



DÁIL ÉIREANN

Dé Céadaoin, 8 Márta, 2023

Wednesday, 8th March, 2023

**CEISTEANNA
QUESTIONS**

Dé Céadaoin, 8 Márta, 2023
Wednesday, 8th March, 2023

CEISTEANNA I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoiseach: To the Taoiseach.

1. 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]

2. 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]

3. 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]

4. 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]

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

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

7. 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]

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

9. 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]

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

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

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

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

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

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

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

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

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

22. 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]

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

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

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

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

27. 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]

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

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

30. 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]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*38. To ask the Taoiseach if, in the context of the Government's commitment to holding an inquiry/review into the State's response to the Covid-19 pandemic, he will request that the review/inquiry includes a module on the range of financial supports which were deployed to assist businesses and workers such as the temporary wage subsidy scheme and the employment wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [11262/23]

*39. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress report on the Climate Action Plan. — Ivana Bacik. [11012/23]

*40. To ask the Taoiseach if each Government Department now has a full-time, dedicated climate scientist on its staff; and if they do not, the reason therefor. — Réada Cronin. [11634/23]

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

*41. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the senior officials of the major tech companies that he met with during his recent visit to the west coast of the United States. — Catherine Murphy. [11708/23]

*42. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if consideration will be given to granting the full minimum wage to workers from the age of 16 years, rather than an incremental approach; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [11773/23]

*43. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline any improvements made to introduce a minimum time for the processing of applications for work permits for non-EEA workers in the hospitality sector, in which there is a critical shortage of available skilled workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [11807/23]

*44. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department is liaising with IDA Ireland and the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications to ensure that business energy costs can be reduced through the EU reform of the electricity market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [11902/23]

*45. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to establish a scheme to assist manufacturers in paying energy costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [11904/23]

*46. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a situational update on the application of an Employment Regulation Order (ERO) for those who work in the security sector; if a new ERO is to be introduced; when an ERO will be implemented vis-a-vis the signing of a statutory instrument; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [11909/23]

*47. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what actions he and officials in his Department are undertaking to ensure that appropriate redundancy pay is paid by an organisation (details supplied) to 38 of its employees at Raheen, Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [11910/23]

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

*48. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how the Government will reduce energy costs for businesses in 2023; how the EU reform of the electricity market will impact these plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [11903/23]

*49. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if any licences have been granted in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [10909/23]

*50. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he intends amending bye law 806 and 809 in relation to inland waters for all SAC-designated waters in order to preserve the ecosystems there and preserve the wild trout; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [11615/23]

*51. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of specifically qualified climate scientists employed by his Department; the level of qualification of each; their specific areas of expertise within climate science; if he will list their peer reviewed,

specialist publications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [11635/23]

*52. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he can address the queries raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [11639/23]

*53. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a person (details supplied) is entitled to claim the Government energy credit payment. — Kathleen Funchion. [11690/23]

*54. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications whether it is the view of the Government and his Department that the obligations created by section 6A(5) of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 remain to be fully discharged; if so, what specific obligations remain to be discharged; on whom does these outstanding obligations fall to be discharged (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [11693/23]

*55. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will confirm that he received a request for a pension increase in 2022 (details supplied); if the request has been considered; and if he will confirm a timeframe in which a decision will be provided. — Eoin Ó Broin. [11713/23]

*56. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 138 of 15 December 2022, the name of the company that won the tender for research to examine the potential social, economic and environmental implications of a transition to reduced working time, including a four-day workweek; the value of the funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [11728/23]

*57. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason simple heating controls such as those provided by a device (details supplied) are not eligible for funding support from the SEAI given their recognised benefit; if he will review this position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [11743/23]

*58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the community benefit funds established under the renewal energy generation projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [11744/23]

*59. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when fibre broadband will be extended to a property (details supplied). — David Cullinane. [11753/23]

*60. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to a message on the Electric Ireland website about the use of the March Government credit in which it advises that, if one has an outstanding balance on one's account prior to 1 March, one cannot use the Government credit against this balance; if he will instruct the CRU to inform Electric Ireland that there are no caveats on this credit (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [11772/23]

*61. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the upcoming European Union reform of the electricity market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [11899/23]

*62. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how he intends to reduce energy bills for business customers throughout 2023; how the upcoming EU electricity market reform will feed into such plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [11900/23]

*63. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department is liaising with the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment and IDA Ireland to ensure that business energy costs can be reduced through the EU reform of the electricity market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [11901/23]

*64. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has plans to introduce a tyre recycling scheme for farmers similar to the scheme that operated in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [11956/23]

*65. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 155 of 28 February 2023, the legislative basis on which a firm (details supplied) manages the scheme; if other companies can tender for the management of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [11957/23]

*66. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the Independent Review of Energy Security, being undertaken by a person (details supplied), will be finalised; when he will make the report publicly available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [11990/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*67. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are any plans going forward to update the policies on the powers the local authority has in relation to the parking of camper vans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [11988/23]

*68. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine the CÍE superannuation scheme 1951 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [11644/23]

*69. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on quality audits at NCT centres by centre and quarter/month for 2022, and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [11645/23]

*70. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of WTE staff by job title working in the railway accident investigation unit and air accident investigation unit as of 2 March 2023; the number of vacancies by job title in both RAIU and AAIU; and when each of these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [11694/23]

*71. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of WTE staff by job title working in the finance department of Iarnród Éireann as of 1 March 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [11695/23]

*72. To ask the Minister for Transport in relation to the major delays experienced by those trying to complete their full driving license test, if he will ensure that a healthcare worker is able to do their test urgently; the steps being taken to tackle these delays (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [11734/23]

*73. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered extending the validity of NCT certification to two years instead of one year to relieve the pressures and backlog in the system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [11735/23]

*74. To ask the Minister for Transport the current waiting time for driving tests for County Waterford; the number waiting; the reason for the delay; the steps he is taking to address the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [11752/23]

*75. To ask the Minister for Transport to respond to issues raised by a person (details supplied) in relation to the Drogheda driver test centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [11769/23]

*76. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons on waiting lists for a driving test at each test centre nationwide; the average waiting time nationally at present for a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [11802/23]

*77. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding committed to each local authority under the safety improvement scheme in each of the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023. — Ivana Bacik. [11839/23]

*78. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department maintains data as to the proportion of active travel funding spent by local authorities on new infrastructure, compared with the restoration of existing infrastructure; and, if so, for a breakdown of the proportion of active travel funding spent by each local authority in 2022 on new infrastructure, compared with existing infrastructure such as repair of footpaths (in tabular form). — Ivana Bacik. [11841/23]

*79. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department maintains data on the funding provided to local authorities in 2022 for footpath repair; and, if so, the amount of funding drawn down by each local authority in 2022 for repair of pavements.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [11843/23]

*80. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will liaise with the NTA on the matter of making adequate provision for bus stops in Ballymacarbery, County Waterford to serve the new 356 service between Dungarvan and Clonmel; if funding will be made available for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [11850/23]

*81. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will look at reviewing changes in the NCT system (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11912/23]

