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QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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 his proposals to support sheep farmers. — Matt Carthy. [11759/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine noting the deadline for decommissioning of the vessels under the Bord Iascaigh Mhara decommissioning scheme expires in April 2023, and the entitlement of crew to avail of a share of compensation if they have worked 90 days on the vessel that is due to be decommissioned in the course of 2020 and 2021, if that entitlement is lost if the fisher has ceased working on the vessel between 2021 and the present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [12085/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of new afforestation in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023. — Matt Carthy. [11760/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will initiate a review of cases where farmers failed to tick the ANC box, did not receive the payment and were subsequently unsuccessful on appeal, as this was a simple administrative error which resulted in a 100% penalty and came at a time when his Department had recently introduced the need to do applications on line, and many farmers forced to do these applications online first ticked a box stating that there was no change to their application and then subsequently did not receive their ANC payments; if he accepts that part of this problem stems from the change to the online system, and also the poor design and phrasing of questions in the new system; if he recognises that because these payments were for marginal land, predominantly in the west of the country, the farmers affected were mostly in poorer agricultural regions and therefore more heavily reliant on these payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [9696/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in light of the proposed banning of creosote stakes by Minister Ryan, and in recognition of 46,000 farmers applying for GLAS, with a large number requiring timber stakes for riparian zone and fencing drains, and importers making it clear that new licensed production of new products is eight months away, if he will seek a derogation on the legalisation to avoid a shortage of quality fencing posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [11520/23]

**CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

6. 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]

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

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

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

27. 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]

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

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

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

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

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

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

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

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

81. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the emergency measures he intends to introduce to increase and accelerate the supply of social and affordable housing in order to reduce rising levels of homelessness. — Eoin Ó Broin. [12086/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to restrict no-fault evictions here; the number of units purchased by each local authority as part of the tenant in situ scheme in each county throughout the eviction moratorium; and if he is satisfied that data sharing arrangements with the Residential Tenancies Board are adequate for prioritising tenants facing no-fault eviction who are particularly vulnerable to homelessness, in the context of the scheme. — Ivana Bacik. [12189/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the promised building defects redress scheme and funding for interim measures and emergency works pending the opening of the full redress scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [12087/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will take action to ensure that corporate landlords are not using additional charges on top of rent to circumvent rent pressure zone regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [12056/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the review of Part B of the building regulations. — Eoin Ó Broin. [12136/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on South Dublin County Councils, 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

110. 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]

111. 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]

112. 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]

113. 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]

114. 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]

115. 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]

116. 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]

117. 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]

118. 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]

119. 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]

120. 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]

121. 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]

122. 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]

123. 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]

124. 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]

125. 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]

126. 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]

127. 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]

128. 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]

129. 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]

130. 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]

131. 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]

132. 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]

133. 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]

134. 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]

135. 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]

136. 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]

137. 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]

138. 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]

139. 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]

140. 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]

141. 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]

142. 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]

143. 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]

144. 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]

145. 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]

146. 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]

147. 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]

148. 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]

149. 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]

150. 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]

151. 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]

152. 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]

153. 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]

154. 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]

155. 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]

156. 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]

157. 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]

158. 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]

159. 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]

160. 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]

161. 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]

162. 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]

163. 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]

164. 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]

165. 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]

166. 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]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*167. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of a work permit (details supplied); when it is likely a decision will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [12078/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment in the case of an employer who successfully applies for work visas for non-European nationals to come to Ireland, but who are not permitted work visas by the Department of Justice to travel to Ireland to undertake this work, if these employers can be refunded the cost of the work permits that are no longer viable to them; if not, if these permits could be transferred onto other individuals to come to Ireland to take up the same employment, considering the unfairness and cost associated with this on a business that does not get the employees it needs and is entitled to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [12083/23]

