



## DÁIL ÉIREANN

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**CEISTEANNA I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL**  
**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12441/23]

7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Mick Barry. [12648/23]

8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Gary Gannon. [12651/23]

9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Britain and Northern Ireland Division of his Department. — Brendan Smith. [12838/23]

10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12855/23]

11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [12858/23]

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

13. To ask the Taoiseach the number of meetings of the climate action delivery board, co-chaired by his Department, that have taken place to date in 2023. — Mick Barry. [12649/23]

14. To ask the Taoiseach the number of meetings that have taken place to date in 2023 of the Climate Action Delivery Board, co-chaired by his Department. — Gary Gannon. [12652/23]

15. To ask the Taoiseach the number of meetings that have taken place to date in 2023 of the Climate Action Delivery Board, co-chaired by his Department. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [12657/23]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the climate action delivery board, chaired by his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12856/23]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the climate action delivery board, chaired by his Department. — Bríd Smith. [12859/23]

18. To ask the Taoiseach the number of meetings that have taken place to date in 2023 of the climate action delivery board, co-chaired by his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [13427/23]

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

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

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

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the well-being framework. — Mick Barry. [12650/23]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the well-being framework for Ireland overseen by his Department. — Gary Gannon. [12653/23]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the well-being framework. — Cian O’Callaghan. [12944/23]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the well-being framework for Ireland overseen by his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [13430/23]

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

27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagement with church leaders. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12442/23]

28. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on recent engagements with church leaders. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12857/23]

29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on recent engagements with Church leaders. — Bríd Smith. [12860/23]

30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on recent engagements with Church leaders. — Gino Kenny. [12861/23]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with church leaders. — Gary Gannon. [12654/23]

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

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the events in his Department to mark International Women's Day; and the measures he has taken to improve gender equality in his Department. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [12705/23]

34. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the events in his Department to mark International Women's Day; and the measures he has taken to improve gender equality in his Department. — Gary Gannon. [12655/23]

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

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Cian O'Callaghan. [12945/23]

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [13428/23]

38. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Gary Gannon. [12656/23]

39. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12863/23]

40. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [12866/23]

41. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Gino Kenny. [12868/23]

42. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12973/23]

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

44. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Aindrias Moynihan. [13067/23]

45. To ask the Taoiseach when the most recent meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Health took place. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12864/23]

46. To ask the Taoiseach when the most recent meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Health took place. — Bríd Smith. [12867/23]

47. To ask the Taoiseach when the most recent meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Health took place. — Gino Kenny. [12869/23]

48. To ask the Taoiseach when the most recent meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Health took place. — Ivana Bacik. [13431/23]

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

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

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

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

53. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the International Division of his Department. — Seán Haughey. [12707/23]

54. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the International Division of his Department. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [13882/23]

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

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

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

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

59. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Alan Dillon. [12791/23]

60. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Cian O'Callaghan. [12946/23]

61. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul McAuliffe. [13066/23]

62. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12972/23]

63. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update in respect of the Cabinet Committee on Housing. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13633/23]

64. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [13432/23]

65. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [13881/23]

66. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his Departments resource efficiency action plan. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12443/23]

67. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with the Spanish prime minister, Pedro Sánchez. — Alan Farrell. [12641/23]

68. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the President of the United States. — Ivana Bacik. [13426/23]

69. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent discussions with US or other authorities during his recent trip to Washington. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13632/23]

70. To ask the Taoiseach how often every Cabinet Committee meets; with particular reference to the Committees on Health, Housing and Education. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13634/23]

### **CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

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

71. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his response to the ongoing illegal settler violence in the occupied Palestinian territories; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [13672/23]

72. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline the approach he is taking to the actions of the new Israeli government on its ongoing efforts to destroy a two state solution; the specific actions including sanctions that will be taken against Israel for the recognition of, and development of, new illegal settlements; the measures if any, that will be proposed to halt the lethal escalation of violence in Palestine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [13611/23]

73. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline details of the planned visit by US President Joe Biden to Ireland in April; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [13673/23]

74. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his recent visit to the United States and efforts he made to regularise the status of the undocumented Irish living there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [13894/23]

75. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will establish a process to allow public representatives from the North to make representations to the Passport Office to assist in the processing of passport applications from the North; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [13674/23]

**CEISTEANNA EILE  
OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

76. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he continues to promote the concept of power sharing and the continuation of working at and improving the peace process in Northern Ireland in a way that clearly demonstrates the economic and social benefits of a broadening and deepening of the principles of the Good Friday Agreement; and he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13630/23]

77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason a passport, which is out of date for more than five years, is seen as a first-time passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [13512/23]

78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his engagement to date with the DUP in getting the party's agreement on the recent Windsor Framework proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [13665/23]

79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his response to the recent Council of Europe decision on Northern Ireland legacy issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [13508/23]

80. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline the engagement that Ireland's representatives on the UN Security Council have had in relation to Palestine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [13669/23]

81. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the size of the Russian diplomatic presence in Ireland will be reduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [13640/23]

82. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will respond to a UN report that argues that socio-economic conditions are driving young Africans into extremist militant groups, given Ireland's role in UN and EU missions in Africa; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [13679/23]

83. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his attendance at a Good Friday Agreement 25 event with the National Committee on American Foreign Policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [13509/23]

84. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will a report on his recent visit to New York; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [13638/23]

85. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he and other European Union countries continue to support the people of the Ukraine in the face of the continued Russian aggression; if it is expected that the international war crimes courts are likely to bring the perpetrators before them with a view retribution in the courts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13631/23]

86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the issues that were discussed at the most recent EU Foreign Affairs Council. — Michael Moynihan. [13502/23]



87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has discussed the increasingly high levels of Palestinian civilian casualties in the occupied West Bank with the new Israeli government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [13389/23]

88. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide details of his bilateral engagement to-date in 2023 with his Israeli counterpart with regard to the ongoing demolition and seizure of Palestinian property in the Occupied Palestinian Territories; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [13635/23]

89. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has engaged with other foreign ministers regarding the loss of electricity power at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant in Ukraine due to Russian missile bombardment; if he is concerned about the potential result of this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [13386/23]

90. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement he will have on his St. Patrick's day visit to the United States; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [13390/23]

91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline the action Ireland is taking to provide humanitarian and medical aid to the earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [13516/23]

92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the assistance provided to Turkey and Syria following the recent earthquake; the amount of aid that has been disbursed; the plans for further assistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [13612/23]

93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his assessment of the current situation in Myanmar; the action Ireland is taking at international level in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [13646/23]

94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if any effort has been made by the Government to follow-up on requests for Ireland to assist Moldova in preparing for EU membership, particularly in view of attempts to destabilise the democratic government of Moldova through hybrid warfare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [13678/23]

95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the further supports Ireland will be providing for Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [13637/23]

96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will detail the level of support Ireland is providing for countries experiencing food shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [12642/23]

97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline the engagement he has had with the British government, political parties in the North and the European Union following the announcement of the Windsor Framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [13668/23]

98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the action that is being taken in relation to Russia's campaign to remove Ukrainian children to Russia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [13639/23]

99. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he had any discussions on the impacts of Israel's continued aggression and illegal occupation of Palestinian territory and its destabilising effects on the region during his recent trip to Lebanon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [5133/23]

100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the measures he has put in place to ensure there are no delays to the issuing of passports this summer; the number of applications that are on hand at present; the current processing time for a passport application for an adult and for a child, respectively; the number of passports that have been issued in each month of the past year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [13613/23]

101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on efforts to restore the Northern Ireland Institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [12537/23]

102. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the action Ireland is taking to protect people from persecution on account of their religious beliefs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [13645/23]

103. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on any recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [13497/23]

104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the measures that are in place to deal with any surge in demand in passport applications this year; if any surge in applications will affect the processing times currently being met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [13666/23]

105. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has considered plans for an official event to mark the 60th anniversary of the visit of President John F Kennedy to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [13208/23]

106. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has engaged with his counterparts in Turkey and Syria in relation to the devastating earthquakes in the two countries; what Ireland's response to these catastrophes will be; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [13388/23]

107. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has conducted a review on the activities of the Russian Embassy; if he is satisfied the level of staff employed at the embassy is warranted and justifiable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [13585/23]

108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on Ireland's contribution to the 'Global Partnership for Education'; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [12643/23]

109. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on popular protests in Israel at attempts by the Netanyahu government to make changes to the country's judicial system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [13676/23]

110. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps the Government is currently taking to secure the release of a person (details supplied), who was recently sentenced to six and half years in prison in Iran; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [13677/23]

111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of online passport applications that are currently waiting to be processed; the general processing times for online applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [13514/23]

112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his recent engagements with regard to restoring the Northern Ireland Executive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [13498/23]

113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has engaged with the government of Moldova; if any assistance has been offered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [13615/23]

114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline the experience of his Department following its recent exercise in persuading members from the global south to support a UN resolution to mark the one-year anniversary of the illegal Russian invasion of Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [13675/23]

115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline his most recent engagements with the UK government on its Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill following the recent decision adopted by the Council of Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [13614/23]

116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the position regarding ongoing negotiations to restore power sharing in Northern Ireland in view of recent progress on the Windsor Framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [13207/23]

117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs how his Department proposes to mark the 25th Anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement. — Cathal Crowe. [13500/23]

118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on recent discussions with EU counterparts on Ukraine. — Michael Moynihan. [13501/23]

119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the assistance given to date by Ireland to Ukraine under the European Peace Facility and the EU Military Assistance Mission in Support of Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [12536/23]

120. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will condemn Israeli bombing and raids in Nablus in the West Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [13387/23]

121. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he intends providing additional funding and resources to the Emigrant Support Programme to help remove barriers facing returning Irish emigrants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12748/23]

122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount of bilateral aid provided to Ukraine in 2022; the amount committed to in 2023; the additional supports or funds Ireland has made available this year; if he has sought an increase in assistance above the current allocations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [13616/23]

123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the discussions he has had with political representatives in Northern Ireland with regard to the Windsor Framework. — Cathal Crowe. [13499/23]

124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason there is such a disparity in online passport application processing timeframes compared to postal application processing timeframes, given that the online application process is not accessible to all; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [13515/23]

125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of postal passport applications that are currently waiting to be processed; the estimated timeframe for this backlog to be cleared; and the general processing times for postal applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [13513/23]

126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 105 of 31 January 2023, if he will provide an update on Ireland's efforts at EU and UN levels to stop the war in Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [13636/23]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*127. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the International Division of his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [13429/23]

\*128. To ask the Taoiseach when the most recent meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee for Accommodation and Supports for Ukrainian Refugees took place. — Ivana Bacik. [13433/23]

\*129. To ask the Taoiseach the number of times funding was moved across budget lines within his Department in a process known as virement; the name and purpose of the fund the money was taken from; the name and purpose of the fund the money was transferred to; the dates upon which he approved of such transfers, since he took office; and if the Department of Public Expenditure was consulted prior to the transfer. — Peadar Tóibín. [12277/23]

\*130. To ask the Taoiseach if any projects under his remit are on hold due to Capital Funding pressures; and if he will indicate the projects, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [12634/23]

\*131. To ask the Taoiseach if he will include a young carers section on the Census form, to ascertain and enumerate the level of care provided by young carers relating to their role in providing physical or emotional support to family members with a long-term illness, health issue, or issue related to old age or disability. — Colm Burke. [13744/23]

\*132. To ask the Taoiseach if he will release all his Departmental files to the National Archives regarding the High Court, Supreme Court and European Court of Human Rights cases in relation to proposals for gay law reform which resulted in a landmark judgement and decriminalisation thirty years ago. — Patrick Costello. [13754/23]

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

\*133. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of times funding was moved across budget lines within his Department in a process known as virement; the name and purpose of the fund the money was taken from; the name and purpose of the fund the money was transferred to; the dates upon which he approved of such transfers, since he took office; if the Department of Public Expenditure was consulted prior to the transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12266/23]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will instruct a company (details supplied) to provide written confirmation to staff in relation to the news that they will no longer be directly employed by the company; if he will ensure that the owners enter negotiations with staff in relation to their contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [12329/23]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if any projects under his remit are on hold due to Capital Funding pressures; if he will indicate the projects, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12624/23]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a grant for self-employed disabled people and disabled entrepreneurs to employ a non-disabled person to help them run their business. — Holly Cairns. [12775/23]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the progress made by his Department in respect of targets and goals set out in sustainable development goals of the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development under the policy remit of his Department; and if these targets and goals will be met by their respective deadlines. — Denis Naughten. [12900/23]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a timeframe for introducing energy support grants for businesses that rely on oil and/or LPG that are excluded from the TBESS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [12980/23]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of Enterprise Ireland client companies that have been sold, acquired or merged in the past five years; the total amount that was invested in these companies by Enterprise Ireland and the return on these investments to Enterprise Ireland, broken down by company or name redacted if this compromises GDPR law, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [13019/23]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount invested in venture capital funds and other investment funds by Enterprise Ireland in the past ten years broken down by fund and the return on these investments to Enterprise Ireland. — Louise O'Reilly. [13020/23]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current rate of basic level digital intensity of Irish SMEs. — Louise O'Reilly. [13034/23]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the percentage of Irish SMEs currently exporting across borders; if he will provide a breakdown by sector; the policy plans and funding supports that are in place to increase this number; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [13035/23]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he is taking to ensure that staff receive their full wages in a timely manner from a former employer. — Holly Cairns. [13053/23]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 155 and 157 of 7 March 2023, the percentage of research and development funded by his Department that takes place outside the State for the latest year for which detailed data is available; the monetary value of that funding carried out outside of the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [13079/23]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when it is intended to hold the referendum on the Unified Patent Court Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [13184/23]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the engagement he has had with a company (details supplied) in relation to its announcement of 240 redundancies in its Irish branch; if he has urged the company to adopt a voluntary redundancy first approach to redundancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [13218/23]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if support is available to businesses to retain seasonal staff during their off-peak seasons. — Thomas Gould. [13316/23]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will reconsider a work permit application for a person (details supplied); if he will reconsider this given the evidence confirming their application for a visa renewal was submitted well prior to their visa expiry and they only received an appointment for such a renewal for a date after their visa had expired. — Michael Creed. [13410/23]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if advice will be provided to a person (details supplied) in relation to their entitlements under sick pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [13414/23]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the Workplace Relations Commission inspection staff that have training in relation to human trafficking awareness or human trafficking indicators; to what level this training is provided; if this training is provided on an ongoing basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13436/23]



\*151. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will examine the legislation in relation to the non-payment of salaries by a company (details supplied); if the legislation will be updated to ensure further protections for employees in cases in which an employer has not provided wages due, given that the process in the WRC can be lengthy and staff who are owed wages should not have to wait; if he will make legislative changes to accelerate this process to reduce the wait time for staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [13581/23]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when an agreement certification number will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13663/23]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 56 of 16 November 2022, if he has been contacted or engaged by a company (details supplied) in respect of job losses at the company; if so, the nature of those discussions; and if he is satisfied that the company has complied with communication protocols in respect of redundancies; if the IDA have engaged with him in respect of clawback any supports provided to the companies. — Catherine Murphy. [13792/23]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment whether a person who is in Ireland on a stamp 3 visa but has a qualification that would entitle them to a critical skills permit can apply for a job from Ireland and still qualify for this type of permit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [13805/23]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will engage with the concerning the Co-operative Societies Bill 2022 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [14003/23]

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

\*156. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he will introduce a pension scheme for An Post workers employed since 1984 when An Post was changed to a semi-State company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [12737/23]

\*157. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how he first became aware that growth in ‘Islanded’ data centres could result in security of supply risk being transferred from electricity to gas supply; the person or body that made him aware and when. — Eoin Ó Broin. [12247/23]

\*158. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he plans to publish his ministerial diary for the period since February 2022; and if he will undertake to publish them monthly going forward. — Eoin Ó Broin. [12248/23]

\*159. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the SEAI will have final figures for the number of and amount of funding for heating systems upgrades installed, broken down by heat source, including from fossil fuel such as oil and gas, and electric heat pump and so on for the warmer homes scheme and warmth and wellbeing scheme in 2022, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [12250/23]

\*160. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications whether a person with stone walls can avail of a retrofitting grant. — Thomas Gould. [12253/23]

\*161. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of times funding was moved across budget lines within his Department in a process known as virement; the name and purpose of the fund the money was taken from; the name and purpose of the fund the money was transferred to; the dates upon which he approved of such transfers, since he took office; if the Department of Public Expenditure was consulted prior to the transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12267/23]

\*162. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and his Department will review correspondence from a company (details supplied) in County Tipperary; the supports he intends to introduce to help such business groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [12317/23]

\*163. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he intends to take steps to introduce legislation to provide greater powers to the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities to give greater protections to customers of energy companies and to ensure that price gouging by energy companies is not permitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [12334/23]

\*164. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the negotiations to increase the Eircom pension; when a decision is expected on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [12369/23]

\*165. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 142 of 2 March 2023, when a new build premises (details supplied) is expected to be assessed for connection to the NBI network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [12571/23]

\*166. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if any projects under his remit are on hold due to Capital Funding pressures; if he will indicate the projects, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12625/23]

\*167. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he will sign off on the 3% pay increase for Eircom pensioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [12681/23]

\*168. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he intends to implement a national hydrogen strategy; if he will provide an update on the working of the interdepartmental working group to generate a hydrogen economy, create jobs, grow, and decarbonise the country. — Alan Dillon. [12694/23]

\*169. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if An Post has sought his approval for the payment of a 2% increase to its pensioners from 1 January 2023; if he has not received the relevant request, when he expects to receive it; when it is intended to pay the increase which has already been paid to existing employees of the company and is significantly below CPI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12726/23]



\*170. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline the situation regarding his plans to transpose EU Directive 2019/994 Article 7 on direct lines; what the transposition of this Directive would mean in practical terms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [12728/23]

\*171. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps that are being taken to ensure that all television stations and visually-based broadcast companies operating in Ireland are required to have subtitles. — Holly Cairns. [12777/23]

\*172. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the roll-out of high-speed rural broadband in Cork south west. — Holly Cairns. [12778/23]

\*173. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking to ensure that new Eircodes are assigned in a timely manner rather than in batches every few months. — Holly Cairns. [12779/23]

\*174. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will ensure the provision of broadband to Brookdale, Riverstick, County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [12780/23]

\*175. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide his response to a recommendation in a report (details supplied) concerning energy poverty calling for ‘A Community Energy Advice service would provide a local, tailored service to support people to access the financial advice they need, to install ‘quick win’ measures, and to apply for appropriate retrofitting grants’. — Holly Cairns. [12781/23]

\*176. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide his response to a recommendation in a report (details supplied) concerning energy poverty which highlights ‘the remaining gaps in retrofitting support, this includes the ongoing lack of strategic action to address poor energy efficiency in the private rented sector: we welcome announcements of future regulation, but a clear pathway is needed to ensure tenants see the benefits of improvements in housing quality’. — Holly Cairns. [12782/23]

\*177. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide his response to a recommendation in a report (details supplied) concerning energy poverty. — Holly Cairns. [12784/23]

\*178. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware that residents in a location (details supplied) are not in receipt of broadband. — Thomas Gould. [12816/23]

\*179. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 179 of 21 February 2023, if he will address a series of issues (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [12890/23]

\*180. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress made by his Department in respect of targets and goals set out in sustainable development goals of the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development under the policy remit of his Department; and if these targets and goals will be met by their respective deadlines. — Denis Naughten. [12901/23]

\*181. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will examine matters in relation to the An Post pension scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12942/23]

\*182. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he expects to approve a proposed increase in the pension entitlements of An Post workers; if the S.I. to give effect to this will be ready soon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [12951/23]

\*183. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the action that will be taken to address an issue (details supplied); the plans to reinstate this location; if any works are planned or currently taking place in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [12957/23]

\*184. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a licence has been granted in a specific area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [12958/23]

\*185. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he intends making money available to an organisation (details supplied) or to local authorities to develop piers, slips and loading places on inland lakes, including improving existing ones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13015/23]

\*186. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason the 3% increase for retired members (details supplied) has not been cleared at Ministerial level when it has been cleared by the company since July of 2022. — Joan Collins. [13058/23]

\*187. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps his Department is taking to stop the decline of trout and other fish stock in the River Shannon, which has hurt by recreational fishing and slowed the fishing tourism business along the river. — Robert Troy. [13170/23]

\*188. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address concerns that an approved body operating a farm plastic scheme (details supplied) which may be operating sites in counties Kerry, Cavan, Kilkenny, Mayo which has farm plastic stored loosely held for more than the required time, and is piled in such a manner as to potentially be in contravention of environmental regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13200/23]

\*189. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking to ensure that new eircodes are added to applications (details supplied) and other common navigating tools in a timely manner. — Holly Cairns. [13227/23]

\*190. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking to ensure that An Post uses the eircodes system. — Holly Cairns. [13228/23]

\*191. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 174 of 22 November 2022, if he and his Department will amend and/or revoke the current Conservation of Coarse Fish Bye-Law No. 806 of 2006, which is in direct conflict with other domestic and EU environmental legislation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [13250/23]

\*192. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of the current waiting times for applications to SEAI (details supplied); his plans to shorten the waiting time for applicants to SEAI for these urgent environmental works; the resources he will provide to SEAI to expedite these works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [13314/23]

\*193. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will allocate an additional full-time environment attaché and communication attaché to be posted at the Irish Permanent Representation to the EU. — Darren O'Rourke. [13358/23]

\*194. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will publish the ministerial accountability framework referred to in his opening statement to the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Environment and Climate on 13 September 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13365/23]

\*195. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on Action RE/23/19 in the Climate Action Plan Annex of Action. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13366/23]

\*196. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount transferred to the fund manager of the Climate Action Fund for emissions from official air travel pursuant to Circular 01/2020, broken down by each Department for each of the years 2020-2023, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13367/23]

\*197. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes that were connected to the fossil gas grid in each of the years 2019-2023, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13370/23]

\*198. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of non-daily metered businesses that were connected to the fossil gas grid for each of the years 2019-2023, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13371/23]

\*199. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of daily metered businesses that were connected to the fossil gas grid for each of the years 2019-2023, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13372/23]

\*200. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of community heating schemes that were connected to the fossil gas grid for each of the years 2019-2023, in tabular form; and the number of apartments associated with those schemes. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13373/23]

\*201. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number and location of islanded data centres currently operating. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13374/23]

\*202. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number and location of islanded data centres proposed but not yet operating. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13375/23]

\*203. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications as the Minister with governance oversight responsibility for the Postal and Telecommunications Services Act 1983, if he is satisfied that An Post is complying fully with Section 46 (4) of the said Act pertaining to the guarantee that the civil servants transferred to An Post on its vesting day are entitled to “not less favourable” conditions in their pensions than those to which they were

entitled prior to being transferred; if he is satisfied that these ex-civil servants are being treated correctly in accordance with the Act and in the same way as if their pensions were paid out of monies voted by the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [13453/23]

\*204. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking to ensure the implementation of a pensions agreement from a semi-State body, including the back payments recipients are entitled to (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [13464/23]

\*205. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the Governments proposed changes to off-shore wind policy announced recently and the motivation to move a plan-led approach. — Darren O'Rourke. [13482/23]

\*206. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the timeframe for the development of Designated Marine Areas as announced in the proposed changes to off-shore wind farming recently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [13483/23]

\*207. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the anticipated impact of a plan-led approach to off-shore wind-farming on timelines outlined in the Climate Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [13484/23]

\*208. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there are plans to create a public amenity at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [13495/23]

\*209. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding grants. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13540/23]

\*210. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason the better energy home grant for the replacement of heat pumps has been withdrawn; if this grant will be urgently reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13600/23]

\*211. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason his Department has not issued a money message or a reasoned response in relation to the Petroleum and Other Minerals Development (Amendment) (Climate Emergency Measures) Bill 2018 despite being requested to do so by the Bills Office in May 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [13602/23]

\*212. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the date he will approve the development of domestic Irish and gas exploration; if he plans to issue a statement regarding this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [13603/23]

\*213. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide the specifics regarding the amount and origin of the energy sourced from the UK in 2022 for Irish electricity supplies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [13604/23]

\*214. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reasoning behind the ongoing importation of energy for Irish electricity production from the UK rather than domestic oil and gas drilling, particularly in view of the UK power system operator's recent decision to reopen two of five emergency coal-fired generators; the timeline for approving the development of domestic Irish oil and gas exploration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [13605/23]

\*215. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the actions that have been taken, in view of warnings from EirGrid in its Generation Capacity Statement in relation to forthcoming serious electricity supply shortfalls, to ensure the country produces sufficient electricity to meet demand, particularly for winter 2023-2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [13624/23]

\*216. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the details of a new build premises (details supplied) are expected to be formally transmitted by his Department to National Broadband Ireland (NBI) for inclusion under the National Broadband Plan rollout; when he expects the premises to be connected to the NBI network thereafter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [13815/23]

\*217. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide assistance with obtaining an Eircode at an enclosed location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [13836/23]

\*218. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of people who were connected to the microgeneration pilot scheme from 2009 to 2014; the number of these who are still exporting excess electricity back to the grid; and the number who are not exporting but are being paid for deemed export (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [13852/23]

\*219. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount that has been given to domestic wind turbine developers by the Government and the SEAI, where these manufacturers have since been liquidated; and the measures that will be taken to ensure there is no repeat of this in solar developments (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [13855/23]

\*220. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what actions have been taken, in light of warnings from EirGrid in its Generation Capacity Statement about forthcoming serious electricity supply shortfalls, to ensure the country produces sufficient electricity to meet demand, particularly for winter 2023-2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [13952/23]

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

\*221. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide clarification in relation to the scheme aimed at encouraging taxi drivers to convert to EV vehicles; if the unintended consequence (details supplied) of extending licences for some vehicles as a Covid-related measure, is that vehicles and drivers that would have qualified for the EV grant may now lose out as a result of both of the Covid extension together with ongoing delays in getting EVs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [12235/23]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to reduce the lengthy wait-times experienced by those seeking to sit their driving test; when the wait-time can be expected to return to normal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [12237/23]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people on a cancellation list for their NCT in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [12245/23]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions taken to decrease the NCT wait time in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [12246/23]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bus stops that have had solar panels installed; the cost of installing solar panels on bus stops; and the amount of revenue raised from advertising companies for the provision of electricity. — Eoin Ó Broin. [12249/23]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of times funding was moved across budget lines within his Department in a process known as virement; the name and purpose of the fund the money was taken from; the name and purpose of the fund the money was transferred to; the dates upon which he approved of such transfers, since he took office; if the Department of Public Expenditure was consulted prior to the transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12279/23]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to improve and open toilet facilities for commuters at Balbriggan train station, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [12280/23]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to improve and open toilet facilities for commuters at Skerries train station, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [12281/23]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to improve and open toilet facilities for commuters at Rush and Lusk train station, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [12282/23]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to improve and open toilet facilities for commuters at Donabate train station, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [12283/23]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons currently waiting on NCT appointments in County Wicklow; and the average waiting times for same once an online booking has been made, in tabular form. — John Brady. [12297/23]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Transport the average timeframes for an NCT appointment date in each testing centre nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12298/23]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures his Department is undertaking to address the lengthy delays motorists are having obtaining appointments for NCTs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12299/23]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons that are currently awaiting an appointment date to sit their driving test, broken down by test centre, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12300/23]