*82. To ask the Minister for Transport who owns the large freight crane at Colbert Station, Limerick; the future plans for it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [11985/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*83. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will make a statement on the adequacy of the rent a room scheme in the context of supply of housing; and his views on the accessibility of the scheme for persons seeking to offer accommodation under the scheme. — Ivana Bacik. [11837/23]

*84. To ask the Minister for Finance if the temporary business energy support scheme will now allow businesses who heat and fuel their premises through oil, such as dry cleaners, to access the badly needed supports in this scheme; if not, the reason this decision was made, given that it is the only alternative for many; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [11664/23]

*85. To ask the Minister for Finance if he can devise a mechanism to prevent developers from not accepting the help-to-buy scheme as a deposit for a new house purchase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [11688/23]

*86. To ask the Minister for Finance the latest update regarding the insurance Action Plan Implementation Report; the timeline for the amendment of legislation with regard to duty of care under the insurance Action Plan Implementation Report; if there is an insurance facility for organisations such as bouncy castle operators and landowners who allow hill walkers on to their lands; how can a group or organisation make a case to be recognised under such; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [11750/23]

*87. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the adequacy of the rent a room scheme. — Ivana Bacik. [11838/23]

*88. To ask the Minister for Finance if he intends to introduce legislation to protect access to cash as recommended by the Retail Banking Review; and if this legislation will include a protection on cash sales as part of the access to cash. — Martin Browne. [11848/23]

*89. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of final demands issued by revenue and the number of sheriff referrals below the value of €1,000, €5,000 and €10,000 respectively, for each year since 2016, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [11849/23]

*90. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide statistics relating to the Revenue Commissioners seize and release VRT enforcement procedure, in tabular form (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [11980/23]

*91. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide statistics relating to appeals and petitions relating to the Revenue Commissioners seize and release VRT enforcement procedure, in tabular form (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [11981/23]

*92. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide statistics relating to appeals and petitions relating to the Revenue Commissioners seize and release VRT enforcement procedure in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [11982/23]

*93. To ask the Minister for Finance when a new Medical Appeal Board will be appointed to assess appeals in relation to primary medical certificates for purchasers of cars; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [11986/23]

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.

*94. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount that was allocated by the European Union to the State under the Brexit adjustment fund; the amount that has been spent; and what his Department intends to do with the remaining funds. — Peadar Tóibín. [11642/23]

*95. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his views on the use of bundled construction projects for delivery of the National Development Plan; if he accepts that in the event of such a strategy being deployed that all component parts of the bundle should be at the same stage of readiness to proceed to construction; if he is satisfied that this is the case; if, in circumstances where it is apparent that there is a significant gap in the readiness of projects that are bundled, he will indicate the steps, if any, his Department has taken to disentangle the bundle and proceed with the ready component parts of the bundle; the contractual consequences, if any, of this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [11654/23]

*96. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the status of a pension increase (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [11748/23]

*97. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform with responsibility for Office of Public Works if he will ensure that coastal defence works are carried out at a property (details supplied) to ensure that erosion does not continue to impact on the owners. — Cathal Crowe. [11767/23]

*98. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the reasons for the delay in cases accessing arbitration; the number of cases waiting for arbitration; the average waiting time; what steps are his Department taking to ensure that these cases are expedited; what steps are his Department taking to ensure that future cases will not have to wait so long; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [11798/23]

*99. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the status of the proposed walking and cycling bridge across the River Liffey from the War Memorial Gardens, Islandbridge; if funding has been assigned to the project; if so, the amount; the proposed timeline for works to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [11905/23]

*100. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the status of the proposed renovation of the Magazine Fort in the Phoenix Park; if funding has been assigned to the project; if so, the amount; the proposed timeline for works to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [11906/23]

*101. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11995/23]

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

*102. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén uair a fuair an Roinn iarratas ar íocaíocht deontais (sonraí tugtha); cén uair a dhéanfar an t-iarratas sin a phróiseáil; cén fáth a bhfuil moill ar an íocaíocht sin; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [11973/23]

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

*103. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the Residential Tenancies Board will resolve an ongoing issue for a person (details supplied) in County Mayo in view of the fact that this issue is ongoing since July 2022, the undue stress being caused to the individual with their properties being de-registered and re-registered on the same day and ask that a senior member of the RTB make direct contact with this person to resolve this issue. — Michael Ring. [11662/23]

*104. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the number of homes that will be put forward for the affordable housing scheme under Fingal County Council; the timeline for such developments; the income figures that will be allocated for under this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [11665/23]

*105. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider introducing legislation to ensure that there are not unreasonable and inexplicable delays on the part of developers in completing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [11689/23]

*106. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the first-home scheme; if he supports requests for the scheme to be restructured to allow first-time self-builders who currently own a home; if it will allow first-time self-builders who do not already own a home to apply for the scheme; if a scheme review has been undertaken; when he expects such a review to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [11740/23]

*107. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the introduction of a Mica/Pyrite redress scheme for County Clare households; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [11801/23]

*108. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the criteria used to determine the duration of the eviction moratorium; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [11835/23]

*109. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has plans to amend the data sharing arrangements in place with the Residential Tenancies Board to impose more comprehensive reporting obligations in relation to disputes between landlords and tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [11836/23]

*110. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount paid in compensation by each local authority in 2022 due to defective roads and pavements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [11840/23]

*111. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on pay and conditions for retained firefighters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [11888/23]

*112. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of any analysis carried out by his Department into the operation of the choice based letting system; what measures are in place to assist older persons and persons with disabilities in accessing the system, particularly in local authority areas in which the online choice based system is used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [11938/23]

*113. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 90 of 26 January 2023, the status of the development of the promised section 28 guidelines for planning in Gaeltacht areas; the status of the screening assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [11939/23]

*114. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a complaint has been received about unauthorised works in a priority habitat (details supplied); the action that is being taken by his Department as a consequence of the complaint; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [11970/23]

*115. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm whether a contract for security work at 90 North King Street from his Department has been awarded to a firm (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [11971/23]

*116. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of staff allocated to housing, local government and heritage in County Wexford, detailed by his Department's different remits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [11976/23]

*117. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of staff allocated to housing, local government and heritage nationally, detailed by his Department's different remits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [11977/23]

*118. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of additional staff allocated to housing in County Wexford from 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [11978/23]

*119. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of additional staff allocated to housing nationally from 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [11979/23]

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

*120. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken with the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Ireland to date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [11707/23]

*121. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the status of the new initiative on sexual and reproductive health and rights as outlined in the policy

for international development, A Better World; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [11721/23]

*122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will give detailed consideration to all the issues outlined in a recent publication (details supplied); if he will raise these issues in appropriate fora such as the EU Foreign Affairs Council and the United Nations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [11983/23]

*123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will seek a specific discussion at the EU Foreign Affairs Council in relation to the concerning issues outlined in a recent publication (details supplied) about the persecution of Christians around the world; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [11984/23]

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

*124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he has spoken with his Canadian counterpart to date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [11696/23]