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

*169. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if licences have been issued for specific minerals (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [10910/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide details of meetings his officials had with the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities to examine the current prices being charged by regulated utilities between 1 September 2022 and 1 March 2023, in tabular form; the efforts being made to ensure that reductions in wholesale energy prices are being passed on to consumers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [12044/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has engaged with the CRU regarding the regulation of companies providing heating to multiple unit dwellings, so that the accuracy of metering systems for recording usage and consumer protection in contracts can be properly regulated; and if it is intended to seek sanction for new regulations. — Richard Bruton. [12049/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No.141 of 28 February 2023, the reasons he stated there are no plans to amend the turf development Acts to ensure that Bord na Móna is required to take into account climate, biodiversity, and water objectives, despite the Programme for Government commitment to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [12065/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has received correspondence (details supplied) in relation to an issue relating to the Eircom Superannuation Scheme; if he will set out his function and intentions in relation to a proposal on a 3% increase dated from July 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [12069/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications Inland Fisheries Ireland published the 2021 Lough Melvin Water Framework Directive Fish Survey Report on 23 February 2023, which highlighted the first anthropogenic existence of invasive roach in this SAC lake, if he, and his Department support the conservation of invasive roach in Lough Melvin SAC under the current Conservation of Coarse Fish Bye-Law No. 806 of 2006; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [12139/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the plans that are in place to hold events in person in County Wexford in relation to the public consultation on the draft OREDP, II taking into consideration the location of the Department and MARA and the survey activity that is taking place in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [12142/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on whether it is fair to target motorists at a time when the cost-of-living is soaring (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12173/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving testers in each county, in each of the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form, and if he has plans to recruit additional driving test staff. — Ivana Bacik. [12005/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people waiting for a driving test in each county in each month since February 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on any change in the waiting times for driving tests. — Ivana Bacik. [12006/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider reviewing a speed limit on a road (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [12011/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 184 of 4 October 2022, for an update on the 203 stop at the Dominican Centre in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [12023/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport if all projects undertaken by the airport authorities nationally have been processed through the public procurement process in each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date in 2023 by location, project details and the total amount spent; if there were projects that did not proceed through the public procurement process; if so, the details of same, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [12051/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport to detail the salaries of all chief executives of airport and port authorities nationally who fall under the aegis of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [12054/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport the categories of licensed bus transport operators who can accept the free travel pass; the reason this facility is not open to all licensed operators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [12093/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding made available through Budget 2023 for the N2 Clontibret to the Border scheme; the progress that will be made in delivering the project arising from this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12104/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding made available through Budget 2023 for the N2 Ardee to Castleblayney road scheme; the progress that will be made in delivering the project arising from this funding. — Matt Carthy. [12105/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on his plan to tackle drone activity in Dublin Airport; when anti-drone technology will be available to prevent this issue from continuing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [12150/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of a drivers licence for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [12159/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of vacant habitable dwelling units and vacant derelict residential dwelling units in ownership or part ownership of, or under the control of both his Department and agencies under his remit; the county in which each unit is located; the length of time each unit has been vacant, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [12160/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*189. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied); if, in his opinion, this will mean that all counsellors and psychotherapists will be exempt from this 13.5% VAT rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [12043/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason VAT is charged on eBooks for use in schools, when no VAT is charged on school books; if this VAT can be removed or if parents can be facilitated to claim this VAT back; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [12052/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the amount of revenue generated by the sugar sweetened drinks tax in 2022. — Marc MacSharry. [12059/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Finance if he intends to expand sugar related taxes to include other goods including a wide range of high sugar quantity confectionary sweets, snacks and other consumable products to help tackle the national obesity pandemic. — Marc MacSharry. [12061/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated first and full-year additional revenue that would be raised in taxes by removing sub-minima rates of the national minimum wage for those aged under 20 years that is, applying the full adult hourly rate of the national minimum wage to all employees under 20 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [12082/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Finance when the review of the R and D tax credit and evaluation of the knowledge development box will be published. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [12123/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Finance if advice will be provided to a company (details supplied); whether this company is eligible for TEBSS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [12132/23]

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.

*196. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the allocations to date from the Brexit adjustment reserve; the Department to which funds were allocated; the purpose of the allocation; the funds remaining to be dispersed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12101/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when public sector employees expect to receive the percentage of back pay to February 2022 under the National Wage Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12053/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of vacant habitable dwelling units and vacant derelict residential dwelling units in the ownership of or part ownership of or under the control of both his Department and agencies under his remit; the county in which each unit is located; the length of time each unit has

been vacant, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [12166/23]

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

*199. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the Online Safety Commissioner will have any responsibility for ensuring social media companies do not allow the targeting of advertisements for conversion therapy at people. — Ged Nash. [12063/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the Online Safety Commissioner will have any responsibility for ensuring social media companies do not allow the targeting of advertisements for conversion therapy at people. — Duncan Smith. [12075/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide the contact details for the newly established Online Safety Commissioner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [12143/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the Online Safety Commissioner will have any responsibility for ensuring social media companies do not allow the targeting of advertisements for conversion therapy at people. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [12148/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of vacant habitable dwelling units and vacant derelict residential dwelling units in the ownership of or part ownership of or under the control of both her Department and agencies under her remit; the county in which each unit is located; the length of time each unit has been vacant, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [12163/23]