\*235. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the strategy to cease the disruption caused by drones at airports here; if he will identify the steps which need to be taken; and where the responsibility for action lies in each case. — Richard Bruton. [12327/23]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that will be implemented to eliminate unacceptable delays in applicants receiving appointments for driving tests across the country; if his attention has been drawn to applicants who have been waiting almost a full year for their test date; whether the emergency test booking feature can be extended to all frontline workers including healthcare professionals in training who are required to travel for placement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [12358/23]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to address the backlog in people waiting to take driving tests. — Holly Cairns. [12480/23]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will clarify why an individual’s (details supplied) driving test continues to be delayed. — Holly Cairns. [12481/23]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to address issues concerning the pensions of former and current workers in a State transport body (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [12483/23]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide public electric vehicle chargers in Allihies, Castletownbere and Eyeries, County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [12484/23]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that individuals who choose to tax their car on a quarterly basis are not charged extra than those who do so annually. — Holly Cairns. [12485/23]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of an application for a wheelchair accessible vehicle by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12493/23]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of private parking operators such as a company (details supplied) charging the same rate for full-day parking regardless of what time during the day the charge was made, for example, the same charge for 10 am versus 10 pm; if he is aware that these parking machines are not equipped to provide true 24-hour parking services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [12540/23]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider correcting the decision to omit the Port Access Northern Cross Route, Drogheda County Louth from the NDP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [12579/23]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to replace the fossil fuel local service bus fleet in County Louth with buses that use alternative or renewable fuels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [12580/23]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a progress report on plans to construct a new coastguard station in Greystones, County Wicklow; if contracts have been signed for its construction; if he will provide a timeline for the delivery of the new station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12620/23]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Transport if any projects under his remit are on hold due to Capital Funding pressures; if he will indicate the projects, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12636/23]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to alter the Athlone town bus service which serves Bealnamullia to serve a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [12692/23]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) will be offered a date for a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [12736/23]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will instruct the NTA to introduce self-beep ticketing on Cork buses as part of BusConnects; and the estimated cost of same, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [12750/23]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Transport with his responsibilities under the Merchant Shipping (Salvage and Wreck) Act 1993; and the steps he is taking in relation to MV Alta in Ballycotton, including addressing health and safety concerns in relation to persons travelling to view the vessel. — Holly Cairns. [12758/23]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on ensuring that Castletownbere is classified as a larger town within the Connection Ireland plan to ensure that the Beara peninsula is assigned the necessary scale of routes. — Holly Cairns. [12806/23]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an additional sheltered bus stop on the western side of Bandon to facilitate elderly residents. — Holly Cairns. [12807/23]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that a sheltered bus stop is put in place in Ballinhassig, County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [12808/23]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to ensure the return of the Tralee to London Eurolines route. — Holly Cairns. [12809/23]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to regulate e-scooters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [12810/23]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of when the announced Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan, Skibbereen to Killarney bus route will commence operations. — Holly Cairns. [12811/23]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of a bus shelter (details supplied); and the issues stopping the placement of same. — Sean Sherlock. [12814/23]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will investigate and address the case of person (details supplied) who was offered a grant for an electric vehicle in order that they could upgrade their taxi to an electric vehicle and due to the circumstances are being denied a grant. — Louise O'Reilly. [12836/23]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driving test can be expedited for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal for employment purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [12852/23]



\*261. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a timeline for the publication of legislation enabling additional renewable transport fuel obligation certificates to be awarded in respect of renewable transport fuels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [12888/23]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will carry out a consultation process with interested parties to inform the development of regulations in relation to additional renewable transport fuel obligation certificates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [12889/23]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the current policy on anti-drink driving advertisements under the view of the Road Safety Authority, in particular, budget allocations, airtime frequency and current strategies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [12892/23]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made by his Department in respect of targets and goals set out in sustainable development goals of the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development under the policy remit of his Department; and if these targets and goals will be met by their respective deadlines. — Denis Naughten. [12913/23]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Transport the rules that govern the provision of disabled car parks; if a private provider can be compelled to provide disabled parking spaces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [12953/23]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for when the Cabra and Kylemore Road Dart stations, included in the GDA Transport Strategy, will begin design work; and when they are planned to be constructed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [12971/23]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people on a waiting list (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [12976/23]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason, unlike most other sections of the business society, taxi drivers are legally obligated to offer card paying facilities to their customers given that it can often be the case when a driver arrives at some destinations internet is not available which is problematic if the customer has no cash as an alternative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12982/23]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a list of funding for active transport allocated to each local authority from 2019 to 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [12999/23]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [13007/23]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Transport if the NTAs review of bus and rail fares (detail supplied) will finally end the current rip-off rail commuters are experiencing on the Northern Line from east Meath, Drogheda and Dundalk; if funding for a reviewed fare structure is agreed; if other details will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [13078/23]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Transport when the Government expects to approve the entire scheme concerning the planned road upgrades on the N24 between Cahir, County Tipperary via Tipperary town and Pallasgreen, County Limerick, in order that it can go to planning; if he expects this scheme to go to planning in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13129/23]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will give urgent consideration to the issues outlined in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [13135/23]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has submitted the business case and consent request to the Minister for Public Expenditure as required regarding a company's (details supplied) approved pension increase as submitted to him in July 2022. — Mary Lou McDonald. [13180/23]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the situation where private operators could not participate in the initiative on the February bank holiday weekend whereby Leap card holders could bring another person for free on public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [13237/23]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the proposed new railway station for the Narrowways, Bettystown, County Meath which has been included as an objective in the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 and which, if opened, would greatly improve public transport options for the commuting public in east Meath. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [13239/23]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Transport if grant schemes are available to those looking to purchase an electric bicycle who do not qualify for the bike to work scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [13260/23]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will insist that CIÉ provides answers to the issues and questions expressed in relation to the CIE '1951 Scheme' as detailed in the most recent elected trustee bulletin dated 10 March 2023 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13264/23]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 199 of 28 February, the reason a substantial part of the greater Knocknacarra area, which is serviced by a company (details supplied) is not covered by a CSO, which means that residents cannot avail of reduced fares associated with PSO services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [13270/23]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Transport which routes on the upper Ballymoneen Road area of Galway city are operated under licence from the National Transport Authority, by Bus Éireann and a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [13271/23]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the current procedure used by the RSA for notifying An Garda Síochána in relation to cases where drivers who are disqualified do not surrender their licences or learner permit to the RSA; and the plans of the RSA to put in place an electronic system of notification for non-surrender of licences or learner permits to assist the gardaí in expediting enforcement in these cases. — Catherine Murphy. [13308/23]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Transport if additional funding will be provided to the wheelchair accessible (WAV23) scheme, given the unprecedented interest in the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [13320/23]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding that was allocated to the wheelchair accessible (WAV23) scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [13321/23]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people that are on the WAV23 waitlist to date; the estimated number of those on the waitlist that will be allocated funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [13322/23]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated full-year cost of establishing the public bike scheme in County Cavan consisting of eight bike stations and 96 bikes. — Darren O’Rourke. [13347/23]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to extend a bus terminus (details supplied). — Darren O’Rourke. [13348/23]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of buses withdrawn from the Dublin Bus fleet in 2022; the number of new buses that will be provided to Dublin Bus in 2023; and when these new buses will come into service. — Darren O’Rourke. [13349/23]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Transport if he, in consultation with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, will ensure that a child fare is introduced as standard across all public transport options (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [13376/23]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the plans to change the 54A bus route and if it is possible to retain the route as is; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13405/23]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of Marine Survey Office staff that have been training in relation to human trafficking awareness or human trafficking indicators; to what level this training is provided; if this training is provided on an ongoing basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13434/23]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of Airport police staff that have training in relation to human trafficking awareness or human trafficking indicators; to what level this training is provided; if this training is provided on an ongoing basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13435/23]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are proposals to support the redevelopment of the train station in Edenderry, County Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13441/23]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to improve the frequency and expand the range of local link services in Cork south west. — Holly Cairns. [13475/23]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to ensure frequent public transport options between Bandon, County Cork and Munster Technological University and University College Cork. — Holly Cairns. [13476/23]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to provide a train station in the Ballyfermot, Kylemore area on the recently approved Railway Order submission to An Bord Pleanála for the Dart+ South West, the Celbridge line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [13481/23]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Transport if owners of electric cars who only have access to on street parking can apply for the grant support towards the full cost of installation of a home charger up to a maximum of €600; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [13506/23]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Transport the National Road projects for which 2023 funding is dependent on match funding from EU sources such as the Connecting Europe Facility, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13755/23]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the standards of services for lorry drivers that are required at service stations on motorways and national roads around Ireland; if he agrees that lorry drivers play a key role in our economy and deserve to have acceptable services at various locations on key transport routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [13940/23]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the standards of services for lorry drivers that are required at service stations on motorways and national roads around Ireland; if he agrees that lorry drivers play a key role in our economy and deserve to have acceptable services at various locations on key transport routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [13941/23]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will meet with a group (details supplied) concerning issues relating to a semi-State transport body pension scheme. — Holly Cairns. [14020/23]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions that he has taken to improve waiting times for driving tests. — Holly Cairns. [14021/23]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details on the current waiting times for each driving test centre, including the number of people waiting for tests and waiting to be invited to apply for a test, and monthly break down, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14022/23]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Transport if full catering facilities will resume on the Dublin to Sligo train service before the end of Q3, 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [14038/23]

*Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.*

\*304. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has plans to review and change the structure of the taxation system (details supplied). — Michael Healy-Rae. [12238/23]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of times funding was moved across budget lines within his Department in a process known as virement; the name and purpose of the fund the money was taken from; the name and purpose of the fund the money was transferred to; the dates upon which he approved of such transfers, since he took office; if the Department of Public

Expenditure was consulted prior to the transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12268/23]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Finance if an exemption will be made for a category of persons in relation to the zoning tax (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12313/23]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will instruct the Irish Credit Bureau to close a loan account (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [12325/23]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of help-to-buy scheme mortgages drawn down in Waterford and nationally in two years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12355/23]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason a list of sporting groups receiving tax exemption under Section 235 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 is no longer available to view on the Revenue Commissioners' website (details supplied); and if, in the interests of transparency, he will provide a copy of the list. — Paul Murphy. [12546/23]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is informed on the type of loans taken out by all customers of all financial institutions in the State; if so, if they are segmented by health needs, personal loan, car loan, mortgage, home improvement and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [12585/23]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Finance if any projects under his remit are on hold due to Capital Funding pressures; if he will indicate the projects, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12626/23]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of the plight of motorcycling sport clubs in the Republic as a result of massive insurance premiums, and the current prospect of the governing bodies of such clubs being unable to secure an insurance quote to run events (details supplied); the steps being taken to ensure that such motorcycling sport clubs will be able to obtain an appropriate insurance quote that would allow for the running of any road, off-road, and circuit racing on the island of Ireland in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [12739/23]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the decline in both the total number of individuals subject to the high-income individuals' restriction and the estimated additional income tax due to the restriction in each of the each years since 2010; if he believes that the total number of individuals subject to the restriction should have been increasing in a growing economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [12753/23]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to ensure that the fuel grant element of the disabled drivers' and passengers scheme facilitates disabled driver charging their electric car; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [12785/23]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will ensure that the rent-a-room scheme is extended to allow households that have an available bedroom to rent it to an asylum seeker. — Holly Cairns. [12786/23]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Finance if, following the Advisory Group on the Provision of Support including Accommodation to Persons in the International Protection Process, the rent-a-room scheme can be expanded to allow households to rent the room to an asylum seeker. — Joe Flaherty. [12884/23]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress made by his Department in respect of targets and goals set out in sustainable development goals of the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development under the policy remit of his Department; and if these targets and goals will be met by their respective deadlines. — Denis Naughten. [12902/23]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Finance the value to the Exchequer of the amount of VAT collected annually under Section 9 of Annex III of the EU VAT Directive. — Ciarán Cannon. [12918/23]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider releasing funds from the national reserve fund to alleviate the capital funding pressures which are now delaying NDP delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [12956/23]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the VAT rate for dog grooming is at 23%, while the hair dressing industry is taxed at 9%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [13029/23]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify the situation regarding excise duties and taxes and levies presently collected from an alternative fuel (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [13070/23]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Finance the way the BIK taxation regime can be reformed to achieve the reductions set out in the Climate Action Plan 2023 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [13086/23]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Finance if the rent tax credit is envisaged as being a permanent part of the tax base in the years ahead; if the rent tax credit is in the base for 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028; and if so, its cost in each year. — Pearse Doherty. [13089/23]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department will provide a five-year forecast with respect to the fiscal position in the upcoming Stability Programme Update (details supplied). — Pearse Doherty. [13092/23]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Finance if he agrees that it is a common strategy by Irish banks to assign their legal or equitable rights over debts and securities to so-called vulture funds; if he endorses this practice; his views on whether this practice is in the best interests of the Irish consumer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [13133/23]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Finance if he accepts that Irish banks have sought to move lending off their balance sheets to improve their standing under capital adequacy rules; his views on whether the effect of the securitisation of Irish mortgages gives rise to questions regarding the true ownership of these assets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [13134/23]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the application of the rental tax credit, to ensure that the children of a property owner who are registered tenants in the property with the



RTB paying a market rent, can avail of this credit on the same basis as any other renter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [13140/23]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Finance the conditions of approval in establishing the approved profit-sharing scheme for a company (details supplied) under categories; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [13199/23]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason a person who is renting a room in a house owned by their parent which is not the principal residence of the parent, at market rent and registered with the RTB, cannot claim the rental tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [13319/23]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide information on the status of the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund investments in a company (details supplied); if he is concerned at the exposure of these investments given the parent company has been taken over by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation of California; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [13412/23]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department is engaging in any assessment of the collapse of a bank (details supplied) and the potential implications for Irish investors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13443/23]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to increase income tax exemption limits for persons aged over 65 years in the time ahead. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [13444/23]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Finance the annual increases in the retail price of the most popular price category MPPC for a 20-pack of cigarettes since 2011; the portion of the increase related to taxes; the portion of the increase due to price rises by the tobacco industry in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [13488/23]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised annually if tobacco taxation were to be increased annually on a pro-rata basis so that all packs of 20 cigarettes cost at least €20 by 2025; and the estimated revenue that would be raised annually if an equivalent annual tobacco tax on roll-your-own cigarettes was introduced. — Louise O'Reilly. [13489/23]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will ensure that mortgage providers in the Irish market furnish their customers with proper information and clarity on how interest rate increases are accrued on their accounts (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [13547/23]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Finance the interest of NAMA in a site (details supplied); the status of the ownership and the remaining length of tenure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [13554/23]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Finance the timeline he is working toward in drafting access to cash legislation, as recommended by the Retail Banking Review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [13584/23]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Finance if a help-to-buy application can be reassessed in circumstances in which the applicant has been approved for the help-to-buy scheme and lengthy

delays of 12+ months are experienced by the developer in constructing the home, resulting in prospective homeowners incurring increased rental costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [13601/23]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners, in its actions to combat the illicit trade of tobacco products has conducted searches of online websites; if so, how many seizures have been made due to illegal products being sold online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [13625/23]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners have discussed partnership measures with internet companies, particularly social media platform providers, to disrupt the sale of illicit tobacco products on their platforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [13626/23]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Finance if the 0% VAT rate introduced on newspapers on 1 January 2023 was passed on to the consumer with a price reduction, given the price of nearly all newspapers has remained the same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13629/23]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will give consideration to the granting of enhanced tax credits specifically targeted at young adult carers, to enable them to remain in the workforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13745/23]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Finance the full-year cost of mortgage interest relief against rental income in the years 2020, 2021 and 2022. — Pearse Doherty. [13947/23]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is a cap on the total amount of mortgage interest relief that can be claimed by a landlord against rental income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13948/23]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost in 2023 of mortgage interest relief against rental income in view of rising mortgage interest rates; if his Department has assessed the increased cost in light of changing monetary policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13949/23]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Finance the full-year cost of mortgage interest relief against rental income in the years 2016 to 2022, inclusive. — Pearse Doherty. [13950/23]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Finance the quantity of cigarette packs containing 20 cigarettes sold in each of the past ten years; and the quantity of cigarette packs sold containing more than 20 cigarettes, in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Colm Burke. [13963/23]

*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.*

\*348. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of times funding was moved across budget lines within his Department in a process known as virement; the name and purpose of the fund the money was taken from; the name and purpose of the fund the money was transferred to; the dates upon which he approved of



such transfers, since he took office; if the Department of Public Expenditure was consulted prior to the transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12274/23]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount by which the Department of Health has overpaid rent for its premises on Baggot Street; the estimated projected cost of the miscalculation of square footage over the course of the next decade; if attempts have been made to recoup the overpayments; if those attempts have been successful; the costs associated with those attempts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12335/23]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the role his Department has in sanctioning or approving the spending of public funds on road building projects; if he will list any such projects that have been approved in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [12368/23]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if funding is available from the OPW to repair a bridge (details supplied), considering it is a key heritage, cultural and tourism point and meeting point for the village; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [12417/23]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide a clear timeframe as to when the OPW will have all the flood defence measures completed in Athlone, given this work was to have been completed by the end of 2022 and has yet to happen; the reason for the delay; and when the work is now scheduled for completion. — Robert Troy. [12488/23]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if a direction to scale back on capital expenditure has been issued to each Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [12518/23]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an overview of the expenses and remuneration paid to retired public servants who provide their skills as members of interview boards; if he will provide information on the daily fee scales, the fees for preparatory work, if payments are taxable; the arrangements in place to cover meals and accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [12549/23]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update and provide any additional information on the transfer of ownership of the historic Westgate House, Drogheda, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [12578/23]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 267 of 7 March 2023, if he will set out the rationale for the age thresholds of children in respect of parental leave entitlements; and the reasons that parents of children aged 17 and 18 years may not avail of this leave. — Catherine Murphy. [12591/23]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if any projects under his remit are on hold due to Capital Funding pressures; if he will

indicate the projects, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12631/23]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when he will sign off on the 3% pay increase for Eircom pensioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [12682/23]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the progress made by his Department in respect of targets and goals set out in sustainable development goals of the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development under the policy remit of his Department; and if these targets and goals will be met by their respective deadlines. — Denis Naughten. [12908/23]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he is satisfied that An Post, the Irish Aviation Authority and Coillte are complying with their respective founding legislation that contains a guarantee that the civil servants transferred to these bodies on their vesting day are entitled to “not less favourable” conditions in their pensions than those to which they were entitled prior to being transferred; if he is satisfied that these public servants are being treated equitably in the same way as other public service pensioners paid out of monies voted by both Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [12926/23]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the reason projects have been put on hold due to capital funding pressures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [12954/23]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of projects and the projected cost that have been put on hold due to capital funding pressures, disaggregated by Government department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [12955/23]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his views on the allocation of capital funding for construction of schools in Budget 2023; his plans to commit additional funding to ensure construction can resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [13023/23]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the reason that retired civil servants with qualifying pensions have not yet received the pay increases granted under Building Momentum - A New Public Service Agreement, 2021-2022; if he will provide a date for when said increases will be delivered to retired workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [13080/23]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the DAA is covered under the Freedom of Information Act 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [13123/23]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the way his Department is handling rapidly increasing insurance premiums for individuals whose homes reside in the OPWs new fluvial tile, given many of these people are unable to obtain a quote from alternate insurance companies. — Robert Troy. [13171/23]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he consulted with or plans to consult with the Climate Change Advisory Council in relation to the efficacy, or lack thereof, of the procedures in Circular 01/2020 in offsetting the carbon emissions from official air travel. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13368/23]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the cost arising from the procedures in Circular 01/2020 in offsetting the carbon emissions from official air travel associated with St. Patrick's day travel. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13369/23]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when necessary maintenance work will be carried out on the Bunadobar River near Bunadobar Mill, Ballinrobe County Mayo, given the channel is blocked and is causing a lot of flooding upstream from this part of the channel. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13416/23]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the steps that have been taken, since the publication in March 2022 of the Government's Digital and ICT Strategy for Ireland's Public Service (Connecting Government 2030), to enable public sector bodies to take a cloud-first approach to delivery of services - public facing and back office, which is listed as one of that strategy's key objectives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [13623/23]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 595 of 21 February 2023, when the tendering process will next open for the transport of patients for dialysis and other treatments to hospitals in the HSE mid-west region, particularly north Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13847/23]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he can clarify in relation to retired OPW workers, if these retired workers will receive a due pension increase; when this increase will be paid and the categories of retired workers affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [13901/23]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the Garda stations within the Dublin region that are scheduled to be refurbished by the OPW for the remainder of 2023; the nature of these works; and when each works projects will commence, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [14030/23]

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

\*374. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps she is taking to address rates of online abuse targeted at LGBTQ+ people; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [13715/23]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of times funding was moved across budget lines within her Department in a process known as virement; the name and purpose of the fund the money was taken from; the name and purpose of the fund the money was transferred to; the dates upon which she approved of such transfers, since she took office; if the Department of Public Expenditure was consulted prior to the transfer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12278/23]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding streams available for a local group (details supplied) to meet the excessive increase in costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [12502/23]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if Government grants are currently in place for the provision of a community defibrillator; when the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme will open again for new applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [12504/23]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when one year's minimum notice for the commemoration day for An Gorta Mór, both at home and abroad, will be inaugurated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [12555/23]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the joint Ireland and UK bid to host the UEFA EURO 2028 competition; the level of support the Government has guaranteed if the bid is successful; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [12562/23]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has any plans to block access to pornography on computer devices, and in particular, smart phones registered to children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [12592/23]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if any projects under her remit are on hold due to Capital Funding pressures; if she will indicate the projects, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12635/23]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the progress made by her Department in respect of targets and goals set out in sustainable development goals of the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development under the policy remit of her Department; and if these targets and goals will be met by their respective deadlines. — Denis Naughten. [12912/23]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline the engagement she has had with an organisation (details supplied) in connection with prohibitive insurance costs, and how this might be addressed to enable the organisation to proceed with its calendar of events for the current year; the support available from her Department in this specific regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [13031/23]

\*384. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir lena polasaí i leith fhorbairt Chalafoirt Ros a' Mhíl ar fad agus an cheantair timpeall air chun deiseanna fostaíochta a chruthú sa cheantar láidir Gaeltachta sin; ar thug sí treoir d'Údarás na Gaeltachta maidir le plean forbartha cuimsitheach a réiteach don talamh atá ag an Údarás ansin; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13072/23]

\*385. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an ndearna duine (sonraí tugtha) iarratas chuig Údarás na Gaeltachta ar cheart slí trí thalamh an Údaráis le haghaidh gnó, bunaithe ar acmhainn nádúrtha a fhorbairt; an bhfuil sé i gceist ag an

Údarás an ceart slí a ghéilleadh agus, i gcás nach bhfuil, cén fáth; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13073/23]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the planned legislation in relation to the establishment of a register for short-term rental properties (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13255/23]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the work of the night-time economy taskforce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13256/23]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the night-time economy forum which took place on 17 January 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13257/23]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 59 of 29 September 2022, if her Department's review of the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund has been completed; if a report of the review will be completed; if she intends to reopen the fund to provide for the development of public swimming pools in towns such as Carrickmacross; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13265/23]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 308 of 31 January 2023, if there is an updated timeframe for the completion of the national swimming strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13266/23]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a grant is available under her Department that a local community organisation could apply for (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13590/23]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps she is taking to the online trolling and other online abuse targeted at LGBTQ+ young people. — Holly Cairns. [13691/23]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the current members of Sport Ireland; the Minister who appointed each; and the current remuneration of each, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [14031/23]

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

\*394. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the operation of Sections 39 and 40 of the Wildlife Act, 1976 and Section 7 of the Heritage Act 2018 to address repeated incidents occurring annually of illegal land burning. — Holly Cairns. [14001/23]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has plans to review the rent pressure zones (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12238/23]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are two schemes for social housing retrofitting, one for voids and one for occupied homes. — Thomas Gould. [12251/23]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social housing units to be retrofitted in Cork in 2023. — Thomas Gould. [12252/23]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of times funding was moved across budget lines within his Department in a process known as virement; the name and purpose of the fund the money was taken from; the name and purpose of the fund the money was transferred to; the dates upon which he approved of such transfers, since he took office; if the Department of Public Expenditure was consulted prior to the transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12272/23]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on when a standardised approach to the calculation of rents for local authority tenants will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [12328/23]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the security contract for the Department of Housing, 90 North King Street has been awarded to a company (details supplied); and his views in relation to same, given the ongoing industrial dispute in relation to the company. — Paul Murphy. [12331/23]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homeless people on the housing list in Waterford and nationally, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12340/23]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of plans for the implementation of the recommendations of the report Retained Fire Services in Ireland: A Review of Recruitment and Retention and the Future Sustainability of Service Delivery, which was published in December 2022; the status of the implementation of the recommendations of the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12349/23]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social homes completed in the past two years in Waterford and nationally, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12350/23]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social homes, broken down by houses and apartments, respectively completed in Waterford and nationally in the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12351/23]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown on the amount of subsidy administered for type A, B and C determinants by each local authority for group water schemes, in tabular form, listing the number of group water schemes under each local authority's remit and the total subsidy allocated annually from 2018 to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12352/23]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of inspections undertaken by each local authority administering a subsidy towards the cost of group water schemes; the number of enforcement notices issued to recover a subsidy not meeting terms



and conditions of applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12353/23]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is satisfied that proper oversight on the financial governance and regulation of group water schemes is in place by local authorities; if group scheme audit accounts are independently checked by the Local Government Audit Service to which the claim relates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12354/23]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will arrange for his Department to request all local authorities to carry out an audit of their housing stock in respect of all three, four and five bedroomed properties which are occupied by one person only; if a more progressive plan will be put in place to facilitate those who wish to downsize to smaller houses or apartments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12370/23]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of all properties currently being managed by local authorities which are three, four and five bedroomed but which are occupied by one person only, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12371/23]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm who is entitled to view deeds of transfer held by the Property Registration Authority; who is entitled to alter any aspect of the property deeds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [12393/23]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify what health and safety standards local authorities are supposed to adhere to in the provision of emergency accommodation. — Holly Cairns. [12475/23]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will investigate the possibility of the Custom House History Museum recording, recognising and acknowledging An Gorta Mór with a permanent exhibition in the museum as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [12556/23]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if any projects under his remit are on hold due to Capital Funding pressures; if he will indicate the projects, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12630/23]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when it is intended to re-open the caravan loan scheme for the Traveller community; if funding will be made available to fund a replacement caravan for all those that are eligible and need one; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [12696/23]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to the Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks Act 2022, when is it envisaged that the consultation on draft regulations will be commenced and concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [12746/23]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that any named person on a HAP application is provided with accommodation alongside their partners also named on the application. — Holly Cairns. [12800/23]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline all funding options available to persons or non-profit groups carrying out stewardship activities of special areas of conservation. — Holly Cairns. [12801/23]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to ensure the protection of hedgerow habitats. — Holly Cairns. [12802/23]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider relaxing the rules in relation to the bedrooms required in order that purchasing a property with a tenant in situ could be more widely used. — Richard Bruton. [12817/23]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on a series of matters in relation the renting of holiday homes in rent pressure zones (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [12873/23]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that landlords whose property is located within a rent pressure zone and where the rent was historically low cannot now raise the rent to match other rented properties in the area and are being penalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [12874/23]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress made by his Department in respect of targets and goals set out in sustainable development goals of the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development under the policy remit of his Department; and if these targets and goals will be met by their respective deadlines. — Denis Naughten. [12906/23]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the new initiatives for which he has recently got approval from Cabinet (details supplied) that will assist those with eviction notices to buy their own homes or for their homes to transfer to cost-rental; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12919/23]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown of data (details supplied) under several sub-headings for each the past ten years, in tabular form. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12920/23]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will extend the shared equity scheme to any home that comes under the price threshold and not just designated affordable homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12952/23]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 298 of 7 March 2023, if there is a timeframe for his consideration of the report; and when recommendations will be made. — Eoin Ó Broin. [12959/23]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown, by local authority area which outlines the locations for each of the housing units mentioned by An Taoiseach in Leaders Questions on 7 March 2023 (details supplied), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [12966/23]