*125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when the Government intends to introduce the working time directive for the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [11833/23]

*126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if clarification will be provided on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [11996/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*127. To ask the Minister for Education if assistance will be provided in relation to the appointment of a home school tutor for a child (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [11648/23]

*128. To ask the Minister for Education if she will confirm unequivocally that the search for a school site at a location (details supplied) is for the existing school; if she will provide an update on that land acquisition; if she will provide an estimated timeframe for when the school will be moved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [11651/23]

*129. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the provision of a new school building on existing lands for school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [11652/23]

*130. To ask the Minister for Education when construction on a secondary school (details supplied) will commence; if she will ensure that this building work begins as urgently as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [11685/23]

*131. To ask the Minister for Education if he will provide an update on an application by a person (details supplied) for additional accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [11729/23]

*132. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the progress of a school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [11730/23]

*133. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to ensure a school (details supplied) has sufficient classroom space to accommodate existing and future demand; if she is aware that a new teacher is due to start at the school in September this year and that there is currently no additional classroom available to accommodate this teacher and their class; if she will do all in her power to expedite the acquisition of land and approval of funding that will allow for a solution to be out in place in time for September; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [11731/23]

*134. To ask the Minister for Education if she will confirm that schools will receive the minor works grant immediately to allow Boards of Management to carry out essential maintenance and minor works during summer 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [11765/23]

*135. To ask the Minister for Education if the minor works grant will be paid this year (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11766/23]

*136. To ask the Minister for Education if she will instruct her Department to make provisions for a student (details supplied).; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [11771/23]

*137. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) will have a decision on the three proposed plans it has submitted for additional school accommodation in order to progress its extension plans given significant increases in enrolment numbers. — Claire Kerrane. [11847/23]

*138. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children with special educational needs that are waiting for primary and secondary school places in each county, in tabular form; and the number of school places that will be made available in each county for children with special educational needs for the academic year 2023-2024. — Ivana Bacik. [11878/23]

*139. To ask the Minister for Education the number of notices she has served to schools for additional provision for children with special educational needs under section 37A of the Education Act 1998 in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023. — Ivana Bacik. [11879/23]

*140. To ask the Minister for Education if a school placement can be addressed for a person (details supplied).; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [11896/23]

*141. To ask the Minister for Education when schools will receive guidelines and funding for the primary schoolbook scheme, as booksellers need to be closely involved in the ordering process and feel that the timeline is very tight, and are asking that invoices are paid by primary schools in a timely manner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [11898/23]

*142. To ask the Minister for Education when a planning application for a permanent building for a school (details supplied) will be submitted; if her Department has revised the timescale for completion of this project as a result of increased construction costs; the total current estimated costs for the provision of permanent school buildings for the school; if the new school building will be delivered in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [11907/23]

*143. To ask the Minister for Education the total cost to date for the provision of temporary accommodation for a school (details supplied) since the establishment of the school on its current site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [11908/23]

*144. To ask the Minister for Education if she agrees it to be unacceptable for a submission to the Schools Transport Appeals Board to take 17 months to be considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [11953/23]

*145. To ask the Minister for Education if a school place will be offered in the correct establishment for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11989/23]

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

*146. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for carer's benefit in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [11638/23]

*147. 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. [11646/23]

*148. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) has had their free travel pass withdrawn. — Michael Creed. [11655/23]

*149. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration has been given to providing flexibility regarding the rules requiring eligible participants to be in receipt of a social welfare payment in relation to the community employment, rural social scheme and Tús schemes, given the difficulties in securing participant numbers and the importance of these schemes for local communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [11678/23]

*150. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration has been given to reducing the current minimum duration of six months required pertaining to a contract of employment offered under the wage subsidy scheme administered by her Department, which makes financial support available to employers who employ people with disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [11683/23]

*151. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration has been given to reducing the current minimum required threshold of 21 hours per week under the wage subsidy scheme that makes financial support available to employers who employ people with disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [11684/23]

*152. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an appeal for an exceptional needs' payment will be processed for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [11686/23]

*153. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons with disabilities currently employed under the wage subsidy scheme and whose employers are receiving financial support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [11687/23]

*154. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of the wage subsidy scheme operated by her Department in 2020, 2021 and in 2022, respectively; the current hourly rate paid under the scheme; when this rate was last increased and by how much; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [11692/23]

*155. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a review of a decision for carer's allowance and carer's support grant has been completed in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [11712/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide statistics in relation to the numbers of applications for rent supplement received in the Dublin central rents unit in the past 12 months; the number of rent supplement reviews that have been conducted in the same period, and the processing times for both (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [11741/23]

*157. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide details of the staffing and administrative changes made within the Dublin central rents unit over the past 12 months, including the numbers employed in the unit; the changes that have been made to the administrative end of the rent supplement application process; and if she will provide details of how applications are now being processed. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [11742/23]

*158. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current position in regard to the recovery of alleged overpayments in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11751/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will advise on requirements for people applying for additional needs payments to assist with energy bills to have sought support from MABS; if she will advise when this requirement was put in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [11770/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if reckonable social security contributions paid in the United Kingdom qualify a person who is providing full-time care and attention to another person in this state to qualify for carer's benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [11810/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 401 of 28 February 2023, if participants who were on a qualifying payment for over a year and have recently been moved to another qualifying payment will still be eligible to receive the announced bonus payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [11852/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ensure that in all correspondence issued by her Department referencing a person's possible entitlement to fuel allowance, it will be explicitly stated that a person must submit an application form for the fuel allowance and that there is no automatic entitlement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [11858/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of schools in County Kildare that receive funding for breakfast clubs; the number of those that are Deis schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [11897/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people currently in receipt of the widow's, widower's or surviving civil partner's (contributory) pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [11913/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify in relation to periods spent on illness benefit, or on Covid supports, such as the temporary Covid-19 wage subsidy scheme and Covid illness benefit whether such periods count in terms of paid contributions in relation to calculating a person's contributory record for the purposes of the State pension and so on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [11963/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify, where a dispute exists between an employee and an employer as to the status of the person regarding being self-employed or an employee, how such dispute impacts the person's contributory record if it is subsequently found that the person has been incorrectly categorised as self-employed; if the period spent is calculated as a period of paid reckonable contributions for the purpose of calculating future benefits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [11965/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on the carers review requested by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [11969/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for disability allowance by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [11994/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated annual additional cost of extending the free travel scheme to people with disabilities who have a long-term illness card but not a medical card and who do not receive any qualifying social welfare payments; if she will provide a breakdown of the relevant data and assumptions underpinning the estimate; if no estimate can be provided at this time, if she will provide a breakdown of as much of the relevant data that is known; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [11997/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated annual additional cost of extending the free travel scheme plus a free travel companion card to all children in receipt of domiciliary care allowance; if she will provide a breakdown of the relevant data and assumptions underpinning the estimate; if no estimate can be provided at this time, if she will provide a breakdown of as much of the relevant data that is known; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [11998/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated annual additional cost of extending the free travel scheme to all recipients of the carer's support grant; if she will provide a breakdown of the relevant data and assumptions underpinning the estimate; if no estimate can be provided at this time, if she will provide a breakdown of as much of the relevant data that is known; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [11999/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is a decision regarding an appeal for an invalidity pension by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [12000/23]