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

*204. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of actions Ireland is taking on foot of the State being referred to the European Court of Justice on the 26 January 2023 to the European Commission over its failure to address the problem of polluted natural waters; if he will indicate the steps he and agencies under his aegis are taking to address issues in relation to the pollution of water courses in this jurisdiction, potentially caused by defective slurry tanks north of the border; if he has engaged with the Northern Ireland authorities on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [12073/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there has been any progression on a strategic development zone in County Clare to attract industry, investment and employment opportunities. — Cathal Crowe. [9257/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the sites under consideration by the Land Development Agency in Limerick; the projected supply of homes on those sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [12012/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the reform of electoral laws to prevent donations from non-citizens outside the State influencing elections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [10262/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the measures his Department is taking to ensure that political parties' electoral spending accounts are fully compliant, transparent and publicly accountable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [10263/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the action taken by the OPW to protect national parks. — Thomas Gould. [10496/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown of modular homes being built in each county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11960/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline measures being taken to prevent landlords fleeing the rental market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11961/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of drafting the wording for a referendum on the right to water. — Thomas Gould. [12021/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a review of the current designated rent pressure zones will be completed; if he will review the standardised average rent for County Tipperary to ascertain if the county now qualifies as a RPZ; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [12042/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current staffing levels assigned to the foreshore unit in his Department in the years 2016 to 2023, in tabular form; if he has plans to increase the resources of the unit to prioritise the assessment of foreshore licence applications for the purposes of facilitating necessary works in connection with offshore wind developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [12045/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average processing times for foreshore licence applications related to Phase 2 offshore wind energy developments for the years 2020 to 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [12046/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will direct officials in the foreshore unit to publish, on a monthly basis, a list of outstanding FLAs for offshore wind projects, including their status and the indicative timeline to a decision, similar to other agencies and Departments, in order to provide greater transparency for offshore wind operators and the general public regarding processing times for related foreshore licence applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [12047/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a status update on a public housing scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [12048/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when funding will reopen for regeneration sites. — Thomas Gould. [12095/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage he will instruct officials in his Department to engage with Cork City Council to develop a regeneration plan for Mayfield. — Thomas Gould. [12096/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the vacant property refurbishment grant can be considered where the applicant fulfils the conditions of the scheme and has an independent engineer's report confirming that the vacant property concerned is unsuitable for habitation and structurally unsafe and should be demolished to be replaced with a new dwelling (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [12097/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider widening the income considered to apply for the tenant purchase scheme to include those working on community employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [12126/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps, if any, that the Department can take to assist persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12144/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant habitable dwelling units and vacant derelict residential dwelling units in the ownership or part ownership of, or under the control of, both his Department and agencies under his remit; the county in which each unit is located; the length of time each unit has been vacant, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [12167/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the time spent to carry out the four-stage approval process for publicly funded capital projects for each social housing, cost rental, affordable purchase, and mixed tenure development completed in 2022, broken down by tenure type and county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [12174/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social housing, cost rental, affordable purchase, and mixed tenure developments currently in the new one stage approval process, and the number of units of accommodation in these schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [12175/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has decided upon an 'NCT-style' system for housing, in line with advice from an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [12183/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the progress of the Housing Commission report. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [12184/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will give consideration to the establishment of a statutory rent arrears fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [12185/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the consideration he has given to a deposit protection scheme for tenants and licensees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [12186/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the further steps that can be taken to dramatically increase the housing output to meet the requirements of both the public and private housing programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12212/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will indicate given the increasing demand and pressure for housing; the extent, if any, to which he might look at the housing requirements on a county basis with a view to appointing professional builders on contract to the respective local authorities to provide and accelerate a housing programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12213/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which his Department has identified issues deemed to impede the provision of much-needed affordable housing on State lands throughout the country; if he expects to be in a position to address the issue in due course; if the issues that currently impede a speedy and efficient public authority response to the affordable housing crisis will be resolved at an early date in order to ensure delivery of the Housing For All Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12214/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which the provision of utilities such as electricity and water to new houses is currently limiting progress in the construction sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12215/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the total number of houses delivered/made available to each local authority housing applicants in each of the past two years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12216/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which it is expected to address the large numbers of applicants for local authority houses currently on waiting lists over the next two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12217/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the degree to which the various forms of assistance available for first-time house buyers are upgrading satisfactorily without contributing to house price inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12218/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action that can be taken to enable housing to become affordable given that persons can no longer live in Ireland due to the high cost of mortgages and rents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12219/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of planning permissions applied for and refused by county in each of the past four years to date; the way such figures will inform housing policy going forward, with particular reference to giving