\*428. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he will put in place to assist emergency accommodation providers to expand the capacity to accommodate people presenting to homeless services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [12967/23]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for when legislation will be introduced to give tenants first refusal on purchasing their home if the landlord is selling it, or failing that, offered for purchase by an approved housing body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [12968/23]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown, by local authority for the number of tenant in-situ properties bought by local authorities since the measure was introduced, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [12969/23]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount being provided to allow local authorities to purchase tenant in-situ properties, by each local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [12970/23]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a response will issue to proposed amendments that were submitted by Galway County Council to the heritage section of the National Parks and Wildlife Service in September 2022 for approval in relation to the method statements for the upgrade of the road from Bunakill to Claremont on the N59 in accordance with the planning permission for this project; the reason for the delay in reverting to the County Council on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [12989/23]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to the announcement of the end to the eviction ban and his statement in Dáil Éireann (details supplied), if he will outline the new mechanism referred to; and when it will be put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12993/23]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if homes within an apartment complex (details supplied) qualify under the defective apartments redress scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [13000/23]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects the defective apartments redress scheme to be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [13001/23]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will consider the amendments made to the Wildlife Bill 2016 in Seanad Éireann; when he will complete his consideration of the Bill; when he will propose to Government that permission be sought to have this Bill restored to the order paper for Dáil Éireann's final consideration; the reason for the more than four year delay in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13013/23]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the derelict sites levies, levied, collected, owed and cumulatively owed; and the number of sites on the register on 31 December 2022 and to date in 2023, by each local authority, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [13018/23]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 306 of 7 March 2023, in which it was stated that the registration date of 2013 helped to ensure that an estimated 95% of systems were registered before that date; if he will provide further information on the septic tank grant; if he will provide the details of the way this estimation was arrived; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [13025/23]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement his Department has had with local authorities, in particular Wicklow County Council, in order to plan for the impact of the lifting of the eviction ban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [13032/23]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the limits on the first home scheme will next be reviewed. — Holly Cairns. [13056/23]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to ensure that the limits for the first home scheme are being consistently applied in all local authorities. — Holly Cairns. [13057/23]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on delays in response times by the Residential Tenancies Board; his further views on how current delays compare with wait times in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [13100/23]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has plans to allocate additional staff to the Residential Tenancies Board. — Ivana Bacik. [13101/23]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the proposed referendum on housing will be held; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [13102/23]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to collate and publish data on LGBTQ+ homelessness in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [13103/23]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if proposals to give first refusal to tenants, where their landlord seeks to sell their property, will include measures to offer second refusal to local authorities. — Ivana Bacik. [13104/23]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to amend the tenant in situ scheme to introduce mandatory local authority purchase for certain tenants who are supported through the housing assistance payment or rental accommodation scheme. — Ivana Bacik. [13105/23]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a peer review (details supplied) on rhododendron management has been completed; and when he will release the review to the public. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13115/23]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the median and average waiting time for a decision on appeals to An Bord Pleanála; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [13132/23]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a report on the total number of private home completions in 2021 and 2022, broken down by local authority and with the corresponding Part V allocation, where applicable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [13147/23]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline any constraints, price or otherwise to the county council's acquisition programme and the tenant in situ programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [13167/23]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 78 of 1 March 2023, if he will provide details of the protocols in place for responding to queries to the email address provided for in the answer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [13172/23]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost to the Exchequer in 2022 per unit of accommodation for housing schemes (details supplied), in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13189/23]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to assist persons over 65 years in long-term rental accommodation who are seeking to purchase their own homes. — Holly Cairns. [13235/23]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to address dereliction in Bandon, Ballineen and Enniskeane, County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [13236/23]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to ensure that all policies concerning National Parks and Nature Reserves consider the needs of individuals with disabilities. — Holly Cairns. [13240/23]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of modular homes that have been and are being ordered for each county in the State, given the dearth of social and affordable housing, the worsening housing crisis and the lifting of eviction ban; the number of suitable sites that have been identified for same; the total cost to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13246/23]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans that are in place to accommodate tenants who will be forced to leave their properties once the eviction ban is lifted, given the dearth of properties available to rent and the severe lack of social and affordable properties available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13247/23]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will publish the number of properties sold to the State through the tenant in-situ scheme, by local authority in each month since October 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [13258/23]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how much land has been identified for modular housing in north Kildare; the location of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13259/23]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the maximum number of units which will be purchased under the tenant-in-situ scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13272/23]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of additional funding that will be made available to each local authority to purchase homes under the tenant-in-situ scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13273/23]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of emergency accommodation beds operated by each local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13275/23]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of people currently in emergency accommodation, by each local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13276/23]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of additional funding that will be made available to each local authority to increase the level of emergency accommodation provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13277/23]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to prevent thousands of people being evicted into homelessness from 1 April 2023. — Patrick Costello. [13281/23]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to deliver affordable housing units in the south Kildare constituency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [13291/23]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider raising the grant threshold for housing adaptation given materials have become more expensive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [13292/23]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of the local authorities whose housing stock has been retro-fitted in the south Kildare constituency; if the retrofitting included windows and doors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [13293/23]

\*470. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht an bhfuil miondealú ar na figiúirí idir cainteoirí Gaeilge agus daoine nach iad, de réir údarás áitiúil, a rinne iarratais ar an Scéim Íocaíochta Cúnaimh Tithíochta, agus ar na liostaí feithimh le tithíocht shóisialta, le 10 mbliana anuas, agus mura bhfuil na figiúirí sin ar fáil, an bhfuil sé i gceist ag an Aire a iarraidh ar na húdaráis áitiúla na figiúirí sin a chur ar fáil uaidh seo amach?. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [13299/23]

\*471. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht cé mhéad teach sóisialta a tugadh do chainteoirí Gaeilge, de réir údarás áitiúil, gach uile bhliain in imeacht na 10 mbliana seo a d'imigh tharainn. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [13300/23]

\*472. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta an bhfuil a fhios aige an bhfuil beartas ag na húdaráis áitiúla chun lonnaíochtaí Gaeilge a thógáil taobh amuigh den Ghaeltacht nó an bhfuil sé i gceist aige a impí ar na húdaráis áitiúla, nó a ordú dóibh, scéim lonnaíochtaí Gaeilge a chur ar bun. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [13301/23]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Wexford homeowners will be included in the defective blocks scheme where it is established that they have been impacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [13324/23]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports available for families that are experiencing overcrowding in the family home and that are in need of essential maintenance or building work for additional facilities such as bathrooms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [13364/23]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the necessary regulations will be put in place in respect of planning for the owners of property who operate short-term rentals (details supplied), given that local authorities are applying a different set of rules in their respective areas in view of the fact that no policy directive has been issued by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13395/23]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current position in cases in which a property owner has operated a short-term rental service (details supplied) and was previously advised that they did not require planning permission and are now required to apply for planning permission given each individual local authority is applying a different set of rules, with some local authorities advising to make a new planning application and other local authorities advising that they should apply for retention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13396/23]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are any staff situated at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [13452/23]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether local authorities that utilise the tenant in situ scheme will be able to request additional funding for increased maintenance costs. — Thomas Gould. [13454/23]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how An Bord Pleanála is resourced to process applications for off-shore wind farms. — Darren O'Rourke. [13485/23]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the proposed staffing levels for An Bord Pleanála for its new marine and climate unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [13486/23]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what measures are proposed to ensure that An Bord Pleanála's new marine and climate unit is effectively resourced to robustly process the number of planning applications expected from offshore-wind projects in future years. — Darren O'Rourke. [13487/23]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a timeline for the delivery of a Fire Station in Lucan, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [13490/23]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether it is acceptable the inordinate amount of time it is taking An Bord Pleanála to make decisions on planning applications which have been appealed to An Bord Pleanála; if he will acknowledge the detrimental effect that these delays are having on people and in particular people who want to expand their business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [13504/23]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide further details on the plan recently announced in the media, of a scheme similar to the tenant in situ for households that are above the social housing income limits. — Sorca Clarke. [13538/23]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of Waterways Ireland's ownership of a site (details supplied); if Waterways Ireland has any intended use for the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [13555/23]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the full membership of the Planning Advisory Forum. — Thomas Gould. [13566/23]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 141 of 9 March 2023, if he will outline the local authorities that have applied to his Department for funding to appoint extra vacant property officers; the local authorities that have been approved such funding to date; the amount each has received; the number of resulting vacant property officers that have been appointed to each of these local authorities as a result; the local authorities that have had their applications refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [13628/23]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he hopes to designate designated marine areas so that the planning and development of wind farms can proceed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13659/23]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide his response to the recommendation in the UCC report Housing and Sustaining Communities on the West Cork Islands to develop a planning process that is more responsive to the needs of island residents, ensure greater clarity in planning policy, and proactive communication of this policy, to island residents or their representative housing body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [13711/23]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide his response to the recommendation in the UCC report Housing and Sustaining Communities on the West Cork Islands to 'Extend the Croí Cónaíthe Fund/Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme to the islands and increase the funding available'; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [13712/23]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will engage with inshore fishers, their representative organisations, and their producer organisations concerning the development of offshore renewable projects and their potential impact on their livelihoods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [13714/23]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 644 of 8 September 2022, when a long running foreshore licence application will be finalised and issued to a sports club (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13724/23]



\*493. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department have any plans to mark the 60th anniversary of the passing of a person (details supplied) in October 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13725/23]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify the reason there is no appeal mechanism for a parent to query a decision by their local authority to refuse an application for medical priority for housing as a result of a medical condition of their child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [13731/23]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, following statements by him on 12 March 2023 (details supplied) his Department will require revised Estimates for 2023; if so, the increased allocation that will be required; and if not, the capital allocation that will be reallocated within his Department's estimates. — Pearse Doherty. [13734/23]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the average wait-time for a response from the Residential Tenancies Board to landlords seeking to register a tenancy in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022. — Ivana Bacik. [13749/23]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions the Government will take to ensure that local authorities are purchasing properties under the tenant purchase scheme, given reports that only 13 homes were bought by Dublin local authorities, even though 400 were offered to local authorities by landlords exiting the market; his views on whether this scheme should be implemented alongside an extension to the eviction ban; and his views in response to an article in the media (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [13770/23]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of applications for the Croí Cónaithe towns grant; the number approved and the number drawn down with totals for each question; the breakdown by local authority area and the average grant amount approved and drawn down in each local authority area. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13783/23]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide in tabular form information on tenant-in-situ applications by local authorities including applications, rejected applications, applications at valuation stage applications with legal departments of councils, applications where offers have been made and sales closed; and to provide totals for all questions. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13784/23]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide in tabular form the total number of homes delivered under each the following affordable homes schemes in 2022 -CREL, AHF, LDA- with a breakdown by local authority area, housing scheme name and average price. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13785/23]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will explain the ongoing delay in closing the purchase of affordable homes in Kilcarberry, Dunemer and Cork; and if he will confirm when these purchases will be closed and the affordable purchasers in a position to move into their homes. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13786/23]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units brought to market in 2022 in Swords, County Dublin; the forthcoming projects that are being planned to deliver housing in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [13801/23]



\*503. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 198 of 24 March 2023, if he will report on the progress made implementing a State-wide local authority agricultural inspection programme in conjunction with the Environmental Protection Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13825/23]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the options that are available to pyrite homeowners who have a second property available but which needs repairs; if they can avail of the croí cónaithe grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13850/23]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason recipients of the widow's, widower's or surviving civil partner's (contributory) pension, set at the same rate as the State pension (contributory) is not allowable as income to qualify for the tenant purchase scheme when this is a long-term payment where the State pension (non-contributory) pension, which can fluctuate, is a qualifying payment; if he will consider adding the widow's, widower's or surviving civil partner's (contributory) pension as a qualifying payment, similar to the State pension (contributory); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [13866/23]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of money provided to local authorities for the payment of HAP and RAS in each of the past ten years, per local authority, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13935/23]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons who availed of the vacant properties refurbishment grant in each month since it was announced; and the amount of money drawn down from the scheme in each month since it was announced, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13936/23]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if businesses or local authorities can qualify for the vacant property refurbishment grant. — Peadar Tóibín. [13937/23]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding drawn down by each local authority for Traveller accommodation in each of the past five years per local authority, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13938/23]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of money provided by his Department to local authorities for the purpose of refurbishing vacant properties; and the amount drawn down by each local authority in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13939/23]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is any update on a scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [13953/23]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what course of action is available to an individual if they do not qualify for social housing and find themselves homeless due to lack of private rentals available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14012/23]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will engage with self-catering accommodation providers in rural areas concerning the impact of the Short-term Lettings Enforcement Bill 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14013/23]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to address badger baiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14014/23]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of recorded badger baiting incidents for the years 2021 and 2022; the number of prosecutions and convictions of persons for badger baiting since 1 January 2012; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14015/23]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will engage with and assist a public body under his remit (details supplied) with a view to improving their online platform, including the restoration of an online chat query service and a review of the online registration process carried in consultation with the services users. — Holly Cairns. [14016/23]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will detail the total funding allocated under the voids programme to each local authority in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; the total number of units completed by each individual local authority under the voids programme in the same period, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14023/23]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will seek the details on the total number of vacant properties owned by each local authority nationwide which have been vacant for over six months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14042/23]

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

\*519. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of times funding was moved across budget lines within his Department in a process known as virement; the name and purpose of the fund the money was taken from; the name and purpose of the fund the money was transferred to; the dates upon which he approved of such transfers, since he took office; if the Department of Public Expenditure was consulted prior to the transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12269/23]

\*520. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will instruct officials in his Department to engage with the family of a person (details supplied) deceased in Spain, and whose family is awaiting repatriation. — Thomas Gould. [12437/23]

\*521. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will intervene in relation to a passport application for a child (details supplied). — Gary Gannon. [12448/23]

\*522. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will ensure the timely processing of an application for Irish citizenship (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [12464/23]

\*523. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of an application by a person (details supplied); when a passport will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [12491/23]

\*524. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a decision will be made in respect of an application by a person (details supplied) for a foreign birth registration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [12503/23]

\*525. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question Number 327 of 7 March 2023, the groups or organisations his Department consulted with or that provided an input into the drafting of his Departments Gender, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan launched in mid-2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12539/23]

\*526. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if any projects under his remit are on hold due to Capital Funding pressures; if he will indicate the projects, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12627/23]

\*527. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if an application by a person (details supplied) will be expedited. — Robert Troy. [12659/23]

\*528. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he is taking to address the backlog of applications to the foreign birth registry system. — Holly Cairns. [12787/23]

\*529. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will address the delays in an individual's application to the foreign birth registry system (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [12788/23]

\*530. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress made by his Department in respect of targets and goals set out in sustainable development goals of the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development under the policy remit of his Department; and if these targets and goals will be met by their respective deadlines. — Denis Naughten. [12903/23]

\*531. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the details of his Department's policy regarding each of the four recommendations from the 'Put Children First: End Orphanage Care' campaign (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [13002/23]

\*532. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the estimated funding that will be allocated to the UNFPA, the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency, in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [13011/23]

\*533. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the measures that will be implemented to eliminate delays in the processing of foreign birth register applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [13121/23]

\*534. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is aware of the reports of Aleppo Airport being out of service due to an air raid (details supplied); if he will publicly condemn this attack as a human rights abuse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [13131/23]

\*535. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if an electoral identity card, issued by the Electoral Office of Northern Ireland, will be accepted as photographic proof of identity for Irish citizens residing in the six counties, who do not have a driving licence or passport from another country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13179/23]

\*536. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps Ireland is taking to seek the release of a person (details supplied) from prison in Iran; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [13188/23]

\*537. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when an application for foreign birth registration will be processed (details supplied); the reason for the delay in processing the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13221/23]

\*538. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken with the Iranian authorities regarding the case of a person (details supplied) imprisoned in Iran, and the measures he has the Minister taken to ensure their well being. — Martin Browne. [13340/23]

\*539. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has plans to visit Malaysia during 2023. — Darren O'Rourke. [13346/23]

\*540. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will discuss the safety and protection of Irish citizens and students living or visiting the United States in relation to anti-LGBT legislation that has been proposed in the US when he meets US counterparts. — Cian O'Callaghan. [13363/23]

\*541. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to raise with the British Government the demands of the family of a person (details supplied) for an inquest into their killing in 1973 by the RUC. — Pearse Doherty. [13403/23]

\*542. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the status of a passport application by a person (details supplied) given the applicants date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [13496/23]

\*543. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a decision will be made on the application for a foreign birth registration by a person (details supplied) who applied in February 2020, and to date has had no correspondence on their application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [13520/23]

\*544. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update (detail supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [13546/23]

\*545. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on a passport application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [13560/23]

\*546. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress to date in the determination of a passport in the case of a person (details supplied) whose passport was due to issue on 10 March 2023; when the passport will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13562/23]

\*547. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue in the case of a person (details supplied), who is having ongoing difficulties obtaining same since their application for naturalisation was granted in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13565/23]

\*548. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is aware of the case of a person (details supplied) who has been imprisoned in Mashhad Central Prison Iran since 3 October 2022; the communications he has had with Iranian officials; the attempts that have been made to have them released from prison; the supports his Department has made available to their family; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13622/23]

\*549. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will further elaborate on his comments, reported in the media regarding Irish neutrality, that neutrality is a policy issue that can change at any time, subject to the Houses of the Oireachtas or the Government of the day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [13382/23]

\*550. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has discussed with his counterparts in Finland and Sweden their decision to join NATO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [13384/23]

\*551. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagement with the British Government on the very negative impact of the UK Nationality and Borders Bill for tourism on the island of Ireland, and the serious concerns of the tourism industry in Ireland particularly, the North of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [13694/23]

\*552. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagements with other world leaders to provide support for Turkey and Syria in the aftermath of the earthquake on 6 February 2023. — Alan Farrell. [8484/23]

\*553. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will detail the efforts he and his Department are making to restore power sharing in Northern Ireland. — Alan Farrell. [12640/23]

\*554. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he continues to press for an early and amicable resolution to the impasse in relation to the Northern Ireland Protocol in the course of the various opportunities he has had with his UK and EU counterparts. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5875/23]

\*555. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he and the Government have considered the situation in Turkey and Syria with a view to offering assistance. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6894/23]

\*556. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he has had discussions with the British Prime Minister in the context of the Northern Ireland Protocol in recent weeks. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8520/23]

\*557. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the ongoing contact by him and his office with the Northern Ireland authorities in the context of recent deliberations on the Northern Ireland Protocol. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9877/23]

\*558. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to indicate the extent to which it is expected to engage in a positive way with all parties in Northern Ireland with the objective of encouraging and promoting all positive developments in the context of the Windsor Framework Agreement. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11300/23]

\*559. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will release all his Departmental files to the National Archives regarding the High Court, Supreme Court and European Court of Human Rights cases in relation to proposals for gay law reform which resulted in a landmark judgement and decriminalisation thirty years ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13751/23]

\*560. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the role his Department is playing in reintroducing the Occupied Territories Bill 2018; if this will be reintroduced given the escalation of violence against Palestinians; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [13898/23]

\*561. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps his Department is taking in response to the attempts by the Israeli government to expand into the occupied territories in Palestine; the sanctions that can be placed on the Israeli state if this continues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [13899/23]

\*562. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the financial contribution of Ireland to the European Peace Facility (EPC) each year since its establishment in March 2021; if there are differing funds operated by the EPC for contributors for the purchase of military equipment designed to deliver lethal force and those whose contributions are specified to be limited to the purchase and supply of non-lethal equipment; if there is a commitment to increase Ireland's financial contribution in future years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [13900/23]

\*563. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which Irish overseas development aid continues to meet the needs of those most seriously affected by deprivation and starvation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13905/23]

\*564. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which Irish overseas aid agencies continue to provide essential services such as safe running water on tap; the locations currently benefit such services through Irish Aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13906/23]

\*565. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he and his Department through the EU continue to foster good relations between the communities in the western Balkans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13907/23]

\*566. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress to date in regard to European enlargement, with particular reference to the western Balkans; when the negotiations will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13908/23]

\*567. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which the EU continues to have positive discussions with the Ukraine with a view to some form of membership of the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13909/23]



\*568. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which his Department through the UN continues to influence matters in the various war-torn regions across the globe, with particular reference to the alleviation of hardship and hunger in the most obviously affected regions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13910/23]

\*569. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs how Ireland's membership on the UN Security Council has/is being used to foster a greater awareness of hardships suffered by women and children in the various war zones including the Ukraine and all other war torn regions; the extent to which particular steps can be taken in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13911/23]

\*570. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress in the admission to NATO of the current applicant countries, with particular reference to the need to ensure a fair and adequate balance globally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13912/23]

\*571. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which Irish aid continues to target those for whom such aid is intended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13913/23]

\*572. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he and his Department and other envoys abroad have managed to secure extra business and export contacts with obvious reference to the need for Ireland to be competitive in respect of both investment and exports in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13914/23]

\*573. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which Ireland's missions abroad, assisted by recent St Patrick's Day visits by Ministers and VIPs have continued to benefit from the promotions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13915/23]

\*574. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which security and cooperation has been a feature of discussions throughout the St Patrick's Day celebrations at the various locations to which Ministers and VIPs were posted for the festivities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13916/23]

\*575. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he has taken by to assist in re-establishing the Northern Ireland Executive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [13965/23]

\*576. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide details on the proposed trip to Ireland by the President of the United States of America, Joe Biden; if the President intends to visit County Louth as part of his itinerary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [13966/23]

\*577. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he will take either alone or through the European Union to uphold international law in the Lachin corridor to protect Armenian citizens currently facing blockade and starvation in the area, and to ensure the opening of the Lachin corridor (details supplied). — Patrick Costello. [13968/23]



\*578. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline his engagement with the Minister for Agriculture, Food, and the Marine concerning the State's response to non-Irish registered super trawlers fishing in Irish territorial waters. — Holly Cairns. [13984/23]

\*579. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs given the recent transfer of jurisdiction for the Israeli civil administration in occupied Palestine away from military command, if he will now accept that de jure annexation of occupied Palestine by Israel is now happening; if he still believes de facto annexation is taking place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13986/23]

\*580. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the position regarding preparations for President Biden's forthcoming visit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13988/23]

\*581. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has concerns regarding the scale of the Russian diplomatic presence in Ireland; the latest breakdown of personnel in the embassy on Orwell Road, Dublin; how this compares with the personnel complement pre-invasion of Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13989/23]

\*582. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he is taking to secure the release of an Irish citizen imprisoned in another jurisdiction (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [14004/23]

\*583. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of times the Irish Ambassador to United States has visited Norfolk in the state of Virginia in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and the purpose of each visit. — Catherine Murphy. [14041/23]

\*584. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has undertaken any diplomatic efforts to call for peace and a cessation of the war in Ukraine; if he has discussed Irish neutrality in the context of any such engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14045/23]

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

\*585. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if and how military emissions are being recorded in relation to legally binding targets at national and European level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [13851/23]

\*586. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of times funding was moved across budget lines within his Department in a process known as virement; the name and purpose of the fund the money was taken from; the name and purpose of the fund the money was transferred to; the dates upon which he approved of such transfers, since he took office; if the Department of Public Expenditure was consulted prior to the transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12264/23]

\*587. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he intends to introduce reforms arising from a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12385/23]

\*588. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if any projects under his remit are on hold due to Capital Funding pressures; if he will indicate the projects, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12622/23]

\*589. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide a breakdown the number of active members of the Civil Defence in each of the 28 Civil Defence units across the State in each of the years 2013 to 2022 and as of March 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12639/23]

\*590. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of prospective members of the Reserve Defence Force currently awaiting an induction medical assessment; how long the average waiting time for an assessment is; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [12676/23]

\*591. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on the commitment to revitalise the Reserve Defence Force as part of the work to move to 'Level of Ambition 2' (LOA2), as set out in the capability framework devised by the Commission on the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [12677/23]

\*592. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on the planned establishment of an Office of Reserve Affairs, with the priority objective of developing a regeneration plan for the Reserve Defence Force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [12678/23]

\*593. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the progress made by his Department in respect of targets and goals set out in sustainable development goals of the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development under the policy remit of his Department; and if these targets and goals will be met by their respective deadlines. — Denis Naughten. [12898/23]

\*594. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the level of funding provided to the Permanent Structured Co-operation initiative, in each of the years 2017 to 2022, respectively; and the proposed funding for 2023. — Neasa Hourigan. [12941/23]

\*595. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 923 of 14 June 2022, if there has been any progress regarding clearing the backlog of medical exams for the Defence Forces Army Reserves; when the plan for the revitalisation of the Defence Forces Army Reserves will be published; and if there is a timeline for the establishment of the office of Defence Forces Army Reserves affairs. — Louise O'Reilly. [13033/23]

\*596. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he has visited Casement Aerodrome since his appointment as Minister for Defence. — Darren O'Rourke. [13359/23]

\*597. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he plans to raise the mandatory age of retirement for non-commissioned members of the Defence Forces from 50 years of age to 60 years of age, in view of the declining numbers in the Defence Forces and the specialised training given to technical back-up staff there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13418/23]

\*598. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of staff in the Defence Forces who will have to retire in the next three years due to the mandatory age of retirement; the way it

is intended to replace these members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13419/23]

\*599. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of trained paramedics in the Defence Forces; the age at which they have to retire; the reason for this, given that paramedics in the Ambulance Service can serve until they are 66 years of age; the cost to the Defence Forces of losing these highly trained staff at such an early age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13420/23]

\*600. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if those leaving the Defence Forces due to poor pay and conditions can receive their gratuity early in order to help them with the housing and cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [13696/23]

\*601. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 21 of 24 November 2022, if he will provide an update on Ireland's involvement in the EU military assistance mission in support of Ukraine (EUMAM Ukraine); the status of plans for the training of Ukrainian soldiers on EU soil; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [13699/23]

*Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.*

\*602. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an additional accommodation application submitted by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [12236/23]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the location and timeframe for the building of a school (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [12244/23]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of an application by a school (details supplied) for EAL teaching support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [12260/23]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an additional accommodation application for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [12261/23]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Education the number of times funding was moved across budget lines within her Department in a process known as virement; the name and purpose of the fund the money was taken from; the name and purpose of the fund the money was transferred to; the dates upon which she approved of such transfers, since she took office; if the Department of Public Expenditure was consulted prior to the transfer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12265/23]

\*607. To ask the Minister for Education if funding will be made available to allow school building projects, for schools such as a school (details supplied) that are currently in temporary accommodation on their permanent sites, to proceed to allow these schools to move into permanent accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [12301/23]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the expected delay in going to tender for building of the new permanent school (details supplied) to Q2 2024, adding a year to the potential opening date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12314/23]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Education if section 67 of Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 has been commenced; if this will allow the National Council for Special Education to designate a suitable school placement for a young person with additional educational needs where local attempts to resolve matters have not been successful; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [12330/23]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Education the number of staff rooms funded by her Department in 2020, 2021 and 2022 in second level schools; the number of applications for staff rooms rejected in each of those years; her views on the provision of adequate staff rooms in schools under her Department's Capital Expenditure programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [12367/23]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the delay in approving the funding for the Nore school building bundle; the timeframe for approval; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [12389/23]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department can examine the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [12401/23]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Education the arrangements that are being made for a child (details supplied) in south Tipperary to have a school place in an ASD unit for September 2023; the number of children in Tipperary waiting for a place in an ASD unit; the number of available places in schools for the coming school year in September 2023; the current number of SENOs for south Tipperary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [12407/23]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that school caretakers will be paid over a 52-week period before the end of this school term, as per the agreement reached with a trade union (details supplied) in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [12423/23]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Education when the SNA allocations for 2023-2024 will be released. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [12425/23]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide school transport to pupils (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12433/23]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify how the free schoolbook scheme will be rolled out; if the scheme will be administered from publishers, wholesalers, or bookshops. — Holly Cairns. [12461/23]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify her plans for the continued funding and development of early intervention ASD classes. — Holly Cairns. [12462/23]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on an ASD unit for a school (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12501/23]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Education what research her Department has carried out on the effect on primary school children of delivering material on transgenderism in the classroom; and if education on transgenderism to primary school children would include education on concepts (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [12510/23]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Education what the long-term outcomes are for children who have been taught at primary school-age that gender is something distinct from biology; if there are higher rates of gender transition; and if there are higher rates of gender detransition. — Peadar Tóibín. [12511/23]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the temporary accommodation committed to a school (details supplied); the timeline for the installation of same; if any remedial work is required on the prefab units; if her attention has been drawn to a meeting request from the five Wicklow TDs with senior officials responsible for this project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [12514/23]

