHO, age category and time waiting in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [11536/23]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to including ADHD medications in the long-term illness scheme for persons over the age of 16 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [11537/23]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the mechanism and decision process used for projects related to Covid-19 where acceleration of capital projects delivery was prioritised for additional acute hospital capacity, critical care capacity and intermediate care within the HSE; how delivery of critical emergency department capital expansion projects can follow similar accelerate programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11538/23]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health if the 96-bed ward block at Wexford General Hospital is in the HSE Capital Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [11539/23]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health the number of deaths recorded in the State for each quarter since 1 January 2019, in tabular form. — Michael Ring. [11576/23]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health if the condition 16p12.2 microdeletion is accepted as being on the autism spectrum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [11586/23]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved consultant positions in each public and voluntary hospital; the number of those filled on a wholetime equivalent basis; the number of those vacant as of 28 February 2023 or the latest date available; and the number of those filled on locum or non-specialist basis in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [11598/23]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE has ceased funding under the treatment abroad scheme for young persons suffering from brittle bone disease who have been undergoing treatment abroad in the UK for many years, as in a particular case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [11603/23]

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

*682. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide the rationale for why crossover breeds would pose a difficulty, or in any way act as an impediment to, Rasáíocht Con Éireann setting up its own dedicated stud book for racing greyhounds, as committed to in its Strategic Plan 2018-2022 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [10814/23]

*683. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 761 of 31 January 2023, if he will provide a breakdown of the point-to-point figures into name of hunt/year/and amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [10826/23]

*684. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address concerns around the rules excluding robotic farmers as proposed for the new TAMS scheme; if the new rules exclude farmers who received support for one robot under the previous TAMS from accessing supports for an essential additional unit; the rationale for this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10827/23]

*685. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the specific reasons crossover breeds would pose a difficulty, or in any way act as an impediment to, Rásaíocht Con Éireann setting up its own dedicated stud book for racing greyhounds, as committed to in its Strategic Plan 2018-2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [10828/23]

*686. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is currently a plan in place to develop the research on the impacts to farmland birds regarding the loss of winter stubbles; when such research is due to be initiated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10864/23]

*687. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there will be data available on the impacts to farmland birds regarding the loss of winter stubbles, to inform the Interim Review of the Nitrates Action Programme in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10865/23]

*688. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in the event of insufficient evidence on the effects of the loss of winter stubbles on farmland birds at the time of the Interim

Review, if the requirement to shallow cultivate is to be withdrawn until such a time as there is data to show that this measure is not adversely impacting farmland birds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10866/23]

*689. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the rationale for excluding farmers who received support for one robot under the previous TAMS from accessing supports for an essential additional unit under the proposed new TAMS scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [10958/23]

*690. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on a REAP scheme payment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10962/23]

*691. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address concerns that there is only a single factory (details supplied) providing a slaughtering service for grass-fed organic cattle in Ireland; if he agrees that such a de facto monopoly is anti-competitive for farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11050/23]

*692. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will re-examine the rules excluding robotic farmers for the proposed new TAMS farm equipment grant-aid (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [11065/23]

*693. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review the prescribed Burning Code of Practice. — Holly Cairns. [11082/23]

*694. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking in response to illegal land burning which occurred in Cork south-west in recent days. — Holly Cairns. [11083/23]

*695. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the new round of TAMS grants will be open for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [11117/23]

*696. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the 2023 horticultural grants will be opened for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [11149/23]

*697. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the last time a vet from his Department inspected horses engaged in sulky racing in Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [11159/23]

*698. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will clarify the situation regarding grant aid for dairy equipment under TAMS as it relates to young farmers who are over five years established but are still under 40 years and involved in a farm partnership; if the 160-cow threshold applies in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [11236/23]

*699. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will clarify the situation with regard to aid under TAMS for dairy equipment; if he will outline the methodology being used by his Department when counting cow numbers on an individual herd; if he accepts that ICBF milk recording data is acceptable evidence and a reliable methodology, as reliance on herd

number data could include culled cows; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [11249/23]

*700. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department supports the use of gender-neutral pronouns in the drafting of legislation or policies initiated by or originating in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11264/23]

*701. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware and has contacted the HSE with regard to the use of heavy machinery in Priority Annex 1 habitat and the felling of trees in south woods in Merlin Woods, Galway city; how this complies with the EU Habitats Directive (article 6.2); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [11356/23]

*702. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on work towards achieving the SDG targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [11427/23]

*703. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress made regarding costs associated with pre- and post-movement TB testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [11504/23]

*704. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the policy with regard to registered PV installers subcontracting the installation, commissioning and signing off of the installation of TAMS aided PV solar systems to persons or companies not registered with his Department or with the SEAI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [11532/23]

*705. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 662 of 24 January 2023, to outline the way in which the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland monitors his Department's registered solar PV installers as outlined in his response; the further role, if any, that the SEAI has in respect of TAMS grant aided solar PV installations on farm buildings especially in relation to safety and standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [11533/23]

*706. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he accepts that the Forestry Service needs to supplement the income for foresters, in light of the fact that the Forestry Service is not accepting grant-aided applications or issuing new approvals for forestry schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [11547/23]

*707. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department has been asked by Galway County Council to take part in a committee with the Council and his Department to examine the development of a pier (details supplied) that is part owned by the Council and his Department which is used as a ferry and cargo port to two islands; when a decision will be made on this request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [11549/23]

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

*708. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to ensure the viability and sustainability of towns and villages in rural Ireland that have lost or are losing the

local post office such as Borris, County Carlow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [11241/23]

*709. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department supports the use of gender-neutral pronouns in the drafting of legislation or policies initiated by or originating in her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11277/23]

*710. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the measures being undertaken by her Department to address depopulation in rural communities across County Mayo and the rest of the country: how policy interventions can reduce the growth of urban centres at the expense of rural villages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11287/23]

*711. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the grants available to senior-citizen community groups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [11487/23]

*712. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development whether her Department has been asked by Galway County Council to take part in a committee with the Council and her Department of to examine the development of a pier (details supplied) that is part owned by the Council and her Department and which is also used as a port for the ferry and cargo services to two islands; when a decision will be made on this request; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [11550/23]

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ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH, 2023**

Chun an Taoiseach: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with Church leaders. — Ivana Bacik. [11009/23]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the events in his Department to mark International Women's Day; and the measures he has taken to improve gender equality in his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [11058/23]

3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Mick Barry. [11398/23]

4. To ask the Taoiseach when the most recent meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Health took place. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11562/23]

5. To ask the Taoiseach the most recent meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee for Accommodation and Supports for Ukrainian Refugees took place. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11563/23]

6. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the International Division of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11604/23]

7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the International Division of his Department. — Bríd Smith. [11607/23]

8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the International Division of his Department. — Gino Kenny. [11609/23]

9. To ask the Taoiseach when the most recent meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Housing took place. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11561/23]

10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Sub-committee on Housing will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11605/23]

11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Housing will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [11608/23]

12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Housing will next meet. — Gino Kenny. [11610/23]