the local population a chance to live in their local area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12220/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing applicants currently in receipt of HAP or rent support; the extent to which progress is being made to meet their housing needs directly rather than through various support schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12221/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which he can identify a suite of emergency measures such as the provision of modular houses, log-cabins or other alternatives including the liberalisation of planning applications in rural areas in order to alleviate the housing crisis for locals as well as refugees in order to urgently address the situation of people sleeping rough, living in unsafe conditions and other issues associated with homelessness of potential homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12222/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a number of private/subsidised sites might be provided in urban and rural areas as a matter of urgency to confront the ever increasingly serious housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12223/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an audit of vacant publicly owned buildings has been carried out or can be carried out with a view to providing emergency housing for local people and immigrants who may have a need for the urgent availability for housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12224/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which he can approach all of the problems with a view to accessing currently empty vacant accommodation with a potential for use in a housing emergency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12225/23]

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

*244. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if and when a person (details supplied) might expect to receive their passport in respect of which they made application online on 1 January 2023; if any outstanding issues can be resolved in early date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12226/23]

*245. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the current position in regard to the issue of a passport in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12231/23]

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

*246. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to list the NATO training exercises that the Defence Forces have participated in over the past five years; where these exercises have taken place, and what units of the Defence Forces were involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12025/23]

*247. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence what specific types of NATO training exercises the Defence Forces have participated in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12026/23]

*248. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when the review of Defence Forces participation in UN missions was carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12027/23]

*249. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence who participated in, and who oversaw, the review of Defence Forces participation in UN missions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12028/23]

*250. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how long the review into Defence Forces participation into UN missions took; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12029/23]

*251. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if the review into Defence Forces participation considered withdrawing Irish troops from the UNIFIL mission to Lebanon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12030/23]

*252. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of vacant habitable dwelling units and vacant derelict residential dwelling units in the ownership or part ownership of, or under the control of, both his Department and agencies under his remit; the county in which each unit is located; the length of time each unit has been vacant, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [12165/23]

*253. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the total number of vacant/disused/decommissioned properties owned by his Department which potentially could be used for accommodation purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12207/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*254. To ask the Minister for Education what can be done for a child in the following circumstances (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [12018/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Education the number of requests under GDPR/FOI for personal data from her Department, including average processing times monthly during the period 1 January 2020 to 1 March 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [12072/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Education if he will seek assistance for a school (details supplied) in respect of a payment issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [12080/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Education when schools can expect to receive notification of their SNA and SET allocations for the academic year beginning in September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [12081/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Education if clarification will be provided to a person (details supplied) regarding an issue pertaining to the Teaching Council. — Brendan Griffin. [12088/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Education the update position in relation to funding that was announced in 2022 (details supplied); the progress that has been made to date since this funding allocation was approved; if planning permission has been applied for; if the works have been put out to tender for this development; if a contractor has been appointed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [12090/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Education the progress of the Refined DEIS Identification Model, namely when the updated model of identification and classification for DEIS will be fully implemented; the number of schools that are captured within the new most-disadvantaged DEIS category; the additional supports and resources that are planned to be offered to schools falling within this category; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [12121/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a school (details supplied) does not have DEIS rural status given all other three schools in the area have, the grounds on which DEIS rural status does not apply, if this can be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [12127/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Education the total amount spent to date of the €62 million allocation for HEPA filters in schools. — Thomas Gould. [12138/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Education if she will centralise the school place application model for students with additional needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [12168/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to expand the summer school programme for students with additional needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [12169/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools in which she has implemented section 37A of Education (Provision in Respect of Children with Special Educational Needs) Act 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [12170/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which emergency measures are being taken to ensure the availability of the adequate number of school places at primary and second level, with particular reference to the need to meet any such challenges in September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12208/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Education if she will indicate arising from challenges experienced in the current year throughout North Kildare and nationally in the school transport sector; if she is in a position to ensure that no school buses pass children who could be accommodated if space on a bus is available, or if a larger bus might suffice, if children who have had their ticket withdrawn or been issued with inoperable tickets might have their cases reviewed in order to ensure safety and compassion for those cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12209/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Education whether the current review of school transport might entail facilitating children in September 2023 who cannot gain access to their nearest school due