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

*173. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will urgently intervene to ensure that payments owed to a company (details supplied) in respect of accommodating Ukrainian refugees are made. — Cathal Crowe. [11653/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will examine the level of payments made by a person (details supplied) for their residential care received; if this payment will be examined to ascertain if it is in keeping with the fair deal scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [11691/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has considered the vacant former HSE site on a site (details supplied) for the purpose of accommodating IPA applications and or Ukrainian refugees. — Francis Noel Duffy. [11736/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will meet with a group (details supplied) to discuss the National Report of Children's Disability Networks Team Staff Census and Workforce Review for 2022 and to ensure that progress is made. — Paul Murphy. [11754/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the alternative accommodation that has been sourced to accommodate beneficiaries of temporary protection and applicants for international protection to replace accommodation capacity provided by County Clare hotels that will not be renewing their contracts with the Government beyond March 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [11808/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the percentage of hotel accommodation capacity in the State currently accommodating beneficiaries of temporary protection and applicants for international protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [11809/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what tender process is in place to allow local suppliers and facilities management companies to apply for tenders for upcoming contracts of catering and cleaning of IPAS centres; if consideration will be given to a company (details supplied) that cannot access the tender process ; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [11828/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of complaints received by Pobal in respect of reported breaches of core funding for both the underpayment of wages under the agreement, and the failure to implement a fee freeze for clients, in tabular form; the number of disputes which have been resolved for both the underpayment of wages under the agreement and failures to implement a fee freeze for clients; and the number of adverse findings made in respect of the underpayment of wages under the agreement, and failures to implement a fee freeze for clients. — Ivana Bacik. [11875/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of complaints received by Tusla in respect of reported breaches of required child to staff ratios in early childhood education and care facilities in each month of 2022 and to date in 2023; and the number of adverse findings made by Tusla in respect of same in each month of 2022 and to date in 2023. — Ivana Bacik. [11876/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of complaints received by Tusla in respect of unqualified staff caring and educating children in early childhood education and care facilities in each month of 2022 and to date in 2023; and the number of adverse findings made by Tusla in respect of same in each month of 2022 and to date in 2023. — Ivana Bacik. [11877/23]

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

*183. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department will fund exclusive free courses in each ETB on how to use iPhones, android tablets and so on for older persons with little or no experience in the usage of these devices. — Catherine Murphy. [11697/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of electrical, plumbing, carpentry and joinery and bricklaying, stone laying apprentices, respectively, waiting to progress their off-the-job training in phase 2, phase 4 and phase 6, respectively, across Solas and the higher education sector, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [11806/23]

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

*185. To ask the Minister for Justice the average processing time, in months, for applications currently being processed in 2023 by the undocumented unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [11640/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress that has been made in the determination of an application as part of the recent undocumented scheme in the case of a person (details supplied), who is now facing homelessness since they are unemployed due to work injury, who has paid their taxes and cannot obtain any interim support due to their status and is now at risk of losing their home due to the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11660/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of instances where a fee of €300 was paid for the issuing of an IRP (formerly GNIB) card including both registration and renewal, by year, from 2013 to date; and the total income from this activity. — Patrick Costello. [11680/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding has been secured in 2023 to increase the number of horses in the garda mounted unit. — Catherine Murphy. [11703/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Justice when the current contract for the provision of garda public order unit equipment and uniform is due to expire. — Catherine Murphy. [11704/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Justice the dates to date in 2023, when new recruits entered the Garda College. — Catherine Murphy. [11705/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of threats to kill incidents reported to gardaí within the division in 2020 to 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [11706/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Justice when the review on temporary release for certain offences, as required by section 29 of the Judicial Council Act 2019, will be complete. — Ivana Bacik. [11873/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda vehicles assigned to Kildare Garda station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [11890/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí currently out on sick leave due to work-related issues in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [11891/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Justice when the Private Security Services (Amendment) Act 2021 will be fully commenced; when the insertion of definitions of “court messenger” and “enforcement guard” will be inserted into the Principal Act (S.I. No. 379 of 2021); if she will report on the delay of the commencement of the Act; and whether the lifting of the eviction moratorium has affected the timetable for its commencement. — Ivana Bacik. [11964/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*196. To ask the Minister for Health if funding or grants are available to help persons who need a permanent oxygen machine with the electricity costs of running oxygen machines required as part of their treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [11627/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Health when the day hospital will re-open at St. Joseph’s Hospital, Stranorlar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [11636/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Health when the day centre services will re-open at Ramelton community nursing home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [11637/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Health when the pandemic recognition payment will be paid to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [11641/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Health if health warning labels on alcohol products will be bilingual, reflecting warnings in both English and Irish; and if not, if including the Irish language on packaging will be considered. — Eoin Ó Broin. [11647/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the immediate plans to restore full services to Wexford General Hospital; the length of time this will take; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [11649/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received and reviewed a press statement by an organisation (details supplied) concerning the recently published National Report, Staff Census, and Workforce Review for 2022 of the Children’s Disability Networks Team; what efforts he is making to ensure progress is made to increase staffing levels in the CDNT teams; if he and relevant Ministers of State in his Department will meet with the organisation to discuss this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [11650/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the recruitment process for community neuro rehabilitation staffing in CHO6; if the five roles (details supplied) have been advertised; if so, if any or all have been filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [11656/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Health when the neuro-rehabilitation unit planned for CHO6 will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [11657/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Health if a suitable governance model for the neuro-rehabilitation team for CHO-6 has been identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [11658/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on provision for a neuro-rehabilitation unit in CHO7; where that unit will be based; the roles that have been provided funding within the service: when the service will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [11659/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Health whether any neurological, dermatological, respiratory or oncological illnesses are reported in higher proportion around Coillte planted areas than others; whether public health undertakes any evaluation or data collection on same; if not, if his Department will commit to doing so; if he will publish any data available on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [11676/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant paediatric neurosurgeons working in CHI Temple Street in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [11698/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Health if he is confident that the emergency department of Beaumont Hospital could successfully deal with a high volume trauma event at Dublin Airport. — Catherine Murphy. [11699/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young persons aged between 0-18 years that suffer with migraine in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [11700/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time stop-smoking advisors employed by the HSE in CHO9 in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and the locations within this CHO where the stop smoking advisors are located. — Catherine Murphy. [11701/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Health the major capital works projects that were carried out at Beaumont Hospital during 2022 and to date in 2023; the nature of these works projects; and the estimated cost of these capital works, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [11702/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Health the plans his Department has to implement the national cancer care strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [11714/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the expansion of Ireland's national screening services for cancer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [11715/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the introduction of a lung cancer-screening programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [11716/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Health if he will re-establish a dedicated cardiovascular unit within his Department to oversee national cardiovascular health policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [11717/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Health the plans he has to bring forward a Public Health (Obesity) Bill to deal with the obesity crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [11718/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 214 of 22 February 2023, if he will confirm whether persons paying for IVF treatment between now and September 2023 will be reimbursed for their costs from September onwards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [11727/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Health when the staff in an nursing home (details supplied) Kilkenny will be paid the pandemic payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [11733/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of ampligen for treatment of ME; and the engagement he has had with the European Medicines Agency on the issue of authorisation. — Sorca Clarke. [11745/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occasions, per year, that the drug ampligen has been applied for, denied access or approved via the exempt medicines scheme, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [11749/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive an appointment at Crumlin Children's Hospital for an urgent scope; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11768/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive their long overdue surgery, which they have been awaiting since 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [11774/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is being taken off the public list as they have been advised to go cross Boarder as the waiting list with the HSE is over ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [11784/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a child (details supplied) cannot stay on the dental public list after accessing treatment under the Cross Border Healthcare Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [11785/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the rate of theatre utilisation in UHL Dooradoyle for 2022; and if he will provide the rate of theatre utilisation in Ennis, Nenagh and St. John's hospitals, respectively, for 2022. — Michael McNamara. [11803/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Health the number of surgeries cancelled at Ennis Hospital in December 2022, January 2023 and February 2023; and if he will provide a breakdown of the surgical procedures cancelled. — Michael McNamara. [11804/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting on hip and or knee surgery and cataract surgery in counties Clare, Limerick and Tipperary, respectively. — Michael McNamara. [11805/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Health on foot of the National Clinical Programme on Self Harm report when he proposes to launch the National Traveller and Roma Mental Health Action Plan as agreed in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [11829/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to introduce an ethic identifier in coroner courts' reporting and in Irish health services as a core data item; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [11830/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Health in recognition of Travellers as a priority group as being at an increased risk of suicidal behaviour when he will instruct the Connecting for Life Advisory Group established in 2020 to meet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [11831/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Health in view of the recent conclusions of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, his plans to devise a specific mental health strategy for Traveller children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [11832/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail the population that each CHO area covers, reflecting the new Census 2022 figures, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [11834/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the costs of the prescription medications melatonin and propranolol are not covered by the medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [11851/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Health the reason he has not produced a Sláintecare progress report since December 2021; if he intends to publish a progress report this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [11859/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Health if the regional health area implementation plan is completed, given that it was due in quarter four of 2022; the timeline he is working towards for publication of this plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [11860/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline he is working towards for publication of the 2023 HSE National Service Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [11861/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline he is working towards for publication of the Sláintecare Action Plan for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [11862/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish any further progress reports on the implementation of the Covid-19 Nursing Homes Expert Panel Recommendations, given that a number of reforms have yet to be implemented; if he intends to implement each recommendation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [11863/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on recommendation 15.6 of the Covid-19 Nursing Homes Expert Panel Recommendations, in relation to expanding access to home supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [11863/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the new homecare tender process; the timeline he is working towards for issuing the invitation to tender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [11863/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Health the actions he intends to take to support small rural nursing homes to prevent any further closures following his meeting with an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [11870/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the status of the new build to St. Vincent's Hospital, Athy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [11889/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting on occupational therapy in County Kildare; the number waiting for more than six months; the number waiting for more than one year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [11892/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on the eye-care waiting list from the CHO7 area; the number waiting for more than six months, the number waiting for more than one year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [11893/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Health if anything can be done to help people with diabetes who cannot afford dressings when they have skin breakdown due to their diabetes as dressings are currently not covered by medical card (details supplied). — Patricia Ryan. [11894/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Health where all AEDS are located; if they can be added to the national database; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [11895/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Health if orthotic therapists could help with the back log for orthodontic treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11914/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Health if the commissioner of the report of the investigation of complaints made by protected disclosure into a community nursing home (details supplied) was requested by a company to extend the remit of the report to include evidence presented by this Deputy to the investigating team on 7 December 2022; the reasons given not to extend the remit to include details of any consultations they had with others in relation to this issue; the reason it took ten months to publish this report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [11931/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Health if the new protocol introduced in the University of Limerick Hospital Group in January 2023, whereby ambulances could bring patients to the medical assessment unit of Ennis General Hospital instead of the UHL emergency department, could be further extended so as to also include the local injuries unit at Ennis General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [11937/23]