\*623. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on an application by a school (details supplied) for a permanent building to replace the existing prefabs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [12547/23]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Education if a request by a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [12550/23]

\*625. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the confirmed delay of a new school building for a school (details supplied); the basis for this decision in the context of chronic secondary school place shortages in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [12552/23]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Education the projects that are paused or being considered for pausing under capital expenditure. — Sean Sherlock. [12568/23]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Education the status of works for a school rebuild (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [12569/23]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Education the status of works for a school rebuild (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [12570/23]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Education if she will act with the utmost urgency to ensure that a young person (details supplied) can return to secondary school education at the earliest possible convenience; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [12581/23]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide the terms of reference in respect of the review of the school transport scheme that commenced in February 2021; the eligibility criteria for the scheme as communicated by her to Bus Éireann; and if she has engaged with the NTA in respect of providing additional frequency and capacity on services in known problem areas where pupils cannot access her scheme to travel to school. — Catherine Murphy. [12586/23]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Education if funding will be made available to allow the school building project, for a school (details supplied) to proceed, to allow this school to move into permanent accommodation; when the tender for this building will go out; the timeline for delivery and construction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [12587/23]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Education if she will urgently expedite an emergency works application for a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [12590/23]

\*633. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the case of a child (details supplied) who has level two autism and whose parents have been unsuccessful in securing a primary school place for them in a Limerick school with ASD supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [12593/23]

\*634. To ask the Minister for Education if she will detail the contacts she has had with a school (details supplied) in County Tipperary in respect of the need to progress the building programme for the school; if she will provide an update and give assurance in relation to the building programme at the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [12594/23]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Education if she will confirm if a school project (details supplied) did in fact go out to tender, given that it was announced in May 2022 that it would go out to tender by the end of 2022; if any company was successful with its tender application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12605/23]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Education the schedule of when a school (details supplied) permanent building will start; when it will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12606/23]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Education the amount of capital funding that is required to complete the school (details supplied) permanent build project; if these funds will be released in 2023 in order for the build to begin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12607/23]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Education if the new temporary buildings at a school (details supplied) will be ready for the school term of 2023/2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12608/23]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Education the length of time it is expected that students will spend in temporary classrooms at the school (details supplied); if there a possibility that this could become long-term alternative to the permanent build; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12609/23]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of the Phase 1 application from December 2022 by a school (details supplied) for proposed essential works to this growing school where places are in increasing demand. — Sorca Clarke. [12615/23]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the application by a school (details supplied) for the urgent provision of additional accommodation, which the school was informed in December 2022 was in the final stage of its assessment given the nature of the application. — Sorca Clarke. [12616/23]



\*642. To ask the Minister for Education if any projects under her remit are on hold due to Capital Funding pressures; if she will indicate the projects, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12623/23]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Education when sixth-year students can expect to receive definite timetable scheduling for their Leaving Certificate oral examinations (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [12683/23]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Education if she will supply a list of the 58 school projects affected by capital funding pressures by county and school, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12685/23]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school building project, (details supplied); if she will advise what is the current position with the project; when contracts will be signed and the project progressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [12690/23]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Education if children (details supplied) can be catered for in the provision of school bus tickets as per her last budget announcement as happened for children in Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [12727/23]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to address the over subscription to national schools in a town (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [12765/23]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that an additional teacher is assigned to a national school (details supplied) under the criteria alleviating some of the pressure on class sizes at infant level. — Holly Cairns. [12766/23]

\*649. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details on the date set for the issuing of Leaving Certificate results. — Holly Cairns. [12767/23]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Education if she will immediately make available the SNA allocations for secondary schools in Cork south west for the 2022-2023 academic year. — Holly Cairns. [12768/23]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure a student (details supplied) who requires a laptop as assistive technology is provided with this essential equipment. — Holly Cairns. [12770/23]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to roll out early intervention ASD classes to all schools who have identified this need. — Holly Cairns. [12771/23]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking in relation to a shortage of spaces in secondary schools in Clonakilty, County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [12772/23]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Education if she will meet with a group (details supplied) concerning the establishment of a special needs school in the Cork south west. — Holly Cairns. [12773/23]



\*655. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to ensure that all schools in Cork south west have been properly assessed and assigned the necessary number of SNAs and resource hours for their needs this academic year. — Holly Cairns. [12774/23]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the school building project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [12812/23]

\*657. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the case of a person (details supplied) and award a special needs allowance to them; if not, the reason for not doing so; the way in which a person may submit an appeal on a refusal; and if there is another allowance or support that they are eligible for. — Catherine Murphy. [12813/23]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider implementing measures to alleviate Leaving Certificate stresses (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [12831/23]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide students (details supplied) with tickets for the school transport scheme. — Catherine Murphy. [12844/23]

\*660. To ask the Minister for Education the number of officials that are based in the school transport scheme section of her Department, by grade as whole-time equivalents and part-time equivalents; and the number of temporary staff on an annual basis that augment this section. — Catherine Murphy. [12845/23]

\*661. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on an additional accommodation project at a school (details supplied), given the tendering process for this school build was completed on 13 October 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [12849/23]

\*662. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the progress of a school building project at a location (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [12891/23]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Education if she will permit a school (details supplied) in County Limerick to retain a teacher; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [12894/23]

\*664. To ask the Minister for Education the progress made by her Department in respect of targets and goals set out in sustainable development goals of the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development under the policy remit of her Department; and if these targets and goals will be met by their respective deadlines. — Denis Naughten. [12899/23]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of plans for the modification of a mainstream classroom to a special educational needs classroom in a school (details supplied), given the school has received approval for a special educational needs class commencing September 2023 from the National Council for Special Education; if an official in her Department is assigned to progressing this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12927/23]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review her Department's policy of facilitating parents who are qualified teachers for providing tuition to their own children under the terms of the home-based summer programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [12928/23]

\*667. To ask the Minister for Education if the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment uses any child development model; and if so, if she will specify which one. — Peadar Tóibín. [12943/23]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide the details of the 58 schools whose building projects are currently on hold due to capital funding pressures. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [12949/23]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review arrangements for additional classroom delivery in County Cork (details supplied) in order to ensure optimum financial efficiency; if the November 2022 approval for a mainstream class and a SEN classroom still stands; if, in view of recent site visits by both her Department's design team and subsequently by the building contractors she will take steps to ensure that the classroom is delivered in conjunction with the SEN classroom; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [12950/23]

\*670. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) is to remain on a site in the 2023-2024 school year; if her Department will provide additional prefab classrooms in order to accommodate the additional number of students who will be attending the school in September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12964/23]

\*671. To ask the Minister for Education the accommodation plan for a school (details supplied) for the 2024-2025 school year; when An Bord Pleanála will make a final decision on the permanent school building in Blackrock; the annual rental cost for the school building in the present location; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12965/23]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Education if she will assist a child (details supplied) with their school situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [12984/23]

\*673. To ask the Minister for Education if she will take urgent steps to restore a school taxi service to a pupil (details supplied) in County Cork. — Michael Creed. [12985/23]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 421 of 18 October 2022, if she will provide an update in relation to the status of a project for a school (details supplied); and if the project will be on site in Q2 2023. — Eoin Ó Broin. [12988/23]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) will be fully integrated into the Kilkenny School Completion Programme in order that it can provide school meals to children. — Kathleen Funchion. [12990/23]

\*676. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the provision of home tuition for children with complex special educational needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13010/23]

\*677. To ask the Minister for Education if she intends to improve and reform the school transport scheme in time for the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year, following the completion of the review of the scheme; if she intends reducing the minimum distances a student has to be from a school to qualify for the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13017/23]

\*678. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the pause placed on 58 new school buildings; if current delays are expected to affect the 2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 academic school years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [13021/23]

\*679. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on her representations to the Minister for Public Expenditure in respect of capital funding pressures preventing the construction of 58 schools; and if she drew his attention to the shortfall for construction of schools in advance of Budget 2023, in particular. — Ivana Bacik. [13022/23]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Education if she will urgently review the current situation regarding a school (details supplied) given the school is ready to proceed to construction despite waiting 12 years for the new school; when she expects to have the situation resolved; when the school can expect to get the long-awaited project underway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [13026/23]

\*681. To ask the Minister for Education if she will list the school building projects in County Meath that have been stalled due to capital funding constraints; if she will outline the implications this will have on project costs and delivery; how and when she will address this delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [13030/23]

\*682. To ask the Minister for Education if a pick-up location on a school bus route in County Westmeath will be reconsidered, given that there are more suitable locations in the immediate vicinity in the interest of child safety and safe road usage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [13036/23]

\*683. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a list of the schools that have been advised of delays in their capital projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [13037/23]

\*684. To ask the Minister for Education the reason students in a college (details supplied) who are carrying out their programme to be a primary school teacher must pay their own Gaeltacht fees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [13039/23]

\*685. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update and status of a school building project in respect of a school (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [13040/23]

\*686. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details, including the location, of the 58 school building projects due to go to tender or construction in 2023 that are reported to be on hold due to funding issues (details supplied); the engagement her Department has had with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform with a view to addressing this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [13041/23]

\*687. To ask the Minister for Education if there are any updates on the Covid cleaning grant for term 2 that was expected in January 2023; and the timeframe in which it will be delivered. — Gary Gannon. [13045/23]

\*688. To ask the Minister for Education if the €95 per student transition year grant for schools in the free education scheme for post-primary schools directly subsidises the cost of transition year for parents; and if not, if spending is left to the discretion of each school. — Gary Gannon. [13046/23]

\*689. To ask the Minister for Education if she will commit to her Department to engaging with all post-primary schools that are accommodating Ukrainian students with regard to the specification required in respect of Ukrainian as a non-curricular language being developed as an option by the State Examinations Commission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [13071/23]

\*690. To ask the Minister for Education if she will list the 58 school building projects which have been halted by her Department. — Noel Grealish. [13081/23]

\*691. To ask the Minister for Education if she will respond to concerns raised by person (details supplied) in relation to the scope of enquiry into historical sexual abuse in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [13083/23]

\*692. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a list of the 58 schools whose building projects have been put on hold from proceeding to either tender or construction phases due to capital funding pressures, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [13095/23]

\*693. To ask the Minister for Education the number of persons waiting for a laptop, tablet or other specialist software under the assistive technology grant; how this figure compares with previous waiting lists in 2020, 2021 and 2022; if priority will be given to students sitting State examinations in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [13099/23]

\*694. To ask the Minister for Education if she will summarise in detail the number of new school build projects in County Tipperary that have been put on hold by her Department; the reason some large school building projects are currently on hold; when these projects will be back on track; the way these schools were chosen; and the criteria why these were chosen over others. — Alan Kelly. [13106/23]

\*695. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a new build for a school (details supplied) has been put on hold, given that this project was at a stage where works were expected to commence on site in May 2023. — Alan Kelly. [13107/23]

\*696. To ask the Minister for Education the number of Ukrainian children that are enrolled in schools in County Wicklow, broken down between primary and secondary schools; the name of each school and the number in each school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [13113/23]

\*697. To ask the Minister for Education the reason plans to develop 58 new schools have been put on hold; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [13116/23]

\*698. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide the details on each of the 58 new schools that were to be developed and that have been put on hold; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [13117/23]

\*699. To ask the Minister for Education the length of time it is expected that the development of 58 new schools will be on hold for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [13118/23]

\*700. To ask the Minister for Education when details of the home-based, summer education programme for 2023 will be published by her Department. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [13136/23]

\*701. To ask the Minister for Education if he will consider introducing a timebound appeals process for schools appealing to the NCSE, in order that they might have a prospective date by which they will receive a response. — Robert Troy. [13148/23]

\*702. To ask the Minister for Education when each primary school will be advised of the amount they have been allocated under the new free book scheme; and when each school can expect to receive payment. — Robert Troy. [13159/23]

\*703. To ask the Minister for Education if he will consider introducing an annual schedule of grants and their pay-outs in order to provide schools with more clarity in an often-confusing process that is, the bus escort grant being paid in July, despite schools paying for buses for months in advance of this date. — Robert Troy. [13162/23]

\*704. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a child (details supplied) in County Mayo is being refused school transport in view of the fact that there is no school transport service to this child's nearest school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [13176/23]

\*705. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the plans for the future accommodation needs of a school (details supplied); if her attention has been drawn to the serious concerns of the school community in respect of the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [13181/23]

\*706. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 142 of 8 March 2023, if she will provide additional information (details supplied) pertaining to the cost of the project to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [13185/23]

\*707. To ask the Minister for Education if she will identify the ten projects in Lot 6 of her Department's Design and Build Programme, whereby construction works which were due to commence in 2023 have been delayed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [13187/23]

\*708. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the new building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [13190/23]

\*709. To ask the Minister for Education when construction will commence at a school (details supplied); how long will it take; if she will provide a list of the facilities classes; the student and staff capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [13191/23]

\*710. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on any proposed works at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [13192/23]

\*711. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on any proposed works at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [13193/23]

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\*714. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on any proposed works at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [13196/23]

\*715. To ask the Minister for Education if there are plans to proceed with the construction of the new building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [13197/23]

\*716. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the new build at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [13198/23]

\*717. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide assurances that new building works for a school (details supplied) will proceed as a matter of urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13201/23]

\*718. To ask the Minister for Education the plans her Department has to provide a secondary school in Newcastle, County Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13219/23]

\*719. To ask the Minister for Education the action her Department is taking to ensure a project at a school (details supplied) is delivered at the earliest opportunity given the many delays already faced, and the pressing need for increased capacity to cater for secondary school students in the Newcastle and Rathcoole areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13220/23]

\*720. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) is one of the school building projects delayed due to funding constraints; her plans to address this to ensure the project is delivered on time and on budget; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [13245/23]

\*721. To ask the Minister for Education if he will provide an update on the provision of a new school building (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [13253/23]



\*722. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children from Ukraine currently living in Mullingar, County Westmeath who are availing of school transport and to which school, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [13262/23]

\*723. To ask the Minister for Education the length of time a school (details supplied) has been vacant; her Department's plans for the property; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13294/23]

\*724. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a list of the 58 school building projects that are currently facing delay, in order of prioritisation, and by the criteria used in determining prioritisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [13295/23]

\*725. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools in counties Carlow and Kilkenny that have had their capital funding halted; when funding will be reinstated, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [13304/23]

\*726. To ask the Minister for Education if the possibility of extending free school transportation for the 2023-2024 academic year has been considered; if she will take into account the persistent impact the cost-of-living crisis is still having on families, and the significant demand for school transportation in rural communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13311/23]

\*727. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has completed a review of the decision made in July 2022 to allow all valid and concessionary school transport tickets to use the school transport scheme for free during the 2022-2023 academic year; if so, the review's findings and recommendations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13312/23]

\*728. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the eligibility for school transportation currently at primary level, that a family must reside not less than 3.2 kilometres from and attend their nearest national school; if she will consider reducing this distance to less than two kilometres for the 2023-2024 academic year, given that many families have both parents and guardians working outside the home; if efforts are ongoing to ensure that more students are accommodated within the school transportation scheme for the 2023-2024 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13313/23]

\*729. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that a child (details supplied) who was denied a place on the school bus to their secondary school in 2022 although they availed of this bus for the previous three years, is provided with transport in the coming school year, which is their only means of getting to school; if she will review the circumstances of this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [13323/23]

\*730. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a list of schools affected by the stalling of construction projects; if schools where construction is underway such as a school (details supplied) in Cashel are also affected; if so, the reason that particular school was not notified of this; the reason queries from the school relating to the non-availability of funding to draw down were not responded to; how she plans to address this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [13333/23]



\*731. To ask the Minister for Education the action her Department is taking to ensure the paused building project at a school (details supplied) is delivered at the earliest opportunity given the many delays already faced; and the pressing need for increased capacity to cater for secondary school students in the Newcastle and Rathcoole areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [13361/23]

\*732. To ask the Minister for Education her Department's plans to provide a secondary school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [13362/23]

\*733. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine the case of a student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [13377/23]

\*734. To ask the Minister for Education the 58 school building works which are currently under review by her Department; and the 29 schools which have had works put on hold or cancelled, in tabular form. — Denise Mitchell. [13379/23]

\*735. To ask the Minister for Education the number of HEPA filters that have been installed in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13398/23]

\*736. To ask the Minister for Education if every classroom now has HEPA filtration installed; if not, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13399/23]

\*737. To ask the Minister for Education when the Leaving Certificate results will be issued given that many students require clarity, especially if they intend to study abroad; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [13401/23]

\*738. To ask the Minister for Education the reason teachers registered pre-2012 are receiving additional allowances than all teachers registered post-2012, these teachers are finding it increasingly difficult in view of the increased cost-of-living; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [13402/23]

\*739. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider funding a proposal by a school (details supplied) on a pilot basis which would see English speaking schools twinned with Gaeilscoils, including those on the islands for pen paling, visiting and improving Irish speaking among children in English speaking schools, as the most effective way for them to learn the language; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [13409/23]

\*740. To ask the Minister for Education if every effort will be made to commence construction at a school (details supplied) in the coming months, given the announcement that a large number of school construction projects have been put on hold due to cost evaluation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [13421/23]

\*741. To ask the Minister for Education if there are plans to establish a secondary school in Newcastle, County Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [13422/23]

\*742. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [13424/23]

\*743. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update in respect of the free books scheme that will operate for the 2023-2024 academic year. — Catherine Murphy. [13447/23]

\*744. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the free books scheme for primary schools, announced as part of Budget 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [13448/23]

\*745. To ask the Minister for Education if the free books scheme will be administered centrally or by individual schools. — Catherine Murphy. [13449/23]

\*746. To ask the Minister for Education if her officials will be engaging directly with suppliers in respect of the free books scheme for the 2023-2024 academic year. — Catherine Murphy. [13450/23]

\*747. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify who will be handling administration at school level in respect of the free books scheme. — Catherine Murphy. [13451/23]

\*748. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to ensure that all students with ASD in Cork south west will be supplied with a secondary school place in their locality. — Holly Cairns. [13462/23]

\*749. To ask the Minister for Education her views on introducing neurodiversity lessons into the primary school curriculum to help young people learn about different conditions in a structured and inclusive manner. — Holly Cairns. [13463/23]

\*750. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider the inclusion of a school (details supplied) in the planned pilot programme for the rollout of therapy in schools. — Cathal Crowe. [13507/23]

\*751. To ask the Minister for Education the contacts her Department has made with a school (details supplied) in respect of the school's need for funding for cleaning, which has been a problem this term; if she will give assurances in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [13517/23]

\*752. To ask the Minister for Education if she will support a person (details supplied) as a matter of urgency. — Seán Canney. [13539/23]

\*753. To ask the Minister for Education the pupil-to-teacher ratio for reader units in primary schools; how this ratio is determined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [13549/23]

\*754. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding financial support offered to registered post-primary school teachers to upskill to teach mathematics, physics and Spanish; the reason no financial support is provided for those who are upgrading to teach home economics; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [13550/23]

\*755. To ask the Minister for Education the advice or assistance her Department can provide to a family whose child (details supplied) is number 166 on the waiting list for a first year place in the school of their choice. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13553/23]

\*756. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 130 of 8 March 2023, if this project has gone to tender; if not, if there has been a hold-up in this process; if so, the specific reasons for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [13561/23]

\*757. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date in the establishment of new primary schools in Bray, Clondalkin, Naas, Gurrabraher and West Kilkenny; the current status of each project and projected progress for each project over the next 24 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13583/23]

\*758. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date in the establishment of post-primary schools in Dublin 2, Dublin 4, Howth, Baldoyle, Donaghmede, Cherrywood, Sallynoggin and Killiney; the current status of each project and projected progress for each project over the next 24 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13588/23]

\*759. To ask the Minister for Education her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13592/23]

\*760. To ask the Minister for Education her views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to the teaching of transgender identity in primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13597/23]

\*761. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the proposed funding of two schools (details supplied) in Dublin 4 and Dublin 6; when these facilities will be developed given that primary school children in the wider area may have no options to locate to co-educational multi-denominational facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [13610/23]

\*762. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which ongoing dialogue continues between her Department, the KWETB and the relevant school authorities in Maynooth, County Kildare at pre-primary, primary and post-primary levels with a view to ensuring that sufficient places are being made available to meet the demand of the current and subsequent years without interruption either in respect of continued building where required, the planning of any new schools, or the acceleration of ongoing work in all schools including gaelcholaiste; if satisfactory results can be achieved before the new school year; if she is satisfied that work in progress or steps yet to be taken can proceed without interruption; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13648/23]

\*763. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which ongoing dialogue continues between her Department, the KWETB and the relevant school authorities in Leixlip, County Kildare at pre-primary, primary and post-primary levels with a view to ensuring that sufficient places are being made available to meet the demand of the current and subsequent years without interruption either in respect of continued building where required, the planning of any new schools, or the acceleration of ongoing work in all schools; if satisfactory results can be achieved before the new school year; if she is satisfied that work in progress or steps yet to be taken can proceed without interruption; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13649/23]

\*764. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which ongoing dialogue continues between her Department, the KWETB and the relevant school authorities in Kilcock, County

Kildare at pre-primary, primary and post-primary levels with a view to ensuring that sufficient places are being made available to meet the demand of the current and subsequent years without interruption either in respect of continued building where required, the planning of any new schools, or the acceleration of ongoing work in all schools; if satisfactory results can be achieved before the new school year; if she is satisfied that work in progress or steps yet to be taken can proceed without interruption; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13650/23]

\*765. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which ongoing dialogue continues between her Department, the KWETB and the relevant school authorities in Clane, County Kildare at pre-primary, primary and post-primary levels with a view to ensuring that sufficient places are being made available to meet the demand of the current and subsequent years without interruption either in respect of continued building where required, the planning of any new schools, or the acceleration of ongoing work in all schools; if satisfactory results can be achieved before the new school year; if she is satisfied that work in progress or steps yet to be taken can proceed without interruption with particular to the children whose parents previously attend the local schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13651/23]

\*766. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which ongoing dialogue continues between her Department, the KWETB and the relevant school authorities in Naas, County Kildare at pre-primary, primary and post-primary levels with a view to ensuring that sufficient places are being made available to meet the demand of the current and subsequent years without interruption either in respect of continued building where required, the planning of any new schools, or the acceleration of ongoing work in all schools; if satisfactory results can be achieved before the new school year; if she is satisfied that work in progress or steps yet to be taken can proceed without interruption; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13652/23]

\*767. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which ongoing dialogue continues between her Department, the KWETB and the relevant school authorities in Sallins, County Kildare at pre-primary, primary and post-primary levels with a view to ensuring that sufficient places are being made available to meet the demand of the current and subsequent years without interruption either in respect of continued building where required, the planning of any new schools, or the acceleration of ongoing work in all schools; if satisfactory results can be achieved before the new school year; if she is satisfied that work in progress or steps yet to be taken can proceed without interruption; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13653/23]

\*768. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which ongoing dialogue continues between her Department, the KWETB and the relevant school authorities in Prosperous, County Kildare at pre-primary, primary and post-primary levels with a view to ensuring that sufficient places are being made available to meet the demand of the current and subsequent years without interruption either in respect of continued building where required, the planning of any new schools, or the acceleration of ongoing work in all schools; if satisfactory results can be achieved before the new school year; if she is satisfied that work in progress or steps yet to be taken can proceed without interruption; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13654/23]

\*769. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date toward the provision of replacement for a school (details supplied) at the proposed new campus to cater for three schools to be accessed through an improved road network; when the works on each of the schools is likely to commence; if ongoing discussions and negotiations are taking place with the patrons,

with a view to achieving maximum progress in this regard in the shortest possible time given the rapidly expanding population in the area; if due regard and dialogue with the existing schools continues in a way to ensure that a properly integrated plan is in place to maximise school places at pre-primary, primary and post-primary level in the area; if progress has been achieved in relation to ancillary or preparatory works; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13655/23]

\*770. To ask the Minister for Education the current position and extent of the dialogue taking place between the relevant section of her Department and the relevant school authorities and parents awaiting or anticipating progress in respect of pre-primary, primary and post-primary schools in Naas, County Kildare with particular reference to the need to ensure the provision of adequate school places at all levels in a unified way thereby eliminating any snags that might arise such as the availability of the necessary finance in order to allow the educational needs of the town continue to be met in a way which takes account of the rapidly increasing population of the area and at the same time report progress on the various deliberations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13656/23]

\*771. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied that adequate measures are being taken to ensure that children of both levels are accommodated as previously towards giving them access the school of their choice which happen to be feeder schools (details supplied); if extra transport is being provided to ensure such facilities remain readily available given that parents, both of whom are likely to be in full-time employment, do not have access to a means whereby they can deliver their children to school, and conscious of the need to ensure high standards of health and safety for young children who may have to travel long distances to school; if the full review of the school transport system now in motion will be concluded before the next school year and the provision for school transport in general can be made, not in the first or second week of the school year but well in advance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13647/23]

\*772. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration has been given to an alternative delivery mechanism for a scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [13664/23]

\*773. To ask the Minister for Education if he will outline her engagement with the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science since 1 January 2021 concerning the disparity for accreditation of similar SNA courses in two different third level institutions (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [13692/23]

\*774. To ask the Minister for Education if details of a family (details supplied) have been forwarded to her Department for consideration for the remote area grant; the steps the family need to take to pursue this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13695/23]

\*775. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the gaeltacht school recognition scheme; the number of schools recognised to-date as gaeltacht schools under the scheme; the locations of same; the expected timeline for the recognition of schools under the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [13697/23]

\*776. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the Education (Student and Parent Charter) Bill 2019; the expected timeline for the enactment of the legislation; the reason for the

delay in enacting the legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [13698/23]

\*777. To ask the Minister for Education if she is expanding capacity on the school transport network for the 2023-2024 school term. — Sean Sherlock. [13703/23]

\*778. To ask the Minister for Education if students attending their nearest or second nearest secondary school will be eligible for school transport in the 2023-2024 academic year; if not, the reason the rules have changed compared to the past number of years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13730/23]

\*779. To ask the Minister for Education if he will sponsor a campaign for the purposes of raising awareness among teaching and related professionals of the challenges facing young carers for example, extra responsibilities, need for more academic support and so on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13741/23]

\*780. To ask the Minister for Education if assistance will be provided in relation to the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13769/23]

\*781. To ask the Minister for Education if she will support an application for the provision of school bus transport for 14 students from Emly, County Tipperary, who require school bus transport into post primary schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13779/23]

\*782. To ask the Minister for Education if she will request that Bus Éireann school transport review the current school bus route for a school (details supplied); if she will request that Bus Éireann reconfigures this route to include the home of a student so that they can avail of school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13782/23]

\*783. To ask the Minister for Education if he will provide an update on school building projects in Dublin Fingal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [13803/23]

\*784. To ask the Minister for Education the address and location under consideration for a permanent site for a school (details supplied) as per an update received where the Department states “As part of that process, a Minister-owned site has been identified as an option for potential redevelopment to accommodate a second school”; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [13827/23]

\*785. To ask the Minister for Education if the provision of school transport for schools in Straffan and Rathcoffey will be investigated with a view to putting in place an amicable resolution meet the needs of both the parents and children (details supplied); if consideration has been given to removing the administration of transport in that area from the school bus transport section in CIE as a means of resolving the problem; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13831/23]

\*786. To ask the Minister for Education if a person (details supplied) can have their appeal pursuant to the Secondary, Community and Comprehensive School Teachers Pension Scheme 2009 (S.I. 435 of 2009) considered in accordance with Article 70 of the Regulations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [13843/23]