to shortage of school places but who would then not qualify for school transport as they would not be attending their nearest school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12210/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Education the plans in hand to address school transport for children attending school in Maynooth from Straffan/Rathcoffey who have been without a service this year, given the demand for such a service; if efforts will be made to facilitate a school bus given the local demand for such a service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12211/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Education if and when a person (details supplied) might expect to receive notice to the effect that a school place is available for their daughter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12227/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Education the procedure to be followed to enable of the son of a person (details supplied) who was expelled from their post-primary school (Salesians), leaving him with very limited options other than the danger of falling into bad company; if their case can be treated with compassion in order to give him some option to complete his education given his mother's commitment to ensuring his compliance with the highest possible standards of behaviour; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12229/23]

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

*272. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review an application for carers allowance by a person (details supplied) in County Cork; if she can confirm that her Department is not including unpaid lunch time hours in the calculation of hours worked in respect of this claim for carers benefit. — Michael Creed. [12089/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) can now expect a decision regarding their PRSI classification. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [12129/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she can make provision to ensure that those persons who had been in receipt of illness benefit for a substantial number of years, commencing before there was a requirement to apply for invalidity pension, will not be denied a contributory old age pension on grounds of insufficient paid stamps, bearing in mind that had they switched to invalidity pension they would have automatically qualified for COAP at age 66, without regard to contributions, and their long period of certified illness shows they met the conditions for invalidity pension. — Richard Bruton. [12145/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the changes that have been made to the household benefits package since the start of the Government term; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [12187/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the entitlement to a contribution based pension in the case of a person (details supplied); her total number of eligible contributions for State pension; the extent to which all of their contributions have been totalled; the different categories of contributions calculable; the entitlement to full or pro-rata pension; their entitlement, if any, to contributions earned outside the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12228/23]

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

*277. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current vacancies within the children's disability network teams in New Ross, County Wexford; the number of posts assigned to this team; the current status of the vacant posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [12014/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children currently on a waiting list for services with the children's disability network team in New Ross, County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [12015/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children in County Wexford currently awaiting an assessment of need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [12016/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [12024/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will clarify whether child protection assessments are carried out in respect of all referrals of children to HSE Disability Services; if he will provide details of any analysis carried out by his Department on the operation of the HSE Disability Services referral system in the cases of children, particularly regarding the engagement between the HSE and Tusla during the child protection assessment process; if his attention has been drawn to delays in the delivery of HSE Disability Services to children as a result of delays in the carrying-out of child protection assessments by Tusla; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12040/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth following publication of the 2022 Children's Disability Network Team Staff Census and Workforce Review, if he will provide a definition of therapy hours which clearly outlines the types of activities covered (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [12155/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the cost of running children's disability network teams by CHO, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [12156/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of hours a WTE Children's Disability Network Team employee is expected to work each year by discipline, in tabular form; if training is included in this figure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [12157/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will, within the international protection system, distinguish victims of trafficking in accommodation in order that they can take trips home to see family, as part of their recovery and integration process. — Patrick Costello. [12007/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when an accommodation provider for Ukrainian refugees (details supplied) who is experiencing financial difficulties will receive payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [12013/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of additional adult respite services in Kerry, and in particular in the Killarney area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12019/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he will bring forward legislation to ban conversion therapy in Ireland; the timeline has he in place to deliver this; has drafting commenced; the measures he is planning to protect people from being targeted by ads on social media for such practises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [12064/23]

*289. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of engagements or meetings his officials have had with Tusla about GDPR/FOI subject access request (SAR) processing times, in tabular form; the number of requests under GDPR/FOI for personal data requests processed by Tusla, including average processing times monthly during the period 1 January 2020 to 1 March 2023, by administrative region; Dublin North East, Dublin Mid Leinster, South East, South West, Mid-West and West North West; the arrangements that are being put in place by Tusla to deal with exceptional time sensitive matters requiring urgent responses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [12070/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [12071/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he will bring forward legislation to ban conversion therapy in Ireland; the timeline has he in place to deliver this; has drafting commenced; the measures he is planning to protect people from being targeted by advertisements on social media for such practises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [12076/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if discussions are expected regarding the housing situation for Ukrainians who want to work but are afraid of losing their accommodation rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [12117/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when payments will be made to businesses that are housing Ukrainians and have not yet received payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [12118/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can address matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [12131/23]