*251. 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. — Matt Shanahan. [11942/23]

*252. 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 in place in the paediatric diabetes and endocrinology service at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [11943/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has made a submission indicating Ireland's interest in participating in the EU4Health Joint Action for Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease (CVD); if he is aware that Ireland could have had access to part of the €53 million of funding that is available for these policy areas through this programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [11944/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with diabetes who are awaiting a first appointment to the adult outpatient's diabetes clinic in University Hospital Waterford; the duration of their time on the list since first referral/diagnosis in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [11945/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Health if he could please confirm in tabular form the number of Adult Patients attending University Hospital Waterford for Type 1 Diabetes care in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [11946/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric patients attending University Hospital Waterford for type 1 diabetes care in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [11947/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients attending University Hospital Waterford for type 2 diabetes care in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [11948/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients with type 1 diabetes who have attended DAFNE carb counting and insulin adjustments in University Hospital Waterford since it began in 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [11949/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients presenting through the University Hospital Waterford emergency department or due to diabetic ketoacidosis; how many of these presenting patients were admitted; whether these patients presenting/admissions were adult or paediatric in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [11950/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Health if it would be possible to fund and provide "Izzy" stickers to all maternity wards in the State (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [11951/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Health when a new scheme will be introduced to replace the motorised transport grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [11987/23]

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

*262. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of full-time, specifically-qualified climate scientists employed in his Department; the level of qualification of each, for example, post-doctoral and so on; their specific areas of expertise within climate science; if he will list their peer-reviewed specialist publications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [11632/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the specialists in each of the areas rewilding, diversification and biodiversity that are employed in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [11633/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount that was allocated to the Brexit voluntary permanent cessation scheme; and the amount of this that has been spent. — Peadar Tóibín. [11643/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the independent scientific, safety analyses of chemicals used by Coillte that have been undertaken in each of the past ten years; if he will publish the results of same; if he will publish the list of chemicals used by Coillte and their listed potential and actual side effects, in tabular form in each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [11670/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is an annual audit of public health in the areas surrounding Coillte plantations; if so, if he will publish the results of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [11671/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of complaints/concerns that have been made by the public about the use of chemicals by Coillte in each of the past ten years, in tabular form; the list of cited medical complaints, if any, deemed by members of the public to be associated with such chemical use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [11672/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will list the veterinarian and or wildlife inspections of lands planted by Coillte in each of the past ten years, in tabular form; if he will publish any significant illnesses, losses, and impacts identified in each area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [11673/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department is satisfied as to the safety for humans, flora, fauna and insect life, particularly pollinators of any chemicals used by Coillte; the scientific basis of that satisfaction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [11674/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what independent and State inspections of air, water-table and watercourses in and adjacent to Coillte forestry have been undertaken in each of the past ten years in relations to chemical use; if he will publish the