\*787. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children in the Carrigaline, County Cork area who are transitioning from an ASD primary unit to ASD secondary unit; and the number of those children who are awaiting a post-primary placement in an ASD unit. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [13862/23]

\*788. To ask the Minister for Education when urgent enrolment in an ASD unit will be facilitated in the case of the twin daughters of a person (details supplied); if the relevant authorities will liaise with the family to ensure required services can be facilitated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13957/23]

\*789. To ask the Minister for Education if the case of a student (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [13962/23]

\*790. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of a 15% increase in the ancillary services grant for primary and special schools to cover the costs from 1 September 2023 to 31 December 2023 and from the period 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [14027/23]

\*791. To ask the Minister for Education when each of the vacant special education needs organiser positions within County Kildare will be filled, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [14028/23]

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

\*792. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12254/23]

\*793. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of times funding was moved across budget lines within his Department in a process known as virement; the name and purpose of the fund the money was taken from; the name and purpose of the fund the money was transferred to; the dates upon which he approved of such transfers, since he took office; if the Department of Public Expenditure was consulted prior to the transfer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12276/23]

\*794. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a maintenance payment paid to an ex-spouse is not taken into account when calculating means to qualify for the fuel allowance payment. — Darren O'Rourke. [12318/23]

\*795. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the averaging system used for the calculation of State pensions is to be retained; if not, the proposals the Government has for its replacement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [12337/23]

\*796. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of D class pensioners in the State over 70 years of age. — Marian Harkin. [12348/23]

\*797. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person can apply to become a carer for two persons, for example, a husband and wife; the process, the criteria and the number of hours per week for two persons combined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [12357/23]

\*798. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for the carer's allowance will be processed in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [12398/23]

\*799. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for the disability allowance for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [12399/23]

\*800. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [12447/23]

\*801. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if Covid-19 is to be recognised as an occupational disease for frontline health care workers in Ireland as per EU ACSH Agreement in November 2022. — Gary Gannon. [12450/23]

\*802. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [12451/23]

\*803. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will engage with a group (details supplied) concerning a shortfall in funding the provision of disability support services. — Holly Cairns. [12477/23]

\*804. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a response to an organisation's (details supplied) call for an €11 increase in the State pension. — Holly Cairns. [12478/23]

\*805. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide funding for individuals to avail of medical microblading on similar terms to the provision of wigs and hair pieces for people who suffer from hair loss due to disease. — Holly Cairns. [12479/23]

\*806. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is any discretion in the assessment of the fuel allowance for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [12489/23]

\*807. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware that the recent one-off payment increases to the living alone allowance has made some people ineligible for receipt of the fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [12508/23]

\*808. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider automatically extending public services cards for people over 80 years of age who have physical and medical difficulties and find the renewal process of having to physically present at their local office to renew their card onerous; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [12528/23]

\*809. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a digitalised version of a birth certificate will be accepted for marriage (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [12551/23]

\*810. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to extending eligibility to the living alone allowance to people in receipt of the one-parent family payment or

jobseeker's transitional payment, who are the sole source of income to their household; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [12598/23]

\*811. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if any projects under her remit are on hold due to Capital Funding pressures; if she will indicate the projects, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12633/23]

\*812. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 255 of 2 March 2023, the reason a person seeking to change their name in circumstances other than in cases where they wish to revert to their pre-marriage name, must show two years' usage of their new name; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [12658/23]

\*813. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline whether her Department can cover any social protection service in respect of providing persons with access to versatis patches who do not have the means to bridge the cost of same. — Catherine Murphy. [12687/23]

\*814. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has given any consideration to the long-running issue of the inclusion of Tusla-approved foster carers in State pension (contributory) contributions for the entire period of being on the approved panel; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12689/23]

\*815. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the living-alone allowance is counted or discounted for the purpose of calculating the means for the fuel allowance. — Joe Flaherty. [12693/23]

\*816. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline the proposals in relation to ending the campaign to pursue former partners for unpaid child maintenance and where a former partner continues to pay support to their former partner/family; if this will be deducted from the payment to the person in receipt of social welfare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [12740/23]

\*817. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount spent to date on the advertisement of the additional needs' payment, in social media and traditional media, by platform, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [12751/23]

\*818. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide her response to a recommendation in a report (details supplied) concerning energy poverty calling for the benchmarking of social welfare rates against what it costs to live a dignified life in Ireland. — Holly Cairns. [12804/23]

\*819. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps she has taken in response to the recommendation in the Report of the Advisory Group on the Provision of Support including Accommodation to Persons in the International Protection Process that full basic supplementary welfare allowance be given to asylum seekers who are not in direct provision and give asylum-seeking children access to the child benefit. — Holly Cairns. [12805/23]

\*820. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person in receipt of the living-alone allowance on the State pension can relinquish this payment in order to avail of the fuel allowance and any other associated funding where being in receipt of the fuel allowance is necessary in order to successfully apply; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [12848/23]

\*821. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, following report of the the Advisory Group on the Provision of Support including Accommodation to Persons in the International Protection Process, the full basic supplementary welfare allowance can be paid to asylum seekers who are not in direct provision and give parents of asylum-seeking children given access to the child benefit. — Joe Flaherty. [12885/23]

\*822. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, following the report of the Advisory Group on the Provision of Support including Accommodation to Persons in the International Protection Process, there are plans to increase the direct provision allowance. — Joe Flaherty. [12886/23]

\*823. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress made by her Department in respect of targets and goals set out in sustainable development goals of the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development under the policy remit of her Department; and if these targets and goals will be met by their respective deadlines. — Denis Naughten. [12910/23]

\*824. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has given consideration to introducing a young carer's grant, similar to the one introduced in Scotland in 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [12924/23]

\*825. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the living alone allowance can be backdated to July 2021 for a person (details supplied) on a discretionary basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [12983/23]

\*826. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people who applied for the fuel allowance from October 2022 to February 2023; the number of those applications that were granted; the number that were refused; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13085/23]

\*827. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on an application for an old age contributory pension by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [13124/23]

\*828. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will issue on an application for an invalidity pension by a person (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [13137/23]

\*829. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of individual payments of €800 made under the pledged accommodation scheme for Ukrainian refugees; the number of own door units that are being provided under the initiative; the total cost of the scheme to date; the estimated total number of people being accommodated under the scheme; the number of payment recipients in receipt of payment in respect of more than one property; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13224/23]

\*830. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a self-employed person who pays S contributions and was in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment during 2020 and 2021 will have a S contribution recognised on their record for those years, retaining their full entitlement to apply for invalidity pension; the steps that self-employed persons need to undertake to retain their social welfare entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [13269/23]

\*831. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has plans to streamline the system for early years educators who have to undertake a full application for jobseeker's support each time

the school is closed for a break; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [13326/23]

\*832. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason her Department has taken seven months to give a person (details supplied) in Tipperary a decision on their disability allowance application. — Martin Browne. [13341/23]

\*833. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the social protection supports available to an individual who drops from full-time hours to part-time hours, working two to three days per week, due to the inability to continue enduring the physically taxing nature of the job on a full-time basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13394/23]

\*834. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has received a request for a review of a domiciliary care allowance application in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork; and if her Department will look favourably on this application given the provision of the additional supporting documentation. — Michael Creed. [13411/23]

\*835. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ensure all social welfare payment officers will refrain from advising and encouraging people to have their payment paid by EFT to a nominated bank account rather than through the post office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [13413/23]

\*836. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on putting in place a grant to assist blind visually impaired people having difficulty accessing taxi services due to increasing costs. — Holly Cairns. [13472/23]

\*837. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will amend the criteria for the free travel scheme to allow all persons over 66 years of age get free travel for a companion, regardless of martial/civil partnership status, as the current scheme discriminates against single persons. — Holly Cairns. [13473/23]

\*838. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a pensioner (details supplied) who is in receipt of other State supports such, as the household benefits package, does not qualify for the living-alone allowance, despite the fact that they are living alone; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [13522/23]

\*839. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a fuel allowance payment will be backdated for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry who has been in receipt of the means tested State pension (non-contributory); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13530/23]

\*840. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a fuel allowance payment in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be backdated to 1 January 2023 when they became re-eligible for fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13536/23]

\*841. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) is still waiting on an appeal decision for carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13541/23]

\*842. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason it has taken over ten months for a decision to be made on an invalidity appeal claim by a person (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [13568/23]

\*843. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on whether counting gross income instead of net income in fuel allowance means assessment is fair, given that net income is a fairer representation of the actual weekly income of a person; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [13700/23]

\*844. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department corresponds with recipients of weekly social protection to suggest they can receive these payments directly into a current account rather than accessing the payments through the Post Office; if she will provide the rationale for this approach; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [13721/23]

\*845. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on whether the exclusion of women born before 1 September 1946 from the total contributions approach to contributory pension, which allows for up to 20 years home caring periods, represents discrimination on the grounds of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [13729/23]

\*846. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on whether the exclusion of people not in receipt of a social protection payment from the sale of residence disregard, particularly in circumstances in which the treatment of this disregard has resulted in a large overpayment arising against the estate of a deceased person is unfair; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [13735/23]

\*847. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [13757/23]

\*848. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether there are plans to open an Intreo centre in Lucan County Dublin given the population growth in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [13788/23]

\*849. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has a policy of writing to social welfare payment recipients and asking them to change their method of payment from collection at their local post office to electronic fund transfer with their bank; if correspondence from the postmaster (details supplied) has been brought to her attention; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13789/23]

\*850. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if people who did not qualify for the fuel allowance in advance of starting a community employment scheme can now access the payment as the thresholds have changed, or if there is a mechanism in place to allow this to happen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [13806/23]

\*851. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if any funding for the local area employment services in Dún Laoghaire has changed in recent weeks or months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [13808/23]

\*852. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there have been any contract changes between the local area employment services in Dún Laoghaire and the Southside Partnership in



recent weeks or months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [13809/23]

\*853. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will provide a copy of the original tender document to run the local area employment services in Dún Laoghaire; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [13810/23]

\*854. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people with direct eligibility for free travel under the free travel scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [13816/23]

\*855. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average annual cost per pass under the free travel scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [13817/23]

\*856. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of recipients of domiciliary care allowance who are not in receipt of carers allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [13818/23]

\*857. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people who would newly qualify for free travel if the free travel scheme were to be extended to all recipients of the carer support grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [13819/23]

\*858. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an appeal for invalidity pension will be expedited and approved in the case of a person (details supplied) based on the medical evidence provided. — John McGuinness. [13870/23]

\*859. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of letters issued to recipients of any payments authorised by her Department, per month in the years 2022 to date in 2023, and all associated costs, requesting the recipient transfer to bank payment from collection via the Post Office Network, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [13875/23]

\*860. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how reviews are carried out for those in receipt of disability allowance or blind pension who are self-employed (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [13895/23]

\*861. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware of the backlog of up to 15 weeks for applications for the working family payment; and if measures will be put in place to amend same (details supplied). — Gary Gannon. [13897/23]

\*862. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of PPS numbers issued in Ireland from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022, the breakdown by nationality that each of the PPS number was issued to, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13954/23]

\*863. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 396 of 14 February 2023, if she will report the recommendations of the Irish Sign Language pilot scheme; the timeframe for the implementation of a permanent scheme for users of Irish Sign Language; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [13972/23]

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

\*864. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way he plans to deal with an issue in relation to autism (details supplied); the steps he is taking to reassure persons with autism and their families in this situation; if the diagnosis continues to be accepted by State authorities; if there are plans to reassess those who were diagnosed by a psychologist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [12684/23]

\*865. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if respite care can be provided for a child (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13781/23]

\*866. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the options available for a child (details supplied) in the Balbriggan area who has been told by the children's disability network team that they cannot even access the waiting lists due to a lack of staffing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [13848/23]

\*867. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons with disabilities on waiting lists for residential placements in each county in the State, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13934/23]

\*868. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will ensure that a child (details supplied) receives the necessary therapies from their CDNT in a timely manner. — Holly Cairns. [14009/23]

\*869. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the locations within CHO7 where HSE respite centres are located that cater for both adults and children; and the capital of each facility, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [14034/23]

\*870. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of times funding was moved across budget lines within his Department in a process known as virement; the name and purpose of the fund the money was taken from; the name and purpose of the fund the money was transferred to; the dates upon which he approved of such transfers, since he took office; if the Department of Public Expenditure was consulted prior to the transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12263/23]

\*871. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons who have applied for birth information since the introduction of the Birth Information and Tracing Act 2022; the number who have been granted information; the number who have been refused; and the number for whom a decision is still pending. — Peadar Tóibín. [12293/23]

\*872. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of asylum seekers and refugees who are currently homeless in the State. — Peadar Tóibín. [12303/23]

\*873. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of unaccompanied minors seeking international protection who have gone missing while in the care of the State in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [12304/23]

\*874. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of children who have gone missing while in the care of the State in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; the number who were later found; and the number who remain unaccounted for. — Peadar Tóibín. [12305/23]

\*875. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons who have died in the State while seeking international protection in each of the past ten years, by cause of death, age and nationality, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12306/23]

\*876. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the Farrelly Commission of Investigation has concluded its work; if so, the date upon which it was concluded; if not, the date upon which it will conclude; if a final report has been issued to the Government; if so, the date upon which the report issued; and the status of same. — Peadar Tóibín. [12338/23]

\*877. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when overdue payments for accommodating Ukrainian refugees will issue to a hotelier (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [12361/23]

\*878. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason staff that are being moved from a newly designated service (details supplied) given the impact this is having on the clinical services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [12381/23]

\*879. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will put in place a sustainable investment strategy to ensure that all young people have access to youth workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [12403/23]

\*880. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his Department's plans to ensure that youth work is properly and sustainably funded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [12404/23]

\*881. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the percentage of young people across Ireland that are involved in universal youth work; how he plans to increase this percentage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [12405/23]

\*882. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how he and his Department are supporting the youth work sector to engage as many young people as possible, given that youth work is an effective form of early intervention and prevention for a range of adverse outcomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [12406/23]

\*883. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children on disability service waiting lists for children's disability networks teams, by CHO/CDNT for January and February 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form; the average length of wait; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [12409/23]

\*884. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of people on disability service waiting lists for each service type, excluding children's disability network teams, for January and February 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [12410/23]

\*885. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children on waiting lists for an assessment of needs for January and February 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form; and the number overdue for completion; the average length of wait. — David Cullinane. [12411/23]

\*886. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost of hiring four additional administrative staff per children's disability network team, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [12428/23]

\*887. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost of filling all wholtime equivalent posts in each children's disability network team, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [12429/23]

\*888. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the action he will take to tackle the waiting lists for necessary children's disability services for example, psychology, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy in the north Dublin area CHO9; the length of the waiting lists for the services; his advice for parents who may be waiting upwards of three years for an initial appointment; his plans to shorten these wait times to ensure children are assessed in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [12431/23]

\*889. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeframe for the publication of the Disability Capacity Review Implementation Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [12452/23]

\*890. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the provision of community neuro-rehabilitation teams in each CHO. — Holly Cairns. [12455/23]

\*891. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to oversee the services provided to Ukrainian refugees accommodated in hotels. — Holly Cairns. [12458/23]

\*892. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will engage with a group (details supplied) concerning a shortfall in funding for a direct provision centre. — Holly Cairns. [12459/23]

\*893. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to address transphobia. — Holly Cairns. [12460/23]

\*894. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children and young persons on waiting lists for an assessment of need in each LHO, in tabular form, with a monthly breakdown of waiting times. — Holly Cairns. [12465/23]

\*895. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the staffing to caseload ratios used to calculate the numbers, types, and scale of therapists and clinicians

required for each CDNT; how regularly these ratios are reviewed; and what processes that are in place to reconfigure services according to local needs. — Holly Cairns. [12466/23]

\*896. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if exit interviews are conducted with therapists leaving CDNTs; if so, if the information from these interviews is anonymously collated; the primary reasons individuals cite for leaving CDNTs. — Holly Cairns. [12467/23]

\*897. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to provide community neuro-rehabilitation services. — Holly Cairns. [12474/23]

\*898. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a child (details supplied) can expect to receive a date for both an appointment for a speech and language therapist and an occupational therapist. — Denise Mitchell. [12506/23]

\*899. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of an application by a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12513/23]

\*900. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if families with children and those who are in bad health will remain in a hotel (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [12515/23]

\*901. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a child (details supplied) will receive services from the local disability network team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [12516/23]

\*902. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 195 of 5 May 2022, when the archive of the McAleese Commission will be transferred to the National Archives; the steps he is taking to ensure that this happens without delay; if the transfer will include an instruction to publish; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12553/23]

\*903. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will instruct his Department to take immediate action to ensure that provisions are made for an assessment and treatment for a child (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [12566/23]

\*904. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason payments have not issued to an accommodation centre housing Ukrainian refugees (details supplied) for December, January and February; when these payments will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [12567/23]

\*905. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if any projects under his remit are on hold due to Capital Funding pressures; if he will indicate the projects concerned, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12618/23]

\*906. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will acknowledge the huge work, support and solidarity shown by communities around the country in welcoming Ukrainian's into their homes and wider communities; if he will listen to these

voices of support, and in particular a community group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [12638/23]

\*907. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if, in light of the recent announcement that one in ten asylum seekers have no accommodation, there are plans to allow members of the public offer a place to stay to those applying for asylum; if he envisages a payment to homeowners who provide accommodation similar to the accommodation recognition payment currently offered to people who provide a place for Ukrainian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [12679/23]

\*908. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if it is the intention of his Department or IPAS to house refugees or asylum seekers in buildings in Bailieboro, County Cavan (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12695/23]

\*909. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports and services offered to international protection applicants who are not offered material reception conditions when requesting them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12697/23]

\*910. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if international protection applicants are entitled to the daily expenses allowance or any other payment or support if they are not given material reception conditions; the way in which they can access that payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12698/23]

\*911. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if international protection applicants accommodated at a location (details supplied) are entitled to the daily expenses allowance or any payment or support; the way in which they can access that payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12699/23]

\*912. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the situations in which childcare providers can refuse to provide specific care for children (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [12741/23]

\*913. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 470 of 7 March 2023, when a person (details supplied) who is awaiting a substantial payment from his Department for housing Ukrainian families will receive this payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [12744/23]

\*914. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of his engagement with the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications concerning the compulsory provision of subtitles by all television stations and visually-based broadcast companies operating in Ireland. — Holly Cairns. [12763/23]

\*915. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the publication of a report concerning historical abuse in an organisation (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [12764/23]



\*916. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the provision of community neuro-rehabilitation teams in each CHO. — Holly Cairns. [12796/23]

\*917. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the 2023 emergency accommodation contracts will be issued to property owners; the duration of the contacts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [12815/23]

\*918. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number and percentage of complaints made to the disability complaints office under section 14 (1) (b) of the Disability Act 2005 which have been contested by the HSE in the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [12835/23]

\*919. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reassurance he proposes to give persons with autism and their families, who were diagnosed by a person (details supplied); if their diagnosis will continue to be accepted by State authorities; if he plans to provide reassessment for those young people who were assessed by the person at their parents expense, given the HSE was not in a position to provide timely assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [12843/23]

\*920. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department can confirm the total number of persons who are permitted to reside in St. Anne's, Roscrea; if this facility is being considered as a potential site for the use of modular dwellings to house Ukrainian refugees or for persons seeking asylum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [12846/23]

\*921. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are plans to allow asylum seekers to engage with homeless services at local authority-level, based on the outcomes of the Advisory Group on the Provision of Support including Accommodation to Persons in the International Protection Process. — Joe Flaherty. [12883/23]

\*922. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on plans to amend current legislation that prevents women from deferring their maternity leave while they are being treated and recovering from cancer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [12895/23]

\*923. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress made by his Department in respect of targets and goals set out in sustainable development goals of the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development under the policy remit of his Department; and if these targets and goals will be met by their respective deadlines. — Denis Naughten. [12897/23]

\*924. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are plans underway in his Department to establish a cross-departmental working group on young carers; if this is an area that falls specifically under the remit of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [12921/23]

\*925. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department provides funding for young carers to access counselling or psychological support; if not, if provision will be made for such funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [12923/23]

\*926. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason children's disability network team 2 Ballyboden is not able to use the local primary care centre in Ballyboden, Dublin to offer its services. — Francis Noel Duffy. [12925/23]

\*927. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if it has been brought to his attention that survivors are reporting a high-level of inconsistency in the provision of records from institutions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [12960/23]

\*928. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if it has been brought to his attention that survivors of institutional abuse are reporting that where redactions are made to records by way of "white out" as opposed to "black out" they are finding records difficult follow as they cannot ascertain the location of the redaction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [12961/23]

\*929. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will issue guidelines to institutions that redactions should be made to records by way of "black out" as opposed to "white out"; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [12962/23]

\*930. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the position regarding the First 5 Little Library Initiative; if a library book bag will be provided to every child starting school in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [12978/23]

\*931. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current vacancy rate for Carlow children's disability network team. — Kathleen Funchion. [12979/23]

\*932. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he intends to restore the title of early childhood care and education rather than early learning and care, considering the former title is recognised across the EU and internationally and reflects the important role that providers play in the education of children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13012/23]

\*933. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking in response to individuals being informed that they will not be provided with their personal information within the statutory 90 days, under the Birth Information and Tracing Act 2022, by a State body (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [13050/23]

\*934. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will ensure that funding is put in place for childcare providers to receive a wage all year round. — Holly Cairns. [13051/23]

\*935. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will ensure that AIM funding is provided in a timely manner. — Holly Cairns. [13052/23]

\*936. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how an individual can receive funding to cover the cost of training hours for creche/childcare staff to care for a young child who requires PEG feeding. — Holly Cairns. [13054/23]

\*937. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a child (details supplied) who has autism will receive the care and attention of the HSE.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [13060/23]

\*938. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current waiting times for psychological assessments of need for children in the public system per CHO, in tabular form. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [13062/23]

\*939. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has entered into an agreement to use a building (details supplied) in County Kerry as a direct provision centre to accommodate asylum seekers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13064/23]

\*940. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has entered into an agreement to use a building (details supplied) in County Kerry as a direct provision centre to accommodate asylum seekers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13068/23]

\*941. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has entered into an agreement to use a building in (details supplied) in County Kerry as a direct provision centre to accommodate asylum seekers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13069/23]

\*942. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the supports that are available from his Department to assist a small rural primary school board of management with the provision of pre-school and after school care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [13075/23]

\*943. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the provision of a community neuro-rehabilitation team in CHO7, particularly with regard to the budget allocation for this team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [13087/23]

\*944. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the provision of a community neuro-rehabilitation team in CHO9, particularly with regard to the budget allocation for this team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [13088/23]

\*945. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number and type of premises in County Wicklow used by the State for accommodation for refugees and asylum seekers; the number in each premises for each month since January 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [13112/23]

\*946. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a community neuro-rehabilitation team will be put in place for CHO5; if funding has been allocated in 2023 to provide this service; when recruitment for this team will begin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [13130/23]

\*947. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 129 of 1 March 2023, if an assessment has been carried out to support the decision not to extend eligibility criteria for the accommodation recognition payment,

given that at a time of a shortage in property, all offers should be considered. — Robert Troy. [13138/23]

\*948. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children on waiting lists for an assessment of need for in CHO7 in each of the months of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the number overdue for completion; the length of time they are overdue; the average length of wait, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13157/23]

\*949. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a child (details supplied) will receive an assessment of needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [13169/23]

\*950. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of all accomodation schemes in existence to house Ukrainian refugees and asylum seekers; the particular schemes that local authorities are involved in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13173/23]

\*951. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on his Department's review of the equality Acts, Equal Status Acts 2000-2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [13183/23]

\*952. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will ensure that a person can register as an individual childminder with Tusla, rather than requiring a second person to also register. — Holly Cairns. [13226/23]

\*953. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total budget for Tusla; the portion of this budget that covers pay; and the breakdown of the total pay bill for social workers and social care workers, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [13268/23]

\*954. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total cost saved through Tusla's Agency Conversion from November 2019 to date; and the breakdown by grade of conversion. — Kathleen Funchion. [13296/23]

\*955. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the delay to the introduction of a community neuro-rehabilitation centre in CH09; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [13297/23]

\*956. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a neurological rehabilitation team will be operational in every community health organisation (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [13310/23]

\*957. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will list the various schemes and programmes under the remit of his Department that have located third country nationals to Ballaghaderreen, County Roscommon since 2000, by year; if he will provide a breakdown, of the number of persons located by each scheme per year since 2000, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [13317/23]

\*958. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will list the various schemes and programmes under the remit of his Department that has located third country nationals to Ballaghaderreen, County. Roscommon since responsibility was transferred

from the Department of Justice; if he will provide a breakdown of the number of persons located by each scheme per year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [13318/23]

\*959. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 443 of 14 February 2023, and the provision of the information by email, if the contracted capacity of each centre can be provided as requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [13325/23]

\*960. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if exit interviews with staff departing CDNTs are being carried out; if such interviews are being carried out formally in all CHOs; if not, the CHOs in which such interviewees are being carried out; how the data is being collated; the actions being taken with reference to the data gathered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [13329/23]

\*961. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an independent review of the Progressing Disability Service programme will be subject to an independent review to make them more effective; if such a review is anticipated; if an alternative programme will be explored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [13335/23]

\*962. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures he is taking to increase the number of dieticians in CDNT teams; the number of dieticians available to the 91 CDNT teams nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [13338/23]

\*963. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports available to the parents of a child (details supplied) who is on medication prescribed by the CDNT however has not been able to get their prescription renewed. — Martin Browne. [13339/23]

\*964. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an application has been received to utilise a facility (details supplied) in Birr, County Offaly as an accommodation centre for international protection applicants or beneficiaries of temporary protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13378/23]

\*965. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when payment will issue in relation to accommodation being provided for Ukrainian refugees (details supplied); the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13425/23]

\*966. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports available to parents of children with disabilities who require tube feeding to send them to childcare. — Holly Cairns. [13460/23]

\*967. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding streams and training options available to assist parents in caring for children with disabilities who require tube feeding. — Holly Cairns. [13461/23]

\*968. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of funding presently being provided to UHW and to CHO5 to provide a community neuro-

rehabilitation team (details supplied); the number of whole-time equivalent positions and the specialisation of each, between acute hospital service and community service, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [13477/23]

\*969. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the provision of a community neuro-rehabilitation team in CHO7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [13479/23]

\*970. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a Liaison Public Health Nurse (LPHN) for the Children's Disability Network Team in Wexford will be provided; if he is aware that in the absence of this post, the Home Support Resource Manager is unable to provide Home Support Workers for people in urgent need of this support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [13503/23]

\*971. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update in respect of a site (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [13511/23]

\*972. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the direct provision centre in Shannon, County Clare; the plans there are to augment the existing services in the town to deal with the additional numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [13534/23]

\*973. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason the study commissioned by his Department to evaluate the processes for implementation of three equality strategies, the National Strategy for Women and Girls as well as the Migrant Integration Strategy and the National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy to be completed early this year has not yet been published. — Mary Lou McDonald. [13542/23]

\*974. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Tusla emergency care orders, interim care orders, permanent and temporary care orders, supervision orders, interim special care orders and special care orders in 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [13559/23]

\*975. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of speech and language therapist posts that are currently vacant across the 91 children disability network teams throughout the country; the number that have left the teams; the number that have been recruited since the National Staff Census and Workload Review was undertaken by the HSE in October 2022; if he is aware of the major retention problem in the profession; the number of children that are awaiting initial assessment; the number that are awaiting initial therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13569/23]

\*976. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline he is working towards to establish a community neuro-rehabilitation team in each CHO; if he intends to provide dedicated funding for the seven CHOs without a team in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [13589/23]

\*977. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the redress that is open to the children who received assessments from an unqualified psychologist (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [13594/23]