*295. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the White Paper to end direct provision and establish a new International Protection Support Service has explored the extension of the HAP to the sponsor prior to the arrival of family in cases of

family reunification; if so, if this change is likely to be adopted; and if not, if it is something his Department will give consideration to. — Eoin Ó Broin. [12133/23]

*296. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he will bring forward legislation to ban conversion therapy in Ireland; the timeline he has in place to deliver this; if drafting has commenced; the measures he is planning to protect people from being targeted by advertisements on social media for such practises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [12149/23]

*297. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vacant habitable dwelling units and vacant derelict residential dwelling units in the ownership of or part ownership of or under the control of both his Department and agencies under his remit; the county in which each unit is located; the length of time each unit has been vacant, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [12164/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if persons in IPAS accommodation in County Clare have access to playgrounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [12178/23]

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

*299. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a person in receipt of carers allowance will have their course fees covered when they undertake a further education course in administration through the Tipperary ETB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [12106/23]

*300. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department will examine the case of a person (details supplied) with a view to intervening and facilitating SUSI to use discretion. — Réada Cronin. [12067/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a person in receipt of carers allowance will have their course fees covered when they undertake a further education course in administration through the Tipperary ETB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [12107/23]

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

*302. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No.462 of 14 November 2022 concerning a person (details supplied); if the application has been processed yet; if he will set out the expected timeframe for the completion of the consideration of this application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [12079/23]

*303. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of joint applications made to the Immigrant Investor Programme; the amount invested or endowed, programme by year, country of origin, by the number of individuals involved in the joint application, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12110/23]

*304. To ask the Minister for Justice when the Immigrant Investor Programme will cease accepting any new applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12111/23]

*305. To ask the Minister for Justice if he is aware of any registered charity having been requested to make payments to third parties as a finders fee in relation to the Immigrant Investor Programme; the number of such instances brought to his attention; if related applicants to the programme were successful; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12112/23]

*306. To ask the Minister for Justice if and when a person (details supplied) might be considered for naturalisation given that they continue in employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12232/23]

*307. To ask the Minister for Justice the current or likely position in relation to naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12234/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*308. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the number and waiting time for people that have been referred to long-Covid clinics in each health area for 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, and 24 months or more, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12002/23]

*309. To ask the Minister for Health the plans for the site of the former St. Brigid's nursing home at Crooksling, Brittas, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12003/23]

*310. To ask the Minister for Health if any reviews have taken place regarding the issue of parking charges at hospitals; if he intends taking any actions to curtail parking charges at hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12004/23]

*311. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the number of people referred to long-Covid clinics in each health area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12009/23]

*312. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to provide retinal screening facilities in locations in County Laois (details supplied); if not, if he will consider same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [12010/23]

*313. To ask the Minister for Health when pension arrears will be paid to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [12017/23]

*314. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [12020/23]

*315. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to update and modernise CORU's assessment of recognition process, given that it remains a paper-based and lengthy process; if he is aware

whether the process acts as a deterrent to health and social care professionals looking to work in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [12022/23]

*316. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time it takes to approve an EMA-approved orphan medicine in Ireland, from receipt of application for reimbursement to actual approval; how this compares with EU counterparts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [12031/23]

*317. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time it takes to approve an EMA-approved medicine for reimbursement in Ireland, from receipt of application for reimbursement to actual approval; how this compares with EU counterparts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [12032/23]