findings of same, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [11675/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department is satisfied as to the safety of chemicals used by Coillte; what in-house and external expert examinations of the lands and the chemical processes used on them comprise, and have been undertaken; if he can guarantee them safe to pollinators in particular; if he will publish the results of any examinations undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [11677/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount his Department has been allocated from the Brexit adjustment reserve by year; the measures to which these funds were allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [11679/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how he plans to address viability issues in the sheep industry; if he will make arrangements to introduce a €30/ewe targeted payment to underpin this sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [11711/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the maximum funding available for TAMS via the Rural Development Programme and CAP Strategic Plans over the 2023 to 2027 period; the amount allocated in Budget 2023; the amount remaining to be allocated across 2024 to 2027. — Sorca Clarke. [11761/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will commission a social, economic and environmental impact assessment of factory-controlled feedlots. — Sorca Clarke. [11762/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his proposals to support the production of agricultural hemp. — Sorca Clarke. [11763/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagements he has had with his Cabinet colleagues to support and encourage women farmers. — Sorca Clarke. [11764/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 163 of 8 December 2022, the status of the establishment of the wool council; if the promised €30,000 for initial set-up costs has been drawn down to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [11952/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the options available to upland farmers, other than burning, to manage older growth heather; the resources and support available to farmers from his Department for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [10916/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appeal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11991/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the Control of Dogs Act working group, the stakeholders who were consulted during the process; if scientific evidence has been incorporated; if so, if that evidence will be published; the stage that the review is currently at; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [11993/23]

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

*282. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development whether she is aware that an organisation (details supplied) in Cork has received no increase in funding for the past five years and has just been allocated funding for the next five years with only one staff member. — Thomas Gould. [11681/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development whether a community association can appeal the number of staff it is allocated through funding and not just the amount of funding allocated. — Thomas Gould. [11682/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he will advise on possible funding options for playgrounds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [11911/23]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH,
I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 9 MÁRTA, 2023
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY,
FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 9 MARCH, 2023**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the Government has failed to ensure the reinstatement of access to the 12-mile limit around Rockall for the Irish fishing fleet, considering that the position of the British government is entirely incompatible with international law. — Louise O'Reilly. [11799/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures his Department is taking to support women farmers. — Niamh Smyth. [11747/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how the ESB poles can continue to be creosoted but a farmer using a timber stake cannot buy the product to do same (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [11524/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the processes that are in place for farmers, part of whose holding has recently been included as an ACRES co-operation area on the basis that it is a habitat conducive to breeding hen harriers, who believe that the lands in question are not a suitable habitat for hen harriers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [11783/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on how farmers should dispose of cuttings from hedge-trimming on their land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [9692/23]

6. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the latest developments regarding ACRES applicants to date; when it is envisaged that ACRES

applicants will be informed whether or not they have been accepted into the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [11237/23]

7. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 181 of 8 December 2022, the status of the Programme for Government commitment to ensure inshore waters are protected for smaller fishing vessels and that pair trawling will be prohibited within the six nautical mile limit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [11811/23]

8. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to develop domestic and international markets for wool-based products such as insulation and fertilisers. — Holly Cairns. [11631/23]

9. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports that will be made available to farmers to plant agroforestry under the new Forestry Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [11886/23]

10. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department is working on any plans to streamline form-filling for farmers on family farms as multiple State and EU agencies often ask for the same information many times each year; if GDPR is an issue in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [11470/23]

11. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Coillte will be able to avail of grants and premia under his proposed new forestry programme; and if he intends to issue a new shareholder letter of expectations to Coillte in 2023. — Martin Browne. [11935/23]

12. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide additional information on proposals for rewetting lands that have heretofore been drained; and how this might be rolled out in a county like Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [11441/23]

13. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to be confident that a food production shortage/reduction can be avoided while at the same time meeting emission targets as already set out; if he is satisfied that productive agricultural lands will not be sacrificed to meet such targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11924/23]

14. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his proposals to support the production of agricultural hemp; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [11932/23]

15. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the influence the EPA report on targets to re-wetlands and the proposed reductions in herd numbers will have on policy in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [9694/23]

16. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress to date in reducing the delays in processing and finalising tree planting and tree felling licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [11871/23]

17. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 662 of 24 January 2023, if he is satisfied that all PV installers who are required to sign off on testing and commissioning reports on TAMS grant aided PV installations were

registered with his Department when so signing off on such installations; the procedures in place to ensure that all installers were in fact registered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [11580/23]

18. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures his Department is taking to tackle the spread of TB in the badger population, which is easily transferred to livestock. — Michael Moynihan. [11722/23]

19. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 662 of 24 January 2023, the number of PV installations in receipt of a TAMS grant subjected to inspection by Department staff which were deemed not fit for purpose following such inspection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [11581/23]

20. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the implementation of Article 17 of the Common Fisheries Policy; the details of any engagement he has had with an organisation (details supplied) with regard to their recent call for the full implementation of Article 17; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [11812/23]

21. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his proposals to support the production of agricultural hemp. — Matt Carthy. [11793/23]

22. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagements he has had with his Ministerial colleagues regarding increased places for those intending to study veterinary medicine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [11779/23]

23. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to increase rates of afforestation. — Holly Cairns. [11628/23]

24. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the work being undertaken by his Department in the area of precision fermentation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [10767/23]

25. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he realises that the industry are informing person's that due to new legislation being proposed in relation to creosote fencing posts which generally cost approximately eight euro the new product when licensed will cost the farmer 50% more; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [11523/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an explanation for the unspent €25,995,012 from the forestry Budget for 2022. — Holly Cairns. [11629/23]

27. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an alternative to diquat for desiccating potatoes is being recommended for potato farmers in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [11469/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the development of the urban horse welfare programme, which is a priority of the new animal welfare strategy launched in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11460/23]

29. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps his Department is taking to tackle food waste. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [11709/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to increase the ewe premiums; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [11781/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details regarding the number of farmers being accommodated under ACRES; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [11918/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if land used for solar farms can also be used for single-farm payment drawdown or forestry payment drawdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [11723/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there have been discussions at the EU Agriculture Council in relation to the need to introduce measures to help offset the increased costs of fertilisers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [11872/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers in Cork north-west who have been accepted to the ACRES scheme. — Aindrias Moynihan. [11514/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps his Department is taking to protect and restore native hedgerows given the biodiversity crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [10863/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is evidence to suggest that there is an increase of TB infection in livestock near clear-felling sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [11724/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will accept all 46,000 applicants to the current tranche of the ACRES scheme; the plans he has to introduce a gap payment to farmers locked out of the ACRES scheme in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [9693/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures his Department is taking to tackle the increasing incidences of cattle-rustling being reported across the country. — Aindrias Moynihan. [11513/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his proposals to support sheep farmers in response to depressed meat and wool prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [11780/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that have been taken to date to implement the 19 recommendations of the report of the Food Vision Dairy Group. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [11497/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his targets for issuing afforestation licences in 2023. — Martin Browne. [11936/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions he is taking to address the Programme For Government commitment to ensure that inshore waters continue to be protected for smaller fishing vessels and recreational fishers and that pair trawling will be prohibited inside the six-mile limit. — Holly Cairns. [11630/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the actions that relate specifically to anaerobic digestion in the Climate Action Plan 2021; the number of these actions that have been completed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [62826/22]

44. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is his intention to increase the payment for the sheep welfare scheme to €30 per ewe, as requested by the farming organisations, due to the poor prices for sheep and the increase in the cost of feedstuffs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [9691/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of the aims of the recently launched policy and strategic studies research call; the role it will play in meeting the needs of the agri-food, forest and bioeconomy sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [11930/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has engaged with farmers and farming organisations regarding their concerns about the targeted agricultural modernisation scheme 3, which farmers believe is unduly penalising farmers using robotic milking; if it is the case that farmers who have previously invested in robotic milking parlour equipment are ineligible to apply for milking parlour support under the new TAMS 3; if this will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11461/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications from Cavan-Monaghan that were accepted to the ACRES scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [11746/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the allocation to beef sustainability measures in 2023. — Matt Carthy. [11775/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his further plans to assist sheep farmers during the current difficulties they are experiencing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [11917/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the legislation his Department is involved in regarding the control of dogs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11959/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the cost associated with complying with new TB regulations; his intention as to how this cost be funded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [11933/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the proposed Wool Council; the terms of reference for this council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [9695/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on the recent trade mission to Germany, relating to Irish food exports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [10976/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the efforts of the Government to secure a quota in bluefin tuna for the Irish fishing fleet from Ireland's own EEZ. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [8427/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline all the measures his Department and the Government have put in place to protect the business dealings of farmers, growers, fishers and food producers against unfair practices by buyers of their product. — Emer Higgins. [11796/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if dribble bars can be included in the new TAMS scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [11442/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the agenda for the upcoming Agriculture and Fisheries Council to be held in Brussels on 20 March 2023. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [11710/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Norway is currently allowed to fish 74,000 tonnes of blue whiting in Irish waters, whereas Irish fishermen can only catch 48,000 tonnes. — Peadar Tóibín. [11115/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress that is being made by his Department to directly support the cost of shearing sheep and to present wool in optimum condition in order to facilitate further processing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [11782/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagements he has had with his Ministerial colleagues regarding increased places for those intending to study veterinary medicine. — Matt Carthy. [11776/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports that have been put in place to help farm families to deal with the cost-inflation challenges stemming from Russia's war in Ukraine. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [11496/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions taken to protect horses in Cork city this year. — Thomas Gould. [11825/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress that has been made in the establishment of the Wool Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11958/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which good husbandry, production methods and hygienic requirements continue to be applied in respect of all food exports from this country and equally so in respect of imports; if he continues to be satisfied that all such provisions are being met in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11925/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications from the Cork East constituency that were accepted into the ACRES scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [11968/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the Environmental Protection Agency report (details supplied) noting the need to reduce national herd by 30% to meet climate targets; if his Department has undertaken a study to determine the impact these proposals would have on the livelihoods of farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [8430/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of farmers to be accepted into the organic farming scheme in 2023; the expected increase in agricultural land under organic production as a result of these new entrants to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [11887/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports in place for indoor vegetable growers who rely heavily on electricity and gas to grow their crops. — Louise O'Reilly. [11800/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his proposals to support the adoption of rooftop solar generation on farms. — Matt Carthy. [11777/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he expects Government to be in a position to appoint a agri-food independent regulator. — Emer Higgins. [11797/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on his plans to target the sale and distribution of animals through illicit puppy farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [11954/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will commission a social, economic and environmental impact assessment of factory-controlled feedlots. — Matt Carthy. [11778/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide clarification as to the reason farmers who have previously invested in robotic milking parlour equipment under TAMS 2 are now ineligible to apply for the support under the new TAMS 3, in view that it places these farmers at a significant disadvantage compared to their counterparts in herringbone systems who can avail of support under TAMS 3 for up to ten milking units in a herringbone milking parlour, taking into account the pressures on labour availability in the agriculture sector and the benefits of new technology on farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [11238/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagements he has had with his Ministerial colleagues regarding increased places for those intending to study veterinary medicine. — Pearse Doherty. [11792/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the National Strategic Plan for Sustainable Aquaculture Development 2030. — Willie O'Dea. [11725/23]

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

76. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider local authorities' definition of 'adequately housed' whereby grown adults still living in their parents' home are deemed to be 'adequately housed' and not included on the social housing list, and, while meeting income limits and other criteria, are forced into the private rented sector in order to get onto the social housing waiting lists, thereby putting more pressure on the HAP rented sector; if he will consider allowing person's in this category to get on social housing waiting lists while still living at home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [11317/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will suspend planning applications for on shore wind turbine developments until the planning guidelines for such developments are updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [11921/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the deterrents he is progressing, or plans to progress, to tackle vacancy and dereliction. — Thomas Gould. [11827/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the work his Department is doing to support and accelerate Transit Oriented Development, in particular medium to high density housing projects around high-capacity transport nodes in our urban areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [11962/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing commencements in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [11966/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are any further plans to amend existing regulations exempting certain types of vacant commercial premises from planning permission in order to maximise the number of vacant units be brought back into use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [11866/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing adaption grants awarded in 2022 in Cork; the total value in euros; the number of families that benefitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [11787/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the delivery of affordable purchase and cost rental housing; if the 2022 targets set out in Housing for All were met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [11820/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on South Dublin County Council's housing maintenance team only accepting maintenance requests from tenants through housing online and are no longer taking maintenance requests by e-mail or telephone. — Mark Ward. [11542/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the current position with regard to the future plans to build affordable purchase homes in County Louth and east Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [11867/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress of the Irish Government's response to the draft EU Nature Restoration Law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [10915/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to introduce any supports, such as HAP, for households who are facing eviction or seeking accommodation but cannot afford current market rents but are above the social housing income thresholds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11856/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details on the number of illegal land fires recorded for 2022. — Holly Cairns. [11612/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the list, per local authority, of additional personnel/housing officers requested of his Department over the past two years; the number of these requests that were sanctioned; if he will clarify where new personnel are in place in each local authority; if he will provide a breakdown of the grade and job titles in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [11916/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to review the housing target/cap figures for county development plans in light of the initial population results from Census 2022; the way that this will affect County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [11467/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of tenant-in-situ properties bought by local authorities over the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [11974/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on ensuring that all marine protected areas only begin 500m offshore. — Holly Cairns. [11613/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the measures that have been taken to improve the residential tenancies board to support tenancy registrations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11885/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the recent record levels of persons accessing emergency accommodation; the action he is taking to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [11821/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the implementation of Housing for All; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [11755/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to increase funding for local authorities in the upcoming budget to increase staffing levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [11929/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of modular homes constructed for local authorities in 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [11601/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in view of the growing population and the ever-increasing demand for housing, if he continues to monitor the situation with a view to the use of major numbers of modular houses including log-cabins where appropriate in both urban and rural areas with a view to addressing the acute and present shortage which is likely to worsen in the future; if he will set specific targets well in excess of anything projected so far in respect of housing accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11926/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to deliver affordable housing units in Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [11557/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will extend the eviction ban at the end of March; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11854/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on his plans to provide affordable purchase and cost rental housing in Dublin 9 and Dublin 11; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [11975/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he is taking to address the wastewater needs of rural villages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [11756/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable purchase homes that were delivered in 2020, 2021 and 2022; the number of planned units for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [11786/23]

104. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans that are in place to advance a Waste Water Treatment Plants under the Multi-Annual Developer Provided Water Services Infrastructure Resolution Programme in mid Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [11824/23]

105. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant social homes brought back into use in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [10977/23]

106. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the new €150 million URDF vacancy fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [11719/23]

107. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for details of the cost to date of the mortgage to rent scheme; if he will provide a breakdown of the funding provided to the scheme in each of the years since 2012, in tabular form; if any analysis has been carried out into the amount of money paid out by approved housing bodies and the approved private company in the purchasing of homes under the scheme; if any analysis has been carried out into the amount of money paid to approved housing bodies and the approved private company in rent under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [11813/23]

108. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 85 of 26 January 2023, if he has received the report in respect of 2021 and 2022 to date from the Galway Social Housing Task Force; if so, if he will provide a copy of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [11814/23]

109. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to extend the eviction ban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [11928/23]

110. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline details of plans to replace by-elections with an alternate system, as outlined in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [10415/23]

111. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a report on the Vacant Homes Action Plan 2023-2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [11591/23]

112. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will increase funding to develop water treatment plants for towns and villages; if he will provide funding to allow existing waste water treatment plants in private estates to be taken in charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [11923/23]

113. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide the final figure for local authority own build social housing completions in the four Dublin local authorities in 2022; his views that this represents success or failure in terms of addressing the chronic housing crisis in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11853/23]

114. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of notice to quit properties that were bought since permission was given to local authorities to purchase these properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [11600/23]

115. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is guidance on the proof of income documents that are acceptable for social housing applicants who are employed in the North; if this guidance can be printed on local authorities' social housing applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [11318/23]

116. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that the commercial banks are fully informed, through the Central Bank, of the subordinate nature of the charge against the property that is part of the vacant property refurbishment grant (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9097/23]

117. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will regularise the funding to support Galway County Council to bring their local government fund in line with comparable counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [11922/23]

118. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an overview of the application of Housing for All in County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [11544/23]

119. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an overview of the application of Housing for All in County Carlow. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [11865/23]

120. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has considered taking any action to alleviate the “genuine difficulties” being experienced by users in registering/re-registering properties on the Residential Tenancies Board website; and if he proposes taking any action in providing resource support/additional staff to the RTB to assist in clearing the backlog being experienced due to a change in registration system and general workload which is clearly evident to all who find it necessary to contact the board. — Frankie Feighan. [11046/23]

121. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he is taking to help persons who are over the threshold financially for social housing but cannot secure mortgage approval; if there are any schemes for this cohort of persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11790/23]

122. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable purchase homes delivered in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [10978/23]

123. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that homeowners with properties affected by Mica are continuing to pay full mortgage costs on their homes, some of which are uninhabitable or now demolished; if he recognises the additional financial strain this is putting on homeowners; if he has engaged with the Central Bank and lenders regarding this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [11941/23]

124. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that residents associations have the right to appeal planning decisions, and that successful appellants will have their fees covered, under the new Consolidated Planning and Development Act. — Emer Higgins. [11845/23]

125. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is satisfied with the roll-out of the affordable housing scheme; if he is satisfied that the targets are being reached; the number of units that have been built heretofore; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11789/23]

126. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to tackle the rising homeless levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [11558/23]

127. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the defects scheme for apartments and duplexes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [11720/23]

128. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that Tathony House is acquired for social and affordable housing despite the fact that some of the tenants are not currently eligible for either social or affordable homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [11869/23]

129. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will extend the Croí Cónaithe scheme to include vacant houses that can be refurbished for rental purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [11919/23]

130. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which the National Housing Building programme in both the public and private sector can be augmented to produce at least double the number of houses anticipated in the next twelve months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11927/23]

131. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the impact of the repair and leasing scheme and on the vacant property refurbishment grant scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [11614/23]

132. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new commencements across the Cork east constituency; the number of completions in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [11967/23]

133. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the notifications received by local authorities under planning permission exemptions for converting certain vacant commercial property into homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [11596/23]

134. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant social homes returned to active use in 2022 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [11592/23]

135. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the tenant purchase scheme; his plans to reform the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [10644/23]

136. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will introduce compulsory rental orders to tackle vacancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [11822/23]

137. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can clarify the additional supports or arrangements that he has in place in terms of emergency provision of beds and accommodation for those persons who face eviction in April 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [11881/23]

138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a report on the delivery of affordable housing in County Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [11864/23]

139. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress that has been made in the delivery of affordable housing schemes for County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11884/23]

140. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a report on the operation of voids programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [11758/23]

141. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will publish the review of the Housing Aid for Older People Housing Adaptation Grants and Mobility Aids Grants to reflect the additional costs of the works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [11920/23]

142. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the reform of Technical Guidance Document B of the Building Regulations. — Eoin Ó Broin. [11818/23]

143. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to work with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and other bodies to ensure the immediate servicing of the public housing lands in Old Conna and Rathmichael to accelerate the delivery of social and affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11857/23]

144. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on a pilot scheme to provide sewage systems to rural villages. — Cathal Crowe. [11543/23]

145. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps his Department is taking to reduce the number of persons becoming homeless. — Peadar Tóibín. [11118/23]

146. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on measures to increase the supply of affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [11757/23]

147. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the contacts that have taken place between his Department and Kerry County Council or the HSE/Department of Health or any other State agency in relation to the possible change of use of the St. Finan's Hospital building and site for housing provision for the people of Killarney; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [11915/23]

148. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how he is making more homebuyers eligible for local authority home loans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [11597/23]

149. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the recommendations on the review of retained firefighters has been brought to Cabinet and accepted by Government; and if so, if there is a timeline for implementation of the 13 measures. — Brian Stanley. [11525/23]

150. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the implementation of recommendations of the 2019 report by the Expert Group on Traveller Accommodation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [11816/23]

151. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the Mulcahy report into allegations of planning malpractice in County Donegal; and the actions he intends to take on foot of the reports findings. — Eoin Ó Broin. [11817/23]

152. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider reviewing the MICA redress scheme to allow for penalty-free downsizing to encourage smaller,

energy-efficient homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [11737/23]

153. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department include units marked by local authorities as substantially complete in their quarterly Housing for All social housing delivery statistical updates. — Thomas Gould. [11826/23]

154. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of cost-rental units in 2022; and if he will provide a breakdown of units delivered by approved housing bodies, the LDA, and local authorities. — Francis Noel Duffy. [11738/23]

155. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the enhanced defective concrete block redress scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [11815/23]

156. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the up-to-date position on the review of retained fire services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [11823/23]