\*978. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of personnel that have left their employment with Tusla in County Donegal since January 2021; the efforts that Tusla has made to fill those vacancies; how successful it has been; the number of current vacancies within Tusla in County Donegal; and the specialities and fields they cover; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [13606/23]

\*979. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will give consideration to the establishment of a cross-departmental working group for the purposes of examining, assessing and coordinating the needs of young carers, to be carried out under the auspices of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13738/23]

\*980. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the steps involved in making a complaint to Pobal in respect of an alleged breach of Core Funding; and if it is possible for complainants to remain anonymous. — Ivana Bacik. [13748/23]

\*981. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason his Department did not contract a property (details supplied) for the provision of humanitarian accommodation for individuals fleeing conflict; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13791/23]

\*982. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will ensure that a parent of a person with a disability (details supplied) will receive a copy of a report commissioned and carried out into the care and alleged abuse of person in disability services funded by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [13793/23]

\*983. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the implementation of the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) (Amendment) Act 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [13800/23]

\*984. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the Equal Status and Employment Acts will be updated to include socio-economic discrimination as a protected ground; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [13813/23]

\*985. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the place finders service offered to individuals and families with leave to remain but trapped in direct provision; the number of such services; the location of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13834/23]

\*986. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which a preliminary enquiry might be carried out in respect of issues relating to numerous cases whereby children are being systemically and forcibly removed from their mother's custody and handed over to the protagonist (details supplied); if a preliminary enquiry will be empowered to examine the circumstances of these cases prior to any further decision in this regard, judicial or otherwise, given that Tusla appears to be not empowered to act in such circumstances to protect the welfare, health and safety of children in these circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13842/23]

\*987. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what action has been taken by his Department on a disclosure made to him by email from this Deputy's office

on 18 October 2022 regarding the Garda vetting system; and if he will meet with this Deputy to discuss the content of the disclosure. — Peadar Tóibín. [13929/23]

\*988. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of households or families who expressed an interest in hosting Ukrainian Refugees in each of the past 13 months; and the number of families currently hosting Ukrainian refugees, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13930/23]

\*989. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of families or households or property owners who have expressed an interest in hosting Ukrainian refugees but have yet to hear back from the relevant body or be contacted regarding their offer of accommodation; and if a monthly breakdown will be provided on this figure based on the dates upon which the individuals made an offer or expressed an interest in hosting refugees. — Peadar Tóibín. [13931/23]

\*990. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if IPAS has decided that current applicants for international protection staying in accommodation in rooms on their own will now be roomed with at least one other, regardless of Covid or other health concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [13942/23]

\*991. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will ensure that a hotel accommodating Ukrainian refugees (details supplied) immediately receives the outstanding amounts owed. — Holly Cairns. [14002/23]

\*992. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department intends to develop a policy relating to children in informal kinship care, following the recommendation made by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14043/23]

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

\*993. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of times funding was moved across budget lines within his Department in a process known as virement; the name and purpose of the fund the money was taken from; the name and purpose of the fund the money was transferred to; the dates upon which he approved of such transfers, since he took office; if the Department of Public Expenditure was consulted prior to the transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12270/23]

\*994. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide details of the third level access programme; the number of persons who have taken part in the programme in each year since it was rolled out, by third level institution, in tabular form; the number of persons from the Traveller community who took part in the course; the number of care leavers who took part; the number of homeless students who took part; the number of migrant students who took part, and so on; if quotas for certain vulnerable groups exist in the programme; if his Department has ever given consideration to a quota system where spaces in the access course are reserved for certain groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12324/23]

\*995. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when retired lecturers who worked in institutes of technology will receive the increases due to

them, in terms of their pensions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [12414/23]

\*996. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there are any proposals to allow Ukrainian students, who meet the educational requirements, full and automatic access to SUSI supports while they remain in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [12432/23]

\*997. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when a person (details supplied) in County Mayo will be called for phase 2 of their electrical apprenticeship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [12435/23]

\*998. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when a person (details supplied) in County Mayo will be called for their second off-the-job training in respect of their apprenticeship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [12436/23]

\*999. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of SUSI applications submitted for dependents under 23 years of age that applied for irreconcilable estrangement from parents; and the number of applications granted regarding estrangement from parents in each of the years 2017 to 2022, in tabular form. — Gary Gannon. [12449/23]

\*1000. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the provision of a new loan scheme for medical students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [12497/23]

\*1001. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on plans to provide new student accommodation for students at Dublin City University; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [12544/23]

\*1002. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if any projects under his remit are on hold due to Capital Funding pressures; if he will indicate the projects, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12628/23]

\*1003. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he would consider a specific bursary for young carers attending third level institutions, similar to the successful young carer's grant launched in Scotland in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [12703/23]

\*1004. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider further initiatives to support the transition of young carers to further and higher education and apprenticeships via access programmes, similar, but in addition to, the HEAR programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [12704/23]

\*1005. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department carries out any economic or value for money evaluation in respect of the annual €1 million bill for the two Cork PPP projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12717/23]

\*1006. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will detail the arrangements with respect to the €5 million in emergency funding provided to IT Tralee in 2019/2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12718/23]

\*1007. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will detail the impact of rising interest rates on the borrowing of our university sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12719/23]

\*1008. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 127 of 25 May 2016, in respect of 100 major capital projects listed, to identify which projects proceeded and which have not; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12720/23]

\*1009. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline the various procurement stages in respect of the acquisition of Premier House by the Institute of Technology Tallaght, now TUD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12721/23]

\*1010. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a detailed explanation of the processes, milestones and timelines for releasing ringfenced funding in his Department in respect of the compulsory purchase order being contemplated by Wexford Council for the acquisition of lands for a higher education campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12722/23]

\*1011. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will detail capital expenditure within each of the technological universities since their creation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12725/23]

\*1012. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he is taking to establish a third-level veterinary course in Munster. — Holly Cairns. [12789/23]

\*1013. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will implement a review of the CAO points system to allow more students access the course of their choice (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [12832/23]

\*1014. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to ease the financial burdens on third level students and their families. — Cathal Crowe. [12833/23]

\*1015. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he, in conjunction with the relevant Government departments, will take steps to alleviate the stress on the student accommodation system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [12834/23]

\*1016. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will include an independent expert on veterinary education in the Expert Advisory Panel set up by the HEA to ensure that any new programme of veterinary medicine in relation to the establishment of a new school of veterinary medicine, meets the standards of the regulatory bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [12837/23]

\*1017. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total number of beds which are available in purpose built student accommodation in Cork, Dublin, Limerick and Galway, in particular, in tabular form; the number of new beds which have been made available in each of the years 2019 to 2022; the number of units currently under construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12881/23]

\*1018. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress made by his Department in respect of targets and goals set out in sustainable development goals of the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development under the policy remit of his Department; and if these targets and goals will be met by their respective deadlines. — Denis Naughten. [12904/23]

\*1019. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the efforts being made by his Department to support the transition of young carers to further and higher education; if there are apprenticeships via access programmes; if he or his Department have engaged with a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [12922/23]

\*1020. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will actively engage with the three third-level institutions which offer pharmacy degree programmes, namely University College Cork, Royal College of Surgeons Ireland and Trinity College Dublin, to increase the number of places available to study same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12937/23]

\*1021. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason for scaling back the Governments research and development target from 2.5% of GNP to 2.5% of GNI\*; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [12991/23]

\*1022. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason for scaling back the governments R&D target from 2.5% of GNP set out in Innovation 2020 to 2.5% of GNI\* in impact 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [12992/23]

\*1023. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware that affidavits are not accepted by SUSI as proof of estrangement from parents, and if he could outline the reasoning behind this. — Gary Gannon. [13043/23]

\*1024. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress that has been made on the issue of pension provision for research staff grades who do not have access to public service pensions in higher education Institutions, particularly in relation to the technological university sector (details supplied). — Sorca Clarke. [13110/23]

\*1025. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on whether it is unfair that part-time lecturers in NCAD are being treated less favourably than their full-time colleagues (details supplied); if he will intervene and instruct NCAD to provide equal opportunities to all staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [13114/23]

\*1026. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the funding options that are available to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [13166/23]

\*1027. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide details of his engagement with the Minister for Transport concerning the provision of public transport services for disabled persons attending vocational training services and post-secondary school-based courses. — Holly Cairns. [13230/23]

\*1028. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the length the waitlist expected to be between phase 2 and phase 4 of SOLAS in each relevant apprenticeship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13244/23]

\*1029. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the preparations being made, and the measures being put in place to address the shortage of training spaces for dieticians; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [13332/23]

\*1030. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has received correspondence (details supplied) from a group of 1st year students from the University of Limerick who are partaking in a business studies degree and who have been tasked with a social and civic engagement project; when he intends to review and response to this group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13535/23]

\*1031. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of a huge crisis in student accommodation in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13567/23]

\*1032. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 463 of 28 February 2023, his views on the disparity for accreditation of similar SNA courses in two different third level institutions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [13707/23]

\*1033. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider adding the specific family circumstances of young carers as a ground for determining eligibility for SUSI grants for third level and further education courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13739/23]

\*1034. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider adding the specific family circumstances of young carers as a ground for determining eligibility for HEAR grants for third level and further education courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13740/23]

\*1035. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider setting aside funding for the financing of dedicated educational bursaries for young carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13743/23]

\*1036. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the site selection process for the Swords College of Further Education and Training, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [13804/23]



\*1037. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to address persisting inequalities in the receipt of pensions across higher education institutions, namely for individuals in the technological university sector and certain research staff who are still ineligible to join the public sector pension scheme. — Robert Troy. [13865/23]

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

\*1038. To ask the Minister for Justice if he is aware of the difference in timelines for receipt of acknowledgment letters and e-vetting requests for those who applied for citizenship in 2021 and 2022 when compared to those who applied in 2023; the reason some who applied in 2022 are still pending their e-vetting request while others who applied in 2023 have already received this and started the process (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14177/23]

\*1039. To ask the Minister for Justice the current average processing times for citizenship applications are; the measures that are being taken to bring this time below nine months; to confirm if applications are processed in chronological order; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [14117/23]

\*1040. To ask the Minister for Justice when an application by a person (details supplied) dating from February 2022 to the Afghan Admission Programme will finally be processed. — Peadar Tóibín. [12239/23]

\*1041. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times funding was moved across budget lines within his Department in a process known as virement; the name and purpose of the fund the money was taken from; the name and purpose of the fund the money was transferred to; the dates upon which he approved of such transfers, since he took office; if the Department of Public Expenditure was consulted prior to the transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12273/23]

\*1042. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will clarify the current restrictions which apply to the holder of firearms; if it is intended to amend these regulations; the timeframe when same will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12284/23]

\*1043. To ask the Minister for Justice if probation officers working in the Department of Justice are public servants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [12302/23]

\*1044. To ask the Minister for Justice if he can clarify when and if Ireland will ratify the UNCRC second optional protocol on children, child prostitution and child pornography; when and if the State will act on Article 19A, the provision dealing private counselling therapy records in relation to a victim of sexual abuse; if these are made available to the accused abuser; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [12326/23]

\*1045. To ask the Minister for Justice if the security contract for the Policing Authority, 90 North King Street has been awarded to a company (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [12332/23]

\*1046. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide details of the number of domestic violence refuge spaces in each county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12339/23]

\*1047. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of asylum applications made nationally in the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12359/23]

\*1048. To ask the Minister for Justice the countries of origin of asylum seekers arriving in Ireland in the past two years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12360/23]

\*1049. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of asylum seekers given leave to remain and the number of family members awarded joint family visas in the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12362/23]

\*1050. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of asylum applicants refused leave to remain in the past two years; their country of origin, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12363/23]

\*1051. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt an bhfuil taifead á choinneáil ar líon na mbreithiúna a bhfuil sé ar a gcumas acu cás a éisteacht trí Ghaeilge, agus miondealú ar an taifead sin de réir leibhéal Cúirte agus de réir ceantair, agus cad é an líon breithiúna a bhfuil an cumas sin acu sna cúirteanna sin atá ag freastal ar cheantair Ghaeltachta. — Catherine Connolly. [12364/23]

\*1052. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of deportation orders issued, the number of deportations carried out and the countries to which the failed applicants were repatriated, in the past two years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12365/23]

\*1053. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of text alert groups that have been paid the text alert rebate for 2022 to date, by county; the reason for the delay in paying the rebate to the groups given the application process closed on 30 November 2022; if he will provide the details of each group, including the number who received a text alert rebate in 2020, 2021 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [12438/23]

\*1054. To ask the Minister for Justice the proposals that are being mooted for an organisation (details supplied); if new regulations are being introduced; if so, when these regulations will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [12440/23]

\*1055. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will clarify whether the recent changes to the atypical workers scheme for non-EAA fishers, that is, those that can apply for stamp 4, impact any regulations concerning their working on Irish fishing vessels under 15 metres in length. — Holly Cairns. [12463/23]

\*1056. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount of income derived to the Exchequer from the Immigrant Investor Programme, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12557/23]

\*1057. To ask the Minister for Justice if any projects under his remit are on hold due to Capital Funding pressures; if he will indicate the projects concerned, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12619/23]

\*1058. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times checkpoints were carried out to check the immigration status of people in 2022; the number of persons that were asked for

identification under which legislation these checkpoints were carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [12637/23]

\*1059. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will consider an issue (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [12702/23]

\*1060. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are any plans to change the status of civil service who work in An Garda Síochána to public servants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [12730/23]

\*1061. To ask the Minister for Justice when a decision will be made on an application for naturalisation by an Indian national (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [12745/23]

\*1062. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps he has taken in response to the recommendation in the Report of the Advisory Group on the Provision of Support including Accommodation to Persons in the International Protection Process to lift the restrictions on the right to work to allow all asylum seekers to work. — Holly Cairns. [12776/23]

\*1063. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason a person (details supplied) was granted repatriation to the UK, in view of the fact that other foreign nationals in Ireland's prison system have been refused repatriation requests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [12882/23]

\*1064. To ask the Minister for Justice if, following report of the Advisory Group on the Provision of Support including Accommodation to Persons in the International Protection Process, there are plans to lift the restrictions on the right to work on all asylum seekers. — Joe Flaherty. [12887/23]

\*1065. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress made by his Department in respect of targets and goals set out in sustainable development goals of the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development under the policy remit of his Department; and if these targets and goals will be met by their respective deadlines. — Denis Naughten. [12907/23]

\*1066. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of occasions on which prisoners slept on mattresses, by prison during Q4 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [12995/23]

\*1067. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the review of remission and structured temporary release for people in prison; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [12996/23]

\*1068. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will report on progress on the review of the Prison Rules 2007; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [12997/23]

\*1069. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of plans to place the Irish Prison Service on a statutory footing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [12998/23]

\*1070. To ask the Minister for Justice when the prison chaplain reports for 2021 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13016/23]

\*1071. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is aware of antisocial behavior in and around a flat complex (details supplied) in Dublin 1; and if she is aware of any steps being taken to address this. — Gary Gannon. [13044/23]

\*1072. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt cé na comhráití a bhí aige le Coimisinéir an Gharda Síochána maidir leis an dualgas atá air a chinntiú go bhfuil comhaltaí den Gharda a bhfuil Gaeilge acu lonnaithe i ngach staisiún Gaeltachta. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13139/23]

\*1073. To ask the Minister for Justice when it is intended to publish all outstanding reports on the Dóchas centre for women prisoners; the reason for the delay with this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13141/23]

\*1074. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress that has been made to date in the determination of an application as part of recent undocumented scheme in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13146/23]

\*1075. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of long stay join family visa applications processed each week in the past twelve months; if additional staff are being allocated to this unit to avoid any delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13161/23]

\*1076. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps his Department is taking to ensure that shooting sports are not severely handicapped given the Firearms Expert Committee suggestion for stricter guidelines; and the measures that will allow law-abiding competition shooters to continue with their sport. — Robert Troy. [13174/23]

\*1077. To ask the Minister for Justice when the short-stay visa appeal by a person (details supplied) will be decided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13186/23]

\*1078. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will review the status of experts under the Guardianship of Infants Act 1964, (Child's Views Expert) Regulations 2018, with a view to correcting the anomaly (details supplied) to include current practitioners, that is, psychotherapists, already working within the court services, to be included on the list of child's views experts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [13251/23]

\*1079. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps that a person should take in order to become a peace commissioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13282/23]

\*1080. To ask the Minister for Justice the criteria which would prohibit a person from becoming a peace commissioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13283/23]

\*1081. To ask the Minister for Justice where a County Tipperary resident may acquire a list of all Tipperary appointed peace commissioners and their contact details; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13284/23]

\*1082. To ask the Minister for Justice if a peace commissioner is appointed in the Mullinahone area of County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13285/23]

\*1083. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of peace commissioner applications received and pending approval from persons resident in County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13286/23]

\*1084. To ask the Minister for Justice how frequently the list of peace commissioners is updated to reflect commissioners who have died, who have retired, surrendered or been removed from their peace commissioner appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13287/23]

\*1085. To ask the Minister for Justice if firearm certificates should be conditioned to specify the locations where the firearms can be used and whether firearms certificates should be conditioned to limit the use of the firearm to the purpose for which the firearms certificate was sought; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [13288/23]

\*1086. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of domestic violence liaison officers attached to each Garda division as of 10 March 2023 and 30 June 2021, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [13342/23]

\*1087. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of cases that each Garda divisional protective services unit has dealt with in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [13343/23]

\*1088. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will report on Garda Operation Stratus; the number of persons arrested and charged to date; the number of successful convictions obtained to date; and if this operation is still ongoing. — Darren O'Rourke. [13345/23]

\*1089. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of INIS staff that have training in relation to human trafficking awareness or human trafficking indicators; to what level this training is provided; if this training is provided on an ongoing basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13440/23]

\*1090. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will report on the implementation of the Irish Sign Language Act 2017 by the Courts Service. — Ivana Bacik. [13491/23]

\*1091. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will report on the implementation of the Irish Sign Language Act 2017 by the Prison Service. — Ivana Bacik. [13492/23]

\*1092. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will report on the implementation of the Irish Sign Language Act 2017 by An Garda Síochána. — Ivana Bacik. [13493/23]

\*1093. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will report on the implementation of the Irish Sign Language Act 2017 by the Legal Aid Board. — Ivana Bacik. [13494/23]

\*1094. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 510 of 7 March 2023, if he will clarify the official date of receipt of a visa application in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13556/23]

\*1095. To ask the Minister for Justice if he is aware of the proposals by the Firearm Expert Committee to impose additional conditions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [13593/23]

\*1096. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to each town in south Kildare in 2010, 2019 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [13596/23]

\*1097. To ask the Minister for Justice the average processing times for citizenship applications (details supplied) in each of the years 2015 to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [13617/23]

\*1098. To ask the Minister for Justice if applications for all stages of citizenships are dealt with in chronological order in relation to when applications are made; if he will clarify that no recent applications have been acknowledged or have been processed to the e-vetting stage ahead of older applications made previously; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [13618/23]

\*1099. To ask the Minister for Justice when he will introduce the Criminal Justice (Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking) Bill 2022 which was due to be published at the end of 2022; and if he is satisfied that the State is meeting its international legal obligations to children as it has still not ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. — Mary Lou McDonald. [13658/23]

\*1100. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13660/23]

\*1101. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has engaged with the relevant stakeholders in relation to the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Justice Report on an Examination of the Present Approach to Sanctions for Possession of Certain Amounts of Drugs for Personal Use recommendation that ‘the practice of cultivation of currently illicit substances at a modest, non-profit level be examined in light of above recommendations in order to regulate such activity’; if so, the steps that will be taken regarding same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [13716/23]

\*1102. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps he is taking in response to the Joint Committee on Justice Report on Women’s Shelters and Domestic Abuse Refuges recommendation that funding for domestic violence services should be significantly increased (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [13717/23]

\*1103. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will outline the procedures in place to protect girls living in Ireland who are identified as being at risk of female genital mutilation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [13718/23]

\*1104. To ask the Minister for Justice if fear, risk or experience of female genital mutilation is considered as a ground for asylum by the International Protection Office, in line with the requirement under the Istanbul Convention on preventing and combatting violence against women and domestic violence to interpret the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees in a gender-sensitive manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [13719/23]



\*1105. To ask the Minister for Justice the mechanism that is in place to ensure coordination and cooperation between Government Departments, State agencies and non-Governmental organisations with respect to addressing female genital mutilation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [13720/23]

\*1106. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will confirm the number of gardai assigned to each town in south Kildare in 2010, 2019 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [13726/23]

\*1107. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will release all his Departmental files to the National Archives regarding the High Court, Supreme Court and European Court of Human Rights cases in relation to proposals for gay law reform which resulted in a landmark judgement and decriminalisation thirty years ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13750/23]

\*1108. To ask the Minister for Justice if his Department has plans to remove the visa requirement for Peruvians entering Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13768/23]

\*1109. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will make a statement on applications for family reunification for programme refugees, including the number of staff he has allocated specifically to their processing. — Pa Daly. [13794/23]

\*1110. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide the number of knives seized by gardai in each county, in each of the years 2016 to 2022 and to date in 2023, respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [13802/23]

\*1111. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will commission a fully independent review of how to strengthen and reform the Data Protection Commission to ensure that it is fit for purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [13814/23]

\*1112. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Garda Reserve Strategy 2021-2025 guidelines are being implemented as outlined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [13828/23]

\*1113. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of staff employed by the Irish Immigration Service; and his plans to appoint additional staffing. — Ivana Bacik. [13829/23]

\*1114. To ask the Minister for Justice his plans to institute a guaranteed timeframe for the completion of naturalisation applications; and his plans to clear the backlog in applications. — Ivana Bacik. [13830/23]

\*1115. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda Reserves that are currently active in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [13833/23]

\*1116. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Programme for Government commitment to introduce Domestic Homicide Reviews legislation can be delivered as he has yet to publish the study on familicide and domestic homicide reviews submitted to him in the summer of 2022; and if he remains committed to the zero-tolerance policy as set out in the Third Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence. — Mary Lou McDonald. [13835/23]

\*1117. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda Reserves hired each year in County Meath since 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [13846/23]

\*1118. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is aware of the implications of the excessively long waiting time for those with pending citizenship applications from restrictions on getting mortgages to having professional, work-related restrictions; the current waiting time for an application; and the improvements his Department is putting in place to reduce this waiting time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [13864/23]

\*1119. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who have resigned from An Garda Síochána, per month, in 2022, by county and rank, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [13958/23]

\*1120. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who have resigned from An Garda Síochána, by county and per month in January and February 2023, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [13959/23]

\*1121. To ask the Minister for Justice the current pay scale for rank-and-file members of An Garda Síochána. — Martin Kenny. [13960/23]

\*1122. To ask the Minister for Justice the current pay scale for Garda civilian workers. — Martin Kenny. [13961/23]

\*1123. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prosecutions made under the Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Bill 2017; the number which led to successful convictions; and the specific crimes involved. — Holly Cairns. [14017/23]

\*1124. To ask the Minister for Justice if the steps he is taking to ensure that Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Bill 2017 are sufficient to address the instances of deep fake image-based sexual abuse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14018/23]

\*1125. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps he is taking to reform the Garda vetting process, including ensuring individuals to conduct one vetting check every three years which is valid for any relevant professional or voluntary roles within that time period, measures to enable individuals use the same vetting check for multiple bodies and organisations, an optional simplified renewal process whereby individuals need only add any address changes since their last vetting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14019/23]

\*1126. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda cars and vans attached to each Garda district within DMR as of 15 March 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [14039/23]

\*1127. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of vehicles seized by gardaí for having no insurance within Kildare Garda division in 2022, and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [14040/23]

*Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.*

\*1128. To ask the Minister for Health the extent of expenditure on ventilators during the pandemic, in tabular form; the number procured; the procurement process followed by batch;

whether exemptions or derogations were applied on a purchase, for each; the spend and volume by vendor; the number purchased via a wholesaler and the number direct from a manufacturer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [12243/23]

\*1129. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with diabetes who are awaiting a first appointment to the adult outpatient's diabetes clinic in University Hospital Waterford; the maximum and minimum length of waiting time periods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [12255/23]

\*1130. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults patients and paediatric patients attending University Hospital Waterford for type 1 diabetes care and for type 2 diabetes care, for each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [12256/23]

\*1131. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital admissions that occurred through the University Hospital Waterford emergency department due to diabetic ketoacidosis in each of the years 2017 to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [12258/23]

\*1132. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has made a submission indicating Ireland's interest in participating in the EU4Health joint action for diabetes and cardiovascular disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [12259/23]

\*1133. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times funding was moved across budget lines within his Department in a process known as virement; the name and purpose of the fund the money was taken from; the name and purpose of the fund the money was transferred to; the dates upon which he approved of such transfers, since he took office; if the Department of Public Expenditure was consulted prior to the transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12271/23]

\*1134. To ask the Minister for Health the way the €750,000 allocated in Budget 2023 for trainee counselling psychologist courses will be used (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [12285/23]

\*1135. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances and ambulance staff operational or stationed at each ambulance station in the country, by station; the average response time to ambulance call out, per ambulance station in the State, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12286/23]

\*1136. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times ambulances in each ambulance station in the country have been unable to leave hospital due to an inability to admit a patient to the emergency department, or due to the fact that an ambulance trolley was being occupied by a patient inside the hospital, in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [12287/23]

\*1137. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times a patient was deceased by the time an ambulance reached them, in each of the past ten years, by ambulance station, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [12288/23]

\*1138. To ask the Minister for Health the top ten longest lengths of time a person was left waiting for an ambulance in the State in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [12289/23]

\*1139. To ask the Minister for Health the longest length of time a person was left waiting for an ambulance to arrive in each of the past ten years, by ambulance station and dispatch point. — Peadar Tóibín. [12290/23]

\*1140. To ask the Minister for Health the longest length of time a person was left waiting for an ambulance to dispatch to them, perhaps due to a lack of available ambulances, in each of the past ten years, by ambulance station and dispatch point. — Peadar Tóibín. [12291/23]

\*1141. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that attended the accident and emergency department at St. James's Hospital from the 1 January to the 31 December 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Joan Collins. [12292/23]

\*1142. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of staffing all emergency departments with liaison psychiatrists for three years, in tabular form. — Joan Collins. [12295/23]

\*1143. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost when he establishes an international expert working group to examine pre-term births to reduce neonatal mortality rates. — Joan Collins. [12307/23]

\*1144. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of running each of the sexual assault treatment units in 2022, in tabular form. — Joan Collins. [12308/23]

\*1145. To ask the Minister for Health if monies were used or transferred from the national maternity strategy to fund abortion services in 2019 or 2020; if so, the amount transferred, in monetary value and as a percentage of the total maternity strategy fund; the date upon which the transfer took place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12309/23]

\*1146. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of adverse incidents reported to the national incident management system which related to termination of pregnancy in each of the past five years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [12310/23]

\*1147. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of adverse incidents reported to the State Claims Agency which related to the Health Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy Act 2018 in each of the past five years, and to date in 2023; if details will be provided of the outcomes of claims taken against the State in relation to the Act; the number of claims settled or ongoing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12311/23]

\*1148. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided by both his Department and the HSE to each of the local drugs and alcohol taskforces in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — John Lahart. [12312/23]

\*1149. To ask the Minister for Health if plans exist to remove the temporary prefab buildings of the neurology unit in GUH; the plans that exist to allow neurology consultants to continue to see their patients; where this will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [12316/23]

\*1150. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount spent on the purchasing of ventilators which either did not work or were unsuitable, during the pandemic; the name of the companies from which faulty or unsuitable ventilators were purchased; if attempts have been made to recoup the costs and get a refund; if so, if those attempts have been successful; the costs associated with

those attempts, including legal costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12336/23]

\*1151. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 200 of 15 February 2023, the number of staff directly employed by the HSE and the number of staff employed in Section 39 healthcare facilities known to be on leave from work for more than one year due to long-Covid symptoms, as evidenced by their receipt of special Covid leave with pay for that period of time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [12341/23]