*318. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time it takes to approve an EMA-approved cancer drug in Ireland, from receipt of application for reimbursement to actual approval; how this compares with EU counterparts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [12033/23]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the research that has been done internally in his Department to analyse or compare how Ireland ranks with EU counterparts for the approval of EMA-approved orphan medicines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [12034/23]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health the number of EMA-approved orphan drugs that were approved for reimbursement in each of the years 2016 to 2022; the date these drugs were applied for initially, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [12035/23]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff allocated to the National Rare Disease Office; the qualifications of the staff working there; if additional resources will be allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [12036/23]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health the number of genetic consultants employed in Ireland; the plans, if any, to recruit additional consultants specialising in genetics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [12037/23]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health the average time expended during the orphan drugs reimbursement process waiting for industry or pharmaceutical companies to revert with additional information that has been requested of them; his views on whether this is a significant factor in the delay of the process; how this can be improved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [12038/23]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health if he has met with a group (details supplied); if the group would qualify for any funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [12039/23]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify his and the HSE's position on Special Leave with Pay for HSE personnel suffering from long-term Covid illness and unable to work; if the present Special Leave with Pay scheme will be extended for eligible staff beyond 30 June 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [12041/23]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to expand public healthcare services for children with disabilities, with a view to decreasing the use of private providers in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12050/23]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health the number of emergency call outs to all ambulance stations in counties Sligo, Leitrim, Donegal and Roscommon in 2021 and 2022 on a monthly basis, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [12055/23]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health given the expiry of the National Cardiovascular Health Strategy; ‘Changing Cardiovascular Health Policy’ four years ago, when is it proposed that the Government will publish a new National Cardiovascular Strategy. — Marc MacSharry. [12057/23]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to expand sugar related taxes to include other goods including a wide range of high sugar quantity confectionary sweets, snacks and other consumable products to help tackle the national obesity pandemic. — Marc MacSharry. [12060/23]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health the current Government position with regard to target timeframe to achieve a tobacco free Ireland. — Marc MacSharry. [12062/23]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health the total cost of the final report on the protected disclosure into allegations made by a whistle-blower in April regarding the care of patients during Covid-19 at a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [12091/23]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE refused a request from the investigation team (details supplied) appointed by the HSE to investigate complaints made by protected disclosure into a facility to extend the remit of its investigation to include a letter from this Deputy which gave evidence of minutes of a CHO meeting held on 14 May 2020, which included an instruction to remove certain emails off the system, the date of which meeting was outside the terms of reference; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [12092/23]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health the reason pain patches (Versatis) for conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis are not included on the medical card; and if he will change the regulation to ensure that the medical card does cover this key pain killer. — Peadar Tóibín. [12094/23]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health if discussions are expected for workers with long covid that return to work; if long-covid can be recognised as an occupational health injury for their future at work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O’Donoghue. [12119/23]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health when additional funding announced in Budget 2023 to aid Section 39 organisations in the context of the cost-of-living crisis will be made available; whether, in addition to once-off payments, his Department intends to restore funding to these organisations in order that workers in the sector will see their increments reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [12122/23]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the 173 public health nurses in CHO9; the number that are full-time or part-time; the grades they are on; the annual

nursing hours provided in each location; the annual changes on these factors over the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [12124/23]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses and the number of vacant public health nurse positions in each location within CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [12125/23]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health when all pensioners in the Mid-West region who worked in the health services will receive the public pay increases due; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [12134/23]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined and expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [12135/23]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health whether a long Covid clinic launched by a person (details supplied) was denied funding, and the reason for same. — Thomas Gould. [12137/23]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that the HSE has designated the purpose-built Seven Springs Day Centre in Loughrea, County Galway as part of the community nursing unit in Loughrea; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [12152/23]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health if he has sanctioned funding for the proposal to refurbish an existing building at the Loughrea Health Campus, Loughrea, County Galway; if so, how much funding has been allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [12153/23]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline he is working towards to establish an inquiry into the State's response to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [12154/23]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to an RTÉ Investigates report (details supplied) in relation to unregulated 'psychologists' in the private sector; the reason this profession remains unregulated by CORU; the expected timeline for regulation of this profession; the steps he is taking to address this matter in the interim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [12158/23]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant habitable dwelling units and vacant derelict residential dwelling units in the ownership of or part ownership of or under the control of both his Department and agencies under his remit; the county in which each unit is located; the length of time each unit has been vacant, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [12162/23]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of a company (details supplied) and if they have been considered by two hospitals to tackle significant waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [12180/23]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health the venues in County Clare that are used by CAMHS; the services provided in each, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [12181/23]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health if he has fulfilled his commitment to facilitating homebirth services and midwife led services in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [12182/23]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health total number of vacant/disused/decommissioned properties owned by the HSE/Department of Health which potentially could be used for accommodation purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12206/23]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health if and when a medical card will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12230/23]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health if a full medical card might issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12233/23]

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

*352. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the increased costs of renewable fuel energy; if they will reduce in price; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [12120/23]

*353. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if this State gathers data on the amount of rodenticide sold in Ireland each year, or on the amount imported into Ireland each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [12177/23]

*354. 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. [12084/23]

*355. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he is taking to support the sheep sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11882/23]

*356. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to improve dog control; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11883/23]

*357. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to recent Teagasc research (details supplied) into the sequestering of carbon on Irish farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [8431/23]

*358. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to studies showing Government policies are fuelling a mental health crisis among farmers (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [11114/23]

*359. 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 fair allocation of fishing quota across the range

of species, for the Irish fishing industry, within the Irish EEZ, under the current review of the Common Fisheries Policy. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [8628/23]

*360. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is a hardship fund to assist a farmer (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [12077/23]

*361. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how organisations may affiliate to the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12098/23]

*362. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he has taken to ensure an adequate supply of fencing is available to farmers in 2023 following the implementation of a ban on creosote timber at the end of March 2023; the impact he believes this will have on the TAMS and ACRES schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12099/23]

*363. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department accepts the recommendations of the Wool Feasibility Study; the progress made implementing any accepted recommendations; the projected timelines to achieve such, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12100/23]

*364. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of individuals who received payments from his Department in 2022 that were customers of a bank (details supplied) that have yet to provide his Department with alternative bank account details; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12103/23]

*365. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 67 of 25 October 2022, the meeting of the TB Forum at which it was agreed that new requirements regarding TB Testing would be introduced; if these minutes at the said meeting are publicly available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12113/23]

*366. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if following a judgement from the European Court of Justice prohibiting Coillte from receiving state supports; if any repayments were made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12114/23]

*367. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 782 of 31 January 2023, if his Department has sought clarity from the European Commission as to if the revised State aid rules allow for the provision of afforestation grants and premiums to Coillte; the expected timeline in which he expects a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12115/23]

*368. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is intended that his application for State aid exemption for the incoming forestry programme will include indications that his Department intends to provide afforestation grants and premiums to Coillte; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12116/23]

*369. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara cén uair a thosófar an obair ar Chéim a Trí den obair ar mhuiríne Ros an Mhíl; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [12130/23]

*370. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine with regard to the ongoing construction of the Ros a'Mhíl deep water quay, if he has considered increasing the spec of the deck capacity to 30 tonnes / m² and the extension of the berth pocket by 30 metres at the north end of the pier, in order to future proof the development; the process and procedures that are in place to consider same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [12146/23]

*371. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of vacant habitable dwelling units and vacant derelict residential dwelling units in the ownership of or part ownership of or under the control of both his Department and agencies under his remit; the county in which each unit is located; the length of time each unit has been vacant, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [12161/23]

*372. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he intends to introduce regulations on limiting the number of pots under each licence held by inshore fishermen around the coast. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [12171/23]

*373. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how he and his Department are ensuring the implementation of Article 17 of the Common Fisheries Policy in this State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [12172/23]

*374. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has given consideration to lobbies from groups (details supplied) with respect to increasing targeted sheep payments to €30 per ewe from €7 and €12 per ewe, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [12188/23]

*375. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of the beef herd at present; the extent to which numbers have fluctuated in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12190/23]

*376. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of sheep registered at present in the country; the extent to which this number has fluctuated in the past five years; the potential for the industry in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12191/23]

*377. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of pig farms registered in the country; the number of pigs therein; the extent, if any, to which this number has fluctuated in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12192/23]

*378. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which farmers dependent on sheep rearing have experienced an income reduction in recent times; the measures in place or contemplated to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12193/23]

*379. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of beef animals currently in this country; the extent to which the relevant farmers' incomes from beef has fluctuated over the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12194/23]

*380. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which farmers dependent on pig production have experienced an income fluctuation in recent times; the measures in place or contemplated to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12195/23]

*381. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current strength of the dairy herd; the degree if any to which it has fluctuated or likely to so do in the future, with particular reference to displacement by other enterprises in order to comply with the meeting of emissions targets; if due regard is being had for the possibility of a food shortage in the near to mid-future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12196/23]

*382. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the ongoing effort to combat bovine TB with particular reference to carriers; the evidence that exists in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12197/23]

*383. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which all food imports into this country remain subject to Irish and EU standards in respect of husbandry, processing and production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12198/23]

*384. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which ongoing inspections of food and food products for export continues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12199/23]

*385. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the ongoing forestry development programme continues with due regard for the necessity to use marginal lands as opposed to lands suitable for food production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12200/23]

*386. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which plans are afoot to protect possible shortages in the food chain in this country given the increased population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12201/23]

*387. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the cereal industry in this country continues to remain viable given the evidence of competition in the market place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12202/23]

*388. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts being made to encourage grain growing given the effects on the industry of the ongoing war in Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12203/23]

*389. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the poultry sector continues to be protected against disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12204/23]

*390. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which farm supports contain new money or a replacement for previous schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12205/23]