\*1152. To ask the Minister for Health the medical basis on which a decision is being taken to remove special Covid leave with pay entitlements on 30 June 2023 from a large cohort of healthcare staff with severe long-Covid symptoms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [12344/23]

\*1153. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 638 of 5 October 2021, 691 of 29 November 2022, 1553 of 18 January 2023 and 204 of 15 February 2023, if he will provide exact details on staffing for a new facility in Midleton, County Cork that will accommodate three residents with severe and enduring mental health difficulties; the number of staff that will be deployed to the service on a day-to-day basis; if those regular staff who are on site daily will include psychiatric nurses or healthcare assistants or both; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [12345/23]

\*1154. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the workings of the development team, announced by Cork HSE management in May 2022, appointed to conduct an options appraisal for the construction of a new 10-bed mental health rehabilitation residential service in Midleton, County Cork; the name of HSE management staff who have been appointed to the team; the dates of their appointments; the dates of the development team meetings held to date; if minutes are available for those meetings; if he will provide details on progress the development team has made on identifying a site for the service over the past eleven months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [12346/23]

\*1155. To ask the Minister for Health the total cost of the HSEs use of Garnish House, Cork as a mental health facility since the property was first rented in 2020 to February 28 2023, to include, rent, cleaning, investment in the kitchen, insurance and any other costs covered by the HSE; if he will provide the projected costs for the remainder of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [12347/23]

\*1156. To ask the Minister for Health if a new GP can be facilitated in the case of persons (details supplied) who have been unable to source local GP care and require care for repeat prescriptions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12356/23]

\*1157. To ask the Minister for Health if a procedure will be arranged immediately for a person (details supplied); the waiting time for this procedure; and the number of patients waiting. — John McGuinness. [12372/23]

\*1158. To ask the Minister for Health the average patient experience time to admission via an emergency department for all patients for January and February for each year 2019-2023, inclusive, State wide and for each location, in tabular form; the average for all patients, the average for patients aged under 75 years; the average for patients aged 75 years or older; the number and percentage of patients waiting less than the average; and the number and percentage of patients waiting longer than the average. — David Cullinane. [12373/23]

\*1159. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who attended an emergency department in January and February for each year 2019-2023, inclusive, State wide and by location, in tabular form; the number and percentage of patients who were admitted via an emergency department; the number and percentage who were waiting 0-6, 0-9, 9-24 and 24+ hours; the number for all patients, the number and percentage for patients aged under 75 years; and the number and percentage for patients aged over 75 years. — David Cullinane. [12374/23]

\*1160. To ask the Minister for Health the maximum patient experience time to admission registered at each emergency department for each year 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [12375/23]

\*1161. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who left an emergency department without being seen in the month of January and February for each year 2019-2023, inclusive, by hospital, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [12376/23]

\*1162. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12377/23]

\*1163. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed transfers of care in January and February for each year 2019-2023, inclusive, by location in tabular form; the number of delayed discharges and the number as a percentage of all discharges; the number of bed days lost; and the number as a percentage of all bed days available for the period. — David Cullinane. [12378/23]

\*1164. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, in each month of 2022 and in January and February 2023, by hospital group and hospital, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [12379/23]

\*1165. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer-related appointments and procedures which were cancelled in January and February 2023, by hospital, for adults and for children, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [12380/23]

\*1166. To ask the Minister for Health if an immediate appointment will be arranged for a person (details supplied) given their GP has deemed their case to be urgent; the waiting time for such procedures; and the number of patients waiting. — John McGuinness. [12382/23]

\*1167. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of clinical status 1 ECHO and clinical status 1 DELTA incidents responded to by a patient-carrying vehicle in 18 minutes and 59 seconds or less in January and February in each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date in 2023, inclusive, nationally and by ambulance region, in tabular form; the average length of such response times nationally and by region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [12383/23]

\*1168. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of incidents responded to by the ambulance service by clinical status and sub status in January and February in each of the years 2019 to 2022, and to date in 2023, inclusive. — David Cullinane. [12384/23]

\*1169. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against patients at HSE facilities in January and February for each year 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [12386/23]



\*1170. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against staff at HSE facilities in January and February for each year 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [12387/23]

\*1171. To ask the Minister for Health the bed occupancy rates of each public and public voluntary hospital, by hospital group, for each year 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form; the national average; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [12388/23]

\*1172. To ask the Minister for Health the mean, median, and maximum wait time on NTPF reported waiting lists, by speciality and by location for January 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [12390/23]

\*1173. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on NTPF reported waiting lists by speciality by location for January 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form; and the mean, median, and maximum wait time. — David Cullinane. [12391/23]

\*1174. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people aged over 65 and over 75 years on NTPF reported waiting lists by speciality by location for January 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form; and the mean, median, and maximum wait time. — David Cullinane. [12392/23]

\*1175. To ask the Minister for Health the number of acute inpatient beds available at the end of February 2020 and at the end of February 2023, by location, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [12394/23]

\*1176. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1575 of 14 June 2022, the planned number of acute inpatient beds to be added; the planned total by year-end 2023; and the number of funded beds remaining to be delivered. — David Cullinane. [12395/23]

\*1177. To ask the Minister for Health the number of claims before the CervicalCheck Tribunal; the number of claims resolved by the Tribunal; the timeframe for completion of the Tribunal's work; the cost of the Tribunal to date, by cost type; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [12396/23]

\*1178. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 733 of 31 January 2023, if he will provide an up-to-date timeframe in which a person (details supplied) will be awarded the pandemic bonus payment given that they were a frontline worker at a nursing home until its closure in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12397/23]

\*1179. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the process to have the social work qualifications of a person recognised and registered with CORU in cases in which the person worked in Tanzania in the Department of Social Welfare and has a masters degree; if it is unusual for an applicant who applied in August 2022, not to be registered to date.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [12400/23]

\*1180. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on primary care and community healthcare waiting lists, for each care service, for January and February 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form; the breakdown by length of wait and by age; the numbers waiting for initial assessment, initial therapy/intervention, and follow up therapy/intervention for each speciality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [12408/23]

\*1181. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on CAHMS waiting lists by CHO and length of wait for January and February 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [12412/23]

\*1182. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on waiting lists for Jigsaw by CHO and length of wait for January and February 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [12413/23]

\*1183. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric orthopaedic appointments, by appointment type, cancelled in January and February 2019-2022, inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [12415/23]

\*1184. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 270 of 23 February 2023, if the independent reviewer who has been engaged in the case referred to will be asked by his officials to engage with a group (details supplied); if he agrees that section 17.3 and other provisions of the agreement to which the question refers provides scope for the reviewer to engage with all parties affected by the issues at hand, and that this includes survivors and their representative and advocacy body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [12416/23]

\*1185. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with scoliosis and the number of children with spina bifida on waiting lists for December 2022 and January and February 2019-2023, inclusive, by waiting list; the number of suspended cases, by specialty and by location, in tabular form; the number waiting 0-6, 6-12, 12-18, and 18+ months; and the average waiting time of all relevant patients on each list. — David Cullinane. [12418/23]

\*1186. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on paediatric orthopaedic waiting lists for December 2022 and January and February 2019-2023, inclusive, by waiting list; the number of suspended cases, by specialty and by location, in tabular form; the number waiting 0-6, 6-12, 12-18, and 18+ months; and the average waiting time of all relevant patients on each list. — David Cullinane. [12419/23]

\*1187. To ask the Minister for Health the number of spinal fusion and other paediatric orthopaedic procedures carried out by Children's Health Ireland in each of the years 2017-2023, by month at each location, in tabular form; the number which have been outsourced; and the location at which they were conducted. — David Cullinane. [12420/23]

\*1188. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children removed from paediatric orthopaedic waiting lists in November and December 2022 and January and February 2023, by reason for removal; the number removed without having a procedure; and the reason why. — David Cullinane. [12421/23]

\*1189. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on home support waiting lists for January and February 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form; and the breakdown by length of wait. — David Cullinane. [12422/23]

\*1190. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite a hospital appointment for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12424/23]

\*1191. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the benefits to Ireland of a decision to join the EU4Health Joint Action on Diabetes and CVD; the further action that his Department is taking in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12427/23]

\*1192. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in providing CAMHS and CDNT services for a child (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [12445/23]

\*1193. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds in the proposed 96-bed ward block at Wexford General Hospital that will provide additional capacity to the hospital; the number that will be replacement beds; the total bed capacity at the hospital after the proposed development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [12453/23]

\*1194. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ICU beds that are operational in Wexford General Hospital as of January 2023; the number of ICU beds that were operational at the hospital in January 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [12454/23]

\*1195. To ask the Minister for Health when free GP care for children under seven years of age will come into effect. — Holly Cairns. [12468/23]

\*1196. To ask the Minister for Health the services he is providing for individuals who receive assessments of need or other treatments from unqualified and/or unregistered psychologist. — Holly Cairns. [12469/23]

\*1197. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to provide pay parity for Section 39 organisation staff. — Holly Cairns. [12470/23]

\*1198. To ask the Minister for Health the current status and proposed timeframe for the First 5 action to develop a dedicated child health workforce, adopting a population-based approach; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [12472/23]

\*1199. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to support individuals who are required to travel to the UK for cancer treatment. — Holly Cairns. [12473/23]

\*1200. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not been given a date for a procedure in view of the consequences caused by the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [12487/23]

\*1201. To ask the Minister for Health the steps his Department has taken to address the ambulance service provision issues identified in the 2016 Brady and Flaherty Review of Arrangements for the Provision of the Emergency Ambulance service in the Dublin Region; the progress to date on each of the 16 recommendations; the timeline he is working towards for implementation; if he intends to publish an implementation plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [12490/23]

\*1202. To ask the Minister for Health the process by which a person (details supplied) can access the Covid bonus payment for their staff. — Martin Browne. [12492/23]

\*1203. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in issuing insulin pumps for children (details supplied) in Limerick; if the issue is pertaining to training as suggested; and the steps being taken to resolve the issue. — Niall Collins. [12494/23]

\*1204. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 823 of 14 February 2023, if the contracts for the 73 WTEs recruited in 2019 were hired specifically to provide termination of pregnancy; and/or if the facilitation of abortion/termination of pregnancy is stated in their contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12498/23]

\*1205. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of HSE and staff in his Department that were hired between 2019 and 2022 with abortion/termination of pregnancy mentioned in their contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12499/23]

\*1206. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the changes made to the medical card eligibility criteria in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12500/23]

\*1207. To ask the Minister for Health when an individual (details supplied) will receive their pandemic special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [12507/23]

\*1208. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who detransition in Ireland each year; and the supports the health service provides to these people. — Peadar Tóibín. [12509/23]

\*1209. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the issue of a long wait for orthodontic surgery in CHO8 (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [12512/23]

\*1210. To ask the Minister for Health the provision that has been put into place regarding women who have suffered a still birth at pregnancy; and if there is 'pregnancy after loss' notification on medical files to inform the doctor/midwife/consultant of the bereaved mother's medical history prior to an appointment and assessment. — Gino Kenny. [12517/23]

\*1211. To ask the Minister for Health when an individual (details supplied) will received their pandemic special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [12519/23]

\*1212. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a copy of all emails between the HSE, CRT and HIQA with a care facility (details supplied) in Limerick in the lead-up, during and after the Covid outbreak of April and May 2020. — Paul Murphy. [12520/23]

\*1213. To ask the Minister for Health the number of concerns that were raised about care facility (details supplied) in Limerick, to HIQA and to his Department in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and the categories they fall into. — Paul Murphy. [12521/23]

\*1214. To ask the Minister for Health the exact supports that were offered to a care facility (details supplied) in Limerick during the Covid outbreak in 2020, when there was a huge loss of life; if they went in to take over the service; and if not, the reason therefor, given the facility had little to no staff to care for dying residents. — Paul Murphy. [12522/23]

\*1215. To ask the Minister for Health the number of concerns that were received regarding the Mercy Hospital Cork in 2020, 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, broken down into categories. — Paul Murphy. [12523/23]

\*1216. To ask the Minister for Health the number of concerns that were received about Cork University Hospital in 2020, 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, broken down into categories. — Paul Murphy. [12524/23]

\*1217. To ask the Minister for Health the number of concerns that were received about Mullingar General Hospital in 2020, broken down into categories. — Paul Murphy. [12525/23]

\*1218. To ask the Minister for Health the number of concerns that were received by his Department and HIQA regarding a nursing home (details supplied) in 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will provide a breakdown of those complaints. — Paul Murphy. [12526/23]

\*1219. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who following a referral in October 2021 to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service at UHL has yet to receive any correspondence on an appointment date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [12535/23]

\*1220. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 823 of 14 February 2023, the breakdown, by category of the €7 million allocated towards abortion provision in 2019; if a portion of this money rolled into the following year; the breakdown, by category of the €9.5 million allocated to abortion in 2020; if portion of this money rolled into the following year; the breakdown of the €12 million allocated for the roll-out of abortion provision in maternity hospitals and units; the breakdown of any additional expenditure on abortion provision in each of the years 2018 to 2022; the total amount spent on abortion provision from 2018 through to the end of 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12538/23]

\*1221. To ask the Minister for Health the status of all 16 recommendations from the 2016 Review of Arrangements for the Provision of Emergency Ambulance Service in the Dublin region; the progress to date on each recommendation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [12541/23]

\*1222. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the recruitment process for the chief HSCP post advertised in December 2022; and if a successful candidate has been selected and appointed. — Róisín Shortall. [12542/23]

\*1223. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12543/23]

\*1224. To ask the Minister for Health if an organisation (details supplied) was included in the one-off funding for voluntary and community providers announced by his Department in February; if so, if a breakdown of the funding will be given; if not, the reason the organisation was not included in this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [12548/23]

\*1225. To ask the Minister for Health if the report of the review of the model of care for the termination of pregnancy service for telemedicine abortion is available publicly; if not, if he

plans to publish this review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [12554/23]

\*1226. To ask the Minister for Health the process that is in place to ensure frontline employees who worked in private nursing homes during the Covid-19 pandemic can receive their recognition payment, particularly in cases where a person is no longer working for the same employer and has not yet received their bonus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [12561/23]

\*1227. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals which can offer MRI scans for patients with a pacemaker or AICD; the locations to which patients in need of such scans are currently being referred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [12564/23]

\*1228. To ask the Minister for Health if he will instruct his Department to take immediate action to ensure that provisions are made for an assessment and treatment for a child (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [12565/23]

\*1229. To ask the Minister for Health the wait times from admittance to the emergency department to a hospital bed in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda from December 2019 to January 2020 through to December 2022 to January 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [12572/23]

\*1230. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who left the emergency department in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda post-registration but pre-admission for the full year of 2022 and for each month, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [12573/23]

\*1231. To ask the Minister for Health the number of procedures cancelled in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda from December 2019 to January 2020 through to December 2022 to January 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [12574/23]

\*1232. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount charged for parking at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; the total amount of revenue generated by parking charges; the net revenue generated for the hospital by parking charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [12575/23]

\*1233. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients and family members that availed of the €4 flat fee parking rate in car parks at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [12576/23]

\*1234. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of engagements between his office, his Department, the HSE and named stakeholders in relation to the three-year review into Ireland's abortion laws since its launch in December 2021 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [12582/23]

\*1235. To ask the Minister for Health when the bid management strategy to automatically outbid websites other than MyOptions in search engine results was set up; if he will provide a breakdown of the amount that has been spent annually on this function since its establishment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [12583/23]



\*1236. To ask the Minister for Health the number of appointments offered for genetic counselling, by hospital setting in each of the years 2019 to 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and the number of appointments that were met and missed. — Sean Sherlock. [12584/23]

\*1237. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12589/23]

\*1238. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the position of access to kaftrio for the 35 excluded children with cystic fibrosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [12596/23]

\*1239. To ask the Minister for Health if maternity hospitals have a policy in place for dealing with expectant mothers who have previously experienced a late-stage pregnancy loss or still birth; if he will consider the introduction of a sticker system to alert health care staff when the medical file of a patient includes a history of late-stage pregnancy loss or still birth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [12597/23]

\*1240. To ask the Minister for Health the number of prescriptions issued for fentanyl as part of a public drug scheme or in a HSE hospital, psychiatric facility or primary care setting and by a private GP from 2011 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12599/23]

\*1241. To ask the Minister for Health the number of prescriptions issued for codeine as part of a public drug scheme or in a HSE hospital, psychiatric facility or primary care setting and by a private GP from 2011 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12600/23]

\*1242. To ask the Minister for Health the number of prescriptions issued for morphine as part of a public drug scheme or in a HSE hospital, psychiatric facility or primary care setting and by a private GP from 2011 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12601/23]

\*1243. To ask the Minister for Health the number of prescriptions issued for tramadol as part of a public drug scheme or in a HSE hospital, psychiatric facility or primary care setting and by a private GP from 2011 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12602/23]

\*1244. To ask the Minister for Health the number of prescriptions issued for hydromorphone as part of a public drug scheme or in a HSE hospital, psychiatric facility or primary care setting and by a private GP from 2011 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12603/23]

\*1245. To ask the Minister for Health the number of prescriptions issued for benzodiazepines as part of a public drug scheme or in a HSE hospital, psychiatric facility or primary care setting and by a private GP from 2011 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12610/23]

\*1246. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered restricting the over-the-counter sale of codeine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12611/23]

\*1247. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to review guidelines for the sale of codeine products to protect public health given concerns about the misuse of codeine products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12612/23]

\*1248. To ask the Minister for Health if he has any plans to further regulate the sale of codeine containing medicinal products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12613/23]

\*1249. To ask the Minister for Health the plans to develop and expand services and treatments for people with opioid use disorder; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12614/23]

\*1250. To ask the Minister for Health if any projects under his remit are on hold due to Capital Funding pressures; if he will indicate the projects, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12629/23]

\*1251. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who started radiation therapy for cancer treatment within the recommended timeframe, on a monthly basis, between 1 January 2019 to date, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [12660/23]

\*1252. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people with skin cancer who started radiation therapy within the recommended timeframe on a monthly basis between 1 January 2019 to the present date, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [12661/23]

\*1253. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people with breast cancer who started radiation therapy within the recommended timeframe to start radiation therapy, on a monthly basis, between 1 January 2019 to date, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [12662/23]

\*1254. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people with prostate cancer who started radiation therapy within the recommended timeframe to start radiation therapy, on a monthly basis, between 1 January 2019 to date, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [12663/23]

\*1255. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people with cervical cancer who started radiation therapy within the recommended timeframe to start radiation therapy, on a monthly basis, between 1 January 2019 to date, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [12664/23]

\*1256. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people with head and neck cancer who started radiation therapy within the recommended timeframe to start radiation therapy, on a monthly basis, between 1 January 2019 to date, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [12665/23]

\*1257. To ask the Minister for Health the absolute number of people who started radiation therapy for cancer treatment, whether or not they started within the recommended timeframe, in each month between 1 January 2019 to date, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [12666/23]

\*1258. To ask the Minister for Health the number of appointment slots which were available per month for people to receive radical radiotherapy between 1 January 2016 to date, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [12667/23]

\*1259. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time equivalent radiation therapists that are required to ensure that people with cancer start radiation therapy within the required timeframe. — Róisín Shortall. [12668/23]

\*1260. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time equivalent radiation therapists working in the public health system to provide radiation therapy to cancer patients at the end of each of the years 2016 to 2022. — Róisín Shortall. [12669/23]

\*1261. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the number of full-time equivalent radiation therapists working in each of the public hospitals at the end of each of the years 2013 to 2022, and as of March 2023. — Róisín Shortall. [12670/23]

\*1262. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount paid to the private healthcare sector to provide radiation therapy to cancer patients from the public health system, via the National Treatment Purchase Fund or other payment mechanisms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [12671/23]

\*1263. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the review of the Health (Regulation of the Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018; when the final reports will be published; if he has received all reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [12674/23]

\*1264. To ask the Minister for Health if he will retain remote consultations for abortion services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [12675/23]

\*1265. To ask the Minister for Health the projected timeframe in which a system will be in place to facilitate processing of the pandemic special recognition payment to those who worked with a company that has since ceased trading; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12686/23]

\*1266. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reinstate versatis patches on the drugs payment scheme; and if he is reviewing the decision to withdraw them from the scheme. — Catherine Murphy. [12688/23]

\*1267. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 290 of 15 September 2022, if he will provide an update on the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [12691/23]

\*1268. To ask the Minister for Health the ten highest risks on the risk register maintained by each of the eight hospital groups in respect of each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12708/23]

\*1269. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide in clear detail the number of whole-time equivalents or redirected personnel who have been recruited as part of the University Hospital Waterford 24-person additional cardiac care team; if he will outline the core responsibilities that each of the 24 is tasked with in terms of deployment to the cardiac suite in Waterford; if these are recruited personnel now in place and available for duty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12709/23]

\*1270. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an opening date for the beginning of cardiac interventional procedures in the new cardiac cath lab in Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12710/23]

\*1271. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the additional service capacity that has been provided by way of additional dedicated day ward beds to the cardiac suite, with respect to the new cardiac cath lab in Waterford; what weekly service plan is being assigned in terms of

this bed allocation availability; where in the hospital these beds are located; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12711/23]

\*1272. To ask the Minister for Health the expected termination date of an agreement (details supplied); the return date of this three-day diagnostic list activity to UHW cardiac suite; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12712/23]

\*1273. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on an angiogram activity list (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12713/23]

\*1274. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a firm date for an expansion to a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12714/23]

\*1275. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12715/23]

\*1276. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details on a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12716/23]

\*1277. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 204 of 15 February 2023, if the HSE plans to provide specifically ‘continuing care’ mental health placements as well as shorter-term rehabilitation placements in a property it is purchasing in Midleton, County Cork to accommodate three people with severe and enduring mental health difficulties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [12731/23]

\*1278. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the support the HSE provided to Marymount Hospice, Cork in January 2021, in the context of a Covid outbreak in the facility; the dates on which the HSE was informed of the outbreak; the dates that supports were offered and provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [12732/23]

\*1279. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residents and the number of staff of Marymount Hospice, Cork who contracted Covid in January 2021; the exact dates these positive Covid tests cases were reported to the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [12733/23]

\*1280. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residents and the number of staff of St. Stephen’s Hospital, Glanmire who contracted Covid in January 2021; the exact dates these positive Covid tests were reported to the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [12734/23]

\*1281. To ask the Minister for Health the exact dates in 2021 on which ground floor staff, including nurses, healthcare assistants, catering and housekeeping staff of Marymount Hospice, Cork were offered first-dose Covid vaccines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [12735/23]

\*1282. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline proposals in relation to plans to abolish in-patient charges and if he will provide information (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [12738/23]

\*1283. To ask the Minister for Health if he will urgently re-instate primary care services at Clonbrusk Primary Care Centre, Athlone for all service users who have recently had their service

transferred to Longford Primary Care Centre; if he is aware that the Primary Care Centre in Longford has had a substantial increase in service users without any additional resources being put in place to this point. — Robert Troy. [12742/23]

\*1284. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify when the proposed Primary Care Centre for Ballymahon, County Longford will be operational and fully staffed; if he agrees that primary care service users who had been attendees at Clonbrusk Primary Care Centre, Athlone should be re-instated at this facility until such time as the Ballymahon service is operational. — Robert Troy. [12743/23]

\*1285. To ask the Minister for Health the number of autistic individuals and individuals with autism with an intellectual disability who are attending CAMHS or under CAMHS remit in each CHO. — Holly Cairns. [12793/23]

\*1286. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking in relation to concerns expressed by an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the ongoing issue of medicine shortages. — Holly Cairns. [12794/23]

\*1287. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that all the details concerning SouthDoc centres are up-to-date on the official website. — Holly Cairns. [12795/23]

\*1288. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to provide timely treatment for persons diagnosed with adenomyosis. — Holly Cairns. [12797/23]

\*1289. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the number of people on waiting lists to see a gynaecologist in CHO5; and the breakdown of waiting times on a quarterly basis, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [12798/23]

\*1290. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that workers in Section 39 (Health Act 2004) organisations receive the same annual leave entitlements as workers in Section 38 Organisations. — Holly Cairns. [12799/23]

\*1291. To ask the Minister for Health when a HSE employee (details supplied) will receive their Covid bonus payment. — Robert Troy. [12803/23]

\*1292. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the absolute number of people who started radiation therapy for cancer treatment; if they started within the recommended timeframe, each month between 1 January 2019 to date, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [12819/23]

\*1293. To ask the Minister for Health the number of appointment slots which were available per month for people to receive radical radiotherapy between 1 January 2016 to date, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [12820/23]

\*1294. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time equivalent radiation therapists required to ensure that people with cancer start radiation therapy within the required timeframe. — David Cullinane. [12821/23]

\*1295. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time equivalent radiation therapists working in the public health system to provide radiation therapy to cancer patients at the end of each of the years 2016-2022. — David Cullinane. [12822/23]

\*1296. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time equivalent radiation therapists working in each of the public hospitals at the end of each of the years 2013-2023. — David Cullinane. [12823/23]

\*1297. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount paid to the private healthcare sector to provide radiation therapy to cancer patients from the public health system via the National Treatment Purchase Fund or other payment mechanisms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [12824/23]

\*1298. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who started radiation therapy for cancer treatment within the recommended timeframe, on a monthly basis between, 1 January 2019 to date, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [12825/23]

\*1299. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people with skin cancer who started radiation therapy within the recommended timeframe, on a monthly basis between, 1 January 2019 to date, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [12826/23]

\*1300. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people with breast cancer who started radiation therapy within the recommended timeframe to start radiation therapy, on a monthly basis, between 1 January 2019 to date, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [12827/23]

\*1301. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people with prostate cancer who started radiation therapy within the recommended timeframe to start radiation therapy, on a monthly basis between, 1 January 2019 to date, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [12828/23]

\*1302. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people with cervical cancer who started radiation therapy within the recommended timeframe to start radiation therapy, on a monthly basis between, 1 January 2019 to date, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [12829/23]

\*1303. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people with head and neck cancer who started radiation therapy within the recommended timeframe to start radiation therapy, on a monthly basis between, 1 January 2019 to date, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [12830/23]

\*1304. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the way the HSE recruits workers for key healthcare roles from abroad when the roles cannot be filled locally; if there is an avenue for a non-EEA worker who is not living in Ireland to pursue a career in the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [12840/23]

\*1305. To ask the Minister for Health if allowances will be made when calculating a fair deal application by a family for an adult son (details supplied) residing in the home who is over 21 years of age and has special needs, if he will acknowledge it is grossly unfair to consider their maintenance in the calculations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [12850/23]

\*1306. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 645 of 7 March 2023, if a breakdown will be provided by the HSE to this Deputy, of spending, including set-up costs and maintenance costs, on the Covid-19 tracker, by month, in tabular form; and the number of times the app was downloaded and deleted, in each month since the start of the pandemic, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [12851/23]



\*1307. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients with severe asthma currently being treated with anti-IL-5 therapies; if any additional funding has been put in place for new patients in 2023; the number of patients he expects to be treated in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12853/23]

\*1308. To ask the Minister for Health when the electric charging point located at unit 4, Merlin Park Hospital, Galway, which was installed in 2022, will be available for use by the public and employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [12854/23]

\*1309. To ask the Minister for Health the number of sudden unexplained deaths in childhood that have been recorded, per year, for the past ten years; if his Department has conducted any recent research in the area; and what supports are made available to parents after a case of SUDC. — Seán Crowe. [12878/23]

\*1310. To ask the Minister for Health the preparations that are underway for the upcoming 10th conference of the parties to the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, which will take place in Panama from 20 to 25 November 2023; the Government's priorities; if there are preparations underway within his Department ahead of the conference; who will be attending on behalf of the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12880/23]

\*1311. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the business case for the National ePrescribing Project; if it has been submitted to the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [12893/23]

\*1312. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made by his Department in respect of targets and goals set out in sustainable development goals of the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development under the policy remit of his Department; and if these targets and goals will be met by their respective deadlines. — Denis Naughten. [12905/23]

\*1313. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the details of the HSE's new service for the delivery of gender-affirming healthcare; if there is a timeline; if members of the trans community will be consulted about what they want and need; if international best practice will be applied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12914/23]

\*1314. To ask the Minister for Health if members of the autism community are being turned away from the National Gender Service; if so, the rationale behind it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12915/23]

\*1315. To ask the Minister for Health the expected transport upgrades associated with the development of a new elective hospital at St. Stephen's Hospital, Cork; if improvements, including the installation of public lighting, addition of footpaths, cycle paths and bus stops at the L2973, will be part of this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [12916/23]

\*1316. To ask the Minister for Health the expected year of opening of a new elective hospital at St. Stephen's Hospital, Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [12917/23]

\*1317. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the formation of a minor ailment scheme implementation project group, with the view to enhancing services provided by community pharmacies (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12929/23]

\*1318. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the addition of medicines listed in Schedule 8 of the Medicinal Products (Prescription and Control of Supply) Regulations 2003, as amended, to allow for a greater number of ailments to be treated through a 'minor ailment scheme' in a community pharmacy setting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12930/23]

\*1319. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the expansion of medicines noted in Schedule 8 of the Medicinal Products (Prescription and Control of Supply) Regulations 2003, as amended, to include the full range of oral hormonal contraceptives and injectable long-term contraceptives (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12931/23]

\*1320. To ask the Minister for Health the proactive steps he will take to address the management of medicinal shortages, and to ensure the ongoing continuity and security of Ireland's supply chain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12932/23]

\*1321. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give full consideration to the appointment of a chief pharmaceutical officer within his Department to develop and coordinate a national strategy for pharmaceutical care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12933/23]

\*1322. To ask the Minister for Health if he will fully consider the allocation of sufficient funds to support future service delivery in the community pharmacy sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12934/23]

\*1323. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to expedite the registration process for pharmacists from outside the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12935/23]

\*1324. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give due consideration to the additional workload placed on community pharmacists in managing medicine shortages when reviewing their dispensing fee (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12936/23]

\*1325. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to ensure that community pharmacists, as essential members of the primary care team, are totally integrated and embedded into community health networks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12938/23]

\*1326. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to enable community pharmacists to be facilitated in managing therapeutic substitution more effectively, that is, without in all cases the necessity of reverting to a GP for a prescription; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12939/23]

\*1327. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the implementation of a fully functioning and funded national prescribing service, as a priority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12947/23]

\*1328. To ask the Minister for Health if a matter in relation to the labelling of alcohol will be examined (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12948/23]

\*1329. To ask the Minister for Health the options that are open to frontline staff contracted by the HSE during the Covid-19 pandemic who have not received their recognition payment (details supplied); how staff in similar roles, but in different HSE areas, have received the payment; the reason some companies contracted by the HSE are not applying for the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [12963/23]

\*1330. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ascertain from the HSE when funding will be released from an agency to an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [12975/23]

\*1331. To ask the Minister for Health if he will allow community pharmacists to dispense oral contraceptives without the need for a prescription, in line with WHO best practise; if not, the reason for continuing this barrier to accessing oral contraception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [12986/23]

\*1332. To ask the Minister for Health the reason community pharmacists are not reimbursed for administering the shingles vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [12987/23]

\*1333. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline he is working towards to develop a new rare disease strategy; if this strategy will address the significant delays in the drug reimbursement approval process, which can lead to a huge financial cost for people with rare conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [12994/23]

\*1334. To ask the Minister for Health if he has reviewed the Health Service Executive's Capital Plan 2023, as approved by the HSE board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [13004/23]

\*1335. To ask the Minister for Health the budget for residential care in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [13005/23]

\*1336. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [13006/23]

\*1337. To ask the Minister for Health the process by which Resource Allocation Group applications in CHO5 are received, assessed and decided by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13008/23]

\*1338. To ask the Minister for Health the process by which applications for funding for assistive technology for people with disabilities are assessed; which State body is responsible for assessing applications; the makeup of persons within the appointed body that make decisions; the current waiting times for decisions on assessments to be reached; what appeal options may be

available following refusal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13009/23]

\*1339. To ask the Minister for Health if an application has been submitted to the HSE to have sativex oromucosal spray added to the drug payment scheme reimbursement list; if he is aware of any report by the HSE drugs group following any such application; if a decision has been made or is expected to be made on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [13024/23]

\*1340. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to concerns raised in respect of due back payments for retirees in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and if he will seek an update on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [13027/23]

\*1341. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the rollout of CAMHS-ID teams across the State; the cost of resourcing one CAMHS-ID team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [13028/23]

\*1342. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make hormone replacement therapy, HRT, medication free for persons going through menopause; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [13055/23]

\*1343. To ask the Minister for Health the location and number of the minor-injury units referred to in the HSE Care Flowchart; the numbers treated in these dedicated units in tabular form over the past five years (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13061/23]

\*1344. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify when the Covid bonus payment will be made to a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [13065/23]

\*1345. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of any issues having been raised with the management of Letterkenny University Hospital by staff regarding staffing levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13074/23]

\*1346. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Roscommon who is a retired HSE staff member and who has not had their pension increased or arrears paid in respect of the National Wage Agreement, will receive this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [13082/23]

\*1347. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people with Kerry addresses who are currently waiting on outpatient appointments for orthopaedics in UHK, CUH and the South Infirmary Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13084/23]

\*1348. To ask the Minister for Health if a timeline will be provided for the implementation of pay increases for staff working in section 39 organisations; if he is aware of the regional imbalance in pay among staff at section 39 organisations; if there is a rationale for this; if there is any plan to address the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13090/23]

\*1349. To ask the Minister for Health the guarantees that have been sought by the HSE with respect to public patients in a proposed facility (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [13091/23]

\*1350. To ask the Minister for Health when legislation will be delivered to provide legal recognition to both parents who have children through surrogacy either in Ireland or abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13093/23]

\*1351. To ask the Minister for Health if patients with hemochromatosis can still be treated in the day ward at Nenagh General Hospital by a person (details supplied); if he will review correspondence from a person and hemochromatosis patient living in Nenagh, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13094/23]

\*1352. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to prescribe dedicated training for HSE-funded personnel administering sexually transmitted infection tests, and providing support to persons living with HIV to ensure that patients do not experience stigma in individual clinics. — Ivana Bacik. [13097/23]

\*1353. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure holistic supports for persons with a HIV+ diagnosis. — Ivana Bacik. [13098/23]

\*1354. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the review of the legislation the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018; when this will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [13122/23]

\*1355. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Treatment Purchase Fund can be availed of for those seeking an assessment of need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [13125/23]

\*1356. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for reimbursement under the National Treatment Purchase Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [13126/23]

\*1357. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider altering the National Treatment Purchase Fund to remove the onus on patients availing of this scheme from having to pay up front for the cost before claiming this back and instead allow payment to come directly from the NTPF; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [13127/23]

\*1358. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive an appointment for a procedure at Ennis General Hospital, UL Hospitals Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [13128/23]

\*1359. To ask the Minister for Health given the urgent need to fast track the re-build and restoration of Wexford General Hospital and to ensure that vital services are restored there as soon as possible, if he will use the powers available to him under Section 181 (2) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 to remove the necessity to go through a planning process in the reconstruction of the damaged building and the provision of temporary or modular facilities and to commence the building of the planned 96 bed unit at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [13142/23]

\*1360. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements in place to ensure dialysis patients can get treatment in different centres around the country to allow them visit relatives or go on holiday within the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13144/23]

\*1361. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the safe staffing framework and safe staffing levels in hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [13145/23]

\*1362. To ask the Minister for Health the average patient waiting time from arrival at the emergency department in Naas General Hospital to admission for each individual month of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form, for the cohort under 75 and over 75 years, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13149/23]

\*1363. To ask the Minister for Health if Naas General Hospital is operating at its full complement of medical staff at all levels and across all disciplines; the number it is missing in each of these levels and disciplines; the length of vacancy of each, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13150/23]

\*1364. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations by Naas General Hospital, by appointment type, in each of the months of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13151/23]

\*1365. To ask the Minister for Health the bed-occupancy rate at Naas General Hospital for each week of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; the number of beds available for the period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13152/23]

\*1366. To ask the Minister for Health the mean, median, and maximum wait time on the NTPF reported waiting lists by speciality for each month of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 for Naas General Hospital, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13153/23]

\*1367. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people aged over 65 and over 75 years on NTPF reported waiting lists by specialty in each of the months 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in Naas General Hospital; the mean, median, and maximum wait time, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13154/23]

\*1368. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on diagnostic waiting lists at the end of each quarter of 2021 and 2022 at Naas General Hospital, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13155/23]

\*1369. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on home support waiting lists for each month of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 in CHO7; the length of wait, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13156/23]

\*1370. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on CAMHS waiting lists by length of wait for 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 for the CHO7 area, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13158/23]

\*1371. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 184 of 1 March 2023, the reason Irish citizens who accepted a place in an Irish medical school directly from the medical school rather than through a CAO offer are discriminated against when internship posts are being offered, given the work permit requirement does not apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [13163/23]



\*1372. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to concerns raised in a report and in correspondence (details supplied) in respect of waiting lists for homecare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [13164/23]

\*1373. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13165/23]

\*1374. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment from Beaumont Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13168/23]

\*1375. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the outcome of recent meetings with the HSE and a company regarding securing the drug kaftrio for children with cystic fibrosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [13175/23]

\*1376. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide assistance in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [13177/23]

\*1377. To ask the Minister for Health the number of child and adolescent psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, occupational therapists, social workers, speech and language therapists, social workers, nurses employed at CAMHS mental health intellectual disability, community mental health teams in community healthcare west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13202/23]

\*1378. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people employed and whole-time equivalents at CAMHS mental health intellectual disability, community mental health teams in community healthcare west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13203/23]

\*1379. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for an appointment, the number of people on the waiting list, and the number of people waiting over a year, with CAMHS mental health intellectual disability, community mental health teams in community healthcare west, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13204/23]

\*1380. To ask the Minister for Health if he will increase the budget available to meals on wheels providers in recognition of increased running costs to providers to ensure this vital service can be continued to our most vulnerable and isolated citizens. — Claire Kerrane. [13213/23]

\*1381. To ask the Minister for Health the number of requests made to the HSE for a meals on wheels service for individuals via the public health nurses in 2022, the number of these approved, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [13214/23]

\*1382. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that meals on wheels providers are seeing more and more people being refused a subsidised service when sought from the HSE; the reason this service is being denied when sought by public health nurses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [13215/23]

\*1383. To ask the Minister for Health the amount provided by the HSE to meals on wheels service providers in each of years 2017 to 2022, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [13216/23]

\*1384. To ask the Minister for Health the funding options available to an organisation (details supplied) for upgrade works to ensure continuation of a service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [13217/23]

\*1385. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1079 of 2 November 2021, the current situation regarding a person (details supplied); how their care needs are being addressed, particularly when in a facility; if their medication has been reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [13222/23]

\*1386. To ask the Minister for Health if this HSE-mandated training for home helps is mandatory for all persons working as home helps in private companies; if this training is exclusively online; if workers taking this training do so as part of their working day; if the HSE requires private companies who employ these workers, to pay them for the hours spent doing this training; if the HSE that contracts these companies to provide home help hours, has set any minimum number of hours to be worked by their employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [13225/23]

\*1387. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he has taken in response to the Strategic Review of Medical Training and Career Structure (MacCraith) Reports. — Holly Cairns. [13231/23]

\*1388. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline his engagement with a regulatory body (details supplied) to address the backlog in the processing of applications for individuals to work as healthcare professionals in the Irish healthcare system. — Holly Cairns. [13232/23]

\*1389. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE owns a facility (details supplied) or is renting it long-term; and if the HSE funded its construction. — Holly Cairns. [13233/23]

\*1390. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to provide the staff and resources to treat individuals diagnosed with deep endometriosis in a timely manner. — Holly Cairns. [13234/23]

\*1391. To ask the Minister for Health if he will acknowledge the pain and trauma parents experience following the loss of a stillborn child and the impact that this can have on future pregnancies in terms of fear, anxiety and the re-experiencing of the loss; in recognition of this, if he will consider the introduction of a coded sticker that can be applied to pregnancy charts to indicate that the current pregnancy is a ‘pregnancy after loss’ that will alert medical staff immediately to read the history and act accordingly, thereby minimising the pain of having to explain at each visit about the previous loss; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [13238/23]

\*1392. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he intends to take to ensure that delays to the appointment of a dialectical behavioural team in the midwest are overcome in as short a timeframe as possible (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [13241/23]

\*1393. To ask the Minister for Health the supports his Department has in place for advice, healthcare, medication and mental health supports for adults in Ireland with foetal alcohol spectrum disorder (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13242/23]

\*1394. To ask the Minister for Health if he will recognise and meet with an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13243/23]

\*1395. To ask the Minister for Health when an urgent dental appointment for surgery will be issued to a person (details supplied) in Shantalla Health Centre, Galway in light of the exceptional medical circumstances of the person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13252/23]

\*1396. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has conducted any tests on disposable vapes currently on sale in Ireland following the discovery of non-compliant stock on the UK market where some brands were found to exceed maximum nicotine levels by as much as 50% in excess of the permitted level; if he has been informed of the results of any tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13254/23]

\*1397. To ask the Minister for Health if he will revise the long-term illness scheme to cover persons diagnosed with Crohn's disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [13261/23]

\*1398. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure a transitional nursing home payment is extended for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [13263/23]

\*1399. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be given an appropriate place for their care in the State; if not, if their care will be outsourced; if they will be transferred out of the State; and the estimated cost of outsourcing or transferring their care abroad. — David Cullinane. [13267/23]

\*1400. To ask the Minister for Health the reason free GP visits for children under eight years of age as part of a phased programme to provide free GP care for children under 12 on 1 February 2022, has not yet been implemented; when will this happen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [13289/23]

\*1401. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider extending the age of free health care to children that have missed out due to non-implementation of the under 12 phased programmes, given some of these children have missed out on what was promised to them. — Patricia Ryan. [13290/23]

\*1402. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the 142 neurological nurses that are required to support population growth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [13298/23]

\*1403. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) who is working in an agency will receive the pandemic bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [13303/23]

\*1404. To ask the Minister for Health the person or body that made the decision to award a company (details supplied) the contract for distribution of the pandemic payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [13305/23]

\*1405. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in organising a meeting with a person (details supplied) regarding the Civil Registration (Amendment) (Certificate of Life) Bill 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [13306/23]

\*1406. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine a request (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [13307/23]

\*1407. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; the reason their scheduled appointments have been constantly postponed for the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [13309/23]

\*1408. To ask the Minister for Health the reason clinical audiologists in Ireland do not have a professional registration body such as CORU to monitor and guide professional conduct and standards, given other clinical therapies such as speech and language, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, chiropody and so on, are offered CORU governance; if this is an issue that can be reviewed in order that audiologists can have access and receive guidance from CORU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [13327/23]

\*1409. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to clinical audiologists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [13328/23]

\*1410. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Treatment Purchase Fund can be used to reimburse families who have had to secure therapies not available through their CDNT due to staffing vacancies and other shortfalls with therapy availability in CDNTs; if he has plans to resource this for all CDNTs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [13330/23]

\*1411. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that are being taken to address the issue of pay parity among CDNT service providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [13331/23]

\*1412. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff approved in each of CAMHS 1 and 2 in south Tipperary; the number and specialty of the positions which are filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [13334/23]

\*1413. To ask the Minister for Health the data used that resulted in the increase in nursing resources for the medical assessment unit in Nenagh; his views on whether the increase in WTEs is sufficient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [13336/23]

\*1414. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made on the bid by the HSE for €5.2 million to support the medical assessment units at Nenagh, Ennis and St. John's Hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [13337/23]

\*1415. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant ophthalmologists with a special interest in extracapsular cataract at the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [13351/23]

\*1416. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE audiologists working in each primary care centre within CHO8 as of 9 March 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [13352/23]

\*1417. To ask the Minister for Health the number and location of palliative care beds in County Meath; and if palliative care services will be further improved during the remainder of 2023. — Darren O'Rourke. [13353/23]

\*1418. To ask the Minister for Health the number of jigsaw youth mental health services currently in operating in each CHO area, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [13354/23]

\*1419. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant ENT surgeons attached to each hospital that is part of the Ireland East Hospital Group as of 10 March 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [13355/23]

\*1420. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Safe Talk Programmes that were delivered in County Meath in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [13356/23]

\*1421. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the work his Department has engaged in to implement the nine recommendations of the Value for Money Review on Nursing Home costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13397/23]

\*1422. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request that UHL is more accommodating with visitors to patients at the hospital given it is causing upset and stress to patients and family members (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [13400/23]

\*1423. To ask the Minister for Health Further to Parliamentary Question No. 239 of 1 February 2023, if consideration will be given to a National Feeding Disorders Programme, given feeding disorders fall outside the scope of the National Clinical Programme for Eating Disorders; if he plans to provide an inclusive service for children with avoidant restrictive food intake disorder who have ASD and can therefore do not fit the criteria for mental health intervention as referenced in the response; if he is aware of this shortcoming in services; the way he intends to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [13407/23]

\*1424. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide information in relation to the population in acute psychiatric units and the number of long stay residents in the State; the number who have been in units over 2, 3, 5, 10 and over 15 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [13408/23]

\*1425. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to date in relation to the site selection process for proposed elective hospitals in Galway, Cork and Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13417/23]

\*1426. To ask the Minister for Health when a drug will be supplied under the drug repayment scheme to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [13423/23]

\*1427. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE staff that have training in relation to human trafficking awareness or human trafficking indicators; to what level this training is provided; if this training is provided on an ongoing basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13439/23]

\*1428. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the announcement in Budget 2023 that those on income below the median wage would be eligible for a GP medical card; and when this will be activated. — Brian Stanley. [13442/23]

\*1429. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting so long on a hospital appointment for an operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13455/23]

\*1430. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the increase to pension under the public service pay agreement which retired nurses have received since 1 January 2020 and are due to receive in 2023. — Holly Cairns. [13465/23]

\*1431. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the fact that 103 women accessed abortion services in England and Wales in 2021 due to the fact they were not eligible for care under section 11 of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [13466/23]

\*1432. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that participants in a psychology training programme (details supplied) are provided with the same funding and supports as persons pursuing similar programmes. — Holly Cairns. [13467/23]

\*1433. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that private opticians accept medical cards for eye tests. — Holly Cairns. [13468/23]

\*1434. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish the review of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018. — Holly Cairns. [13469/23]

\*1435. To ask the Minister for Health the date he is working towards for the second stage discussion of the Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2022. — Holly Cairns. [13470/23]

\*1436. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline when the capital funding program the money is being allocated for the development neuro-rehabilitation service centre at University Hospital Waterford (details supplied); the timelines for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [13478/23]

\*1437. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an appointment in Crumlin Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [13480/23]

\*1438. To ask the Minister for Health the biodiversity action plans that are in place for HSE estates or properties under its management in line with Government policy of protecting green spaces and high biodiversity areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [13505/23]

\*1439. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 253 of 8 March 2023, the specific funding amount that he is referring to in the response; if he will define the quantum of funding approved; the amount that is being grant-aided by EU funds; if any funds are being provided through the Exchequer or State funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [13510/23]

\*1440. To ask the Minister for Health if the Government intends to set up a public enquiry into the handling of the Covid pandemic in nursing homes; when the enquiry will get underway; how long it will take; who will conduct the enquiry; if the enquiry will be independent; what will be its terms of reference; what will be the scope of the enquiry; if service users will be involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [13518/23]

\*1441. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an increase to their HSE pension payments which fell due in February and October 2022, and in March 2023;



when the back money due will be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [13519/23]

\*1442. To ask the Minister for Health if an update will be provided on the fair deal application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [13521/23]

\*1443. To ask the Minister for Health if the Government intends to set up a public enquiry into the reason Covid-19-related deaths in Irish nursing home settings were among the highest in the world; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [13523/23]

\*1444. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with diabetes who are awaiting their follow up/return appointment to the adult outpatients diabetes clinic in UHW hospital; the number of persons waiting for 0-6, 6-12, 12-18, 18-24, 24-36 and longer than 36 months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [13525/23]

\*1445. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons attending UHW with type 1 diabetes who have requested insulin pump therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [13526/23]

\*1446. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric patients with type 1 diabetes who received an insulin pump while attending the UHW paediatric diabetes unit and have had to transition their care to other diabetes clinics in the past 0-6, 6-12, 12-18, 18-24, 24-36, 36-48 months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [13527/23]

\*1447. To ask the Minister for Health when backpay, which fell due in February and October 2022, and in March 2023 will be paid to a former HSE employee (details supplied) at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [13528/23]

\*1448. To ask the Minister for Health when backpay, which fell due in February and October 2022, and in March 2023 will be paid to a former HSE employee (details supplied) at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [13531/23]

\*1449. To ask the Minister for Health if the Government intends to set up a public enquiry to investigate the respective roles of Government policy, HSE and acute hospitals' transferral of patients to nursing homes without proper screening at admission and without adequate isolation accommodation on arrival; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [13532/23]

\*1450. To ask the Minister for Health if the Government intends to set up a public inquiry to investigate the causal relationship between enduring managerial weaknesses in nursing homes, public and private, as reported on by HIQA, and the tragic and disproportionate impact of Covid-19 in nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [13537/23]

\*1451. To ask the Minister for Health the timelines for the health technology assessment which HIQA has been requested by the National Screening Advisory Committee to undertake in relation to the addition of spinal muscular atrophy to the newborn bloodspot screening programme, or

heelprick test; when he expects the NSAC to receive this HTA; the length of time they will consider it; when he expects to get a recommendation on its inclusion from the NSAC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [13543/23]

\*1452. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has considered the career development and deployment of nurses in hospitals, in order that this highly qualified group could deploy their skills in an optimal manner; whether staff surveys have been conducted to identify sources of difficulty for the profession; and if a longer term manpower policy for deployment of staff in the acute hospital setting is being evolved to match best practice internationally. — Richard Bruton. [13548/23]

\*1453. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider having a system through which families could get impartial advice on the fair deal scheme in view of its complexity, through for example, an advocacy service or some other approach; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [13551/23]

\*1454. To ask the Minister for Health when the recommendations of the Expert Panel report, now two and a half years old, will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [13552/23]

\*1455. To ask the Minister for Health the WTE allocations for team 1 and team 2, in the CAMHS teams based in Clonmel, County Tipperary, broken down into disciplines; the vacancies within each team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [13563/23]

\*1456. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload numbers for both CAMHS teams based in Clonmel, County Tipperary; the number of referrals received in 2022; the number of those referrals that were refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [13564/23]

\*1457. To ask the Minister for Health when the mobile BreastCheck unit last operated in Mullingar; the reason it will not return to this highly populated area until late in 2023, given that the journey to Tullamore is a 40km roundtrip with irregular and infrequent transport links. — Sorca Clarke. [13577/23]

\*1458. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to carry out a review of the HSE acute care active performance management system, as recommended in the 2022 Spending Review Report, Hospital Performance: An Analysis of HSE Key Performance Indicators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [13578/23]

\*1459. To ask the Minister for Health when all Section 39 staff working in long-term residential facilities who worked throughout Covid with many still awaiting the payment will be paid the €1,000 bonus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [13579/23]

\*1460. To ask the Minister for Health when healthcare staff working in nursing homes (details supplied) who worked throughout Covid will be paid the €1,000 bonus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [13580/23]

\*1461. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that a vacant psychology post on the CAMHS Team in Clonmel, County Tipperary remains vacant and that the recruitment drive received no applications; the urgent efforts that are being made to address the lack of interest in such posts and the recruitment difficulties; if he is concerned about the ongoing difficulties with

recruitment that the HSE is experiencing, particularly in relation to disability and mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [13582/23]

\*1462. To ask the Minister for Health his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13595/23]

\*1463. To ask the Minister for Health if both the hospice and the care centre of Milford Hospice, Limerick will both be re-designated as S.38 service providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [13598/23]

\*1464. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place to deal with the shortage of GPs in Shannon town, County Clare and the surrounding areas especially in view of the pending retirement of some long-term GPs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [13599/23]

\*1465. To ask the Minister for Health in response to the Programme for Government commitment to supporting the genetics service at CHI, Crumlin; if he will allocate additional funding and supports to the department of clinical (medical) genetics at CHI, Crumlin to halve the waiting list for genetic services for people living with rare diseases in the next one to two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13607/23]

\*1466. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the response of both his Department and the HSE to address and prevent issues of foetal misdiagnosis occurring within the maternity and termination of pregnancy services; if he will specifically address as part of his response any policy or regulatory changes occurring in this space following an incident of fatal misdiagnosis that occurred in a case (details supplied); if an independent review is taking place; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13608/23]

\*1467. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13609/23]

\*1468. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of a national treatment centre for suffers of Lyme disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [13627/23]

\*1469. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to date with the site selection process for three elective hospitals, one each for Galway, Cork and Dublin which was advertised by the HSE in 2021 under the heading Elective Centre (EC) information and submission process May 2022; if no decision has been made the reason for the nearly two year delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13657/23]

\*1470. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to date in providing a new 40-bed community nursing unit in Clifden to replace Clifden Hospital and St. Annes nursing home; when it was originally decided to progress this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13662/23]

\*1471. To ask the Minister for Health the status of discussions regarding pay increases and full pay restoration for section 39 workers and those who work in day care centres for the elderly and disabled; if he will consider communication from (details supplied); when funding will be provided to cover this organisation's annual wage increase of 5%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13693/23]

\*1472. To ask the Minister for Health if the Covid pandemic payment for healthcare professionals has been transferred to a private agency (details supplied) to distribute among their staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [13708/23]

\*1473. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify what the qualifying criteria are for an individual with T1 Diabetics accessing the GP Card. — Holly Cairns. [13709/23]

\*1474. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking in response to synthetic cannabinoids use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [13710/23]

\*1475. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place to deal with the shortage of GPs in Shannon, County Clare, and the surrounding areas, especially in light of the pending retirement of some long-term GPs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [13727/23]

\*1476. To ask the Minister for Health the civil registration offices that remained operational during the Covid pandemic restrictive periods; the centres in which staff were awarded the pandemic special recognition payment, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13736/23]

\*1477. To ask the Minister for Health the reason staff at the civil registration office north east that were not awarded the pandemic special recognition payment, considering that staff at other similar centres were awarded the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13737/23]

\*1478. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ringfence dedicated funding for young carers to access counselling or psychological support from professionals with specific expertise in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13742/23]

\*1479. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider granting young carers a minimum of 20 days respite per year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13746/23]

\*1480. To ask the Minister for Health if he will include young carers in the National Care Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13747/23]

\*1481. To ask the Minister for Health if he will release all his Departmental files to the National Archives regarding the High Court, Supreme Court and European Court of Human Rights cases in relation to proposals for gay law reform which resulted in a landmark judgement and decriminalisation thirty years ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13752/23]

\*1482. To ask the Minister for Health the options available for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [13756/23]

\*1483. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined and an update provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [13759/23]

\*1484. To ask the Minister for Health if he will identify the placement alternatives for the client group under the care of the Laois/Offaly mental health services who either currently reside at a

facility (details supplied), or for whom the facility is their nearest 24-hour staffed facility; the distance from Rathdowney of each of these facilities; if he will provide details on how each of these facilities meet the requirements of the HSE Design for Mental Health Guidelines, by which the facility was recently judged in an architect's report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [13762/23]

\*1485. To ask the Minister for Health the reason an architect's report on a facility (details supplied) in County Laois was shared recently with a local newspaper, almost five months after it was sent to the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [13763/23]

\*1486. To ask the Minister for Health the number of 24-hour staffed community mental health residences in CHO5 and CHO8; the percentage of those facilities that meet the requirements of the HSE Design for Mental Health Guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [13764/23]

\*1487. To ask the Minister for Health if a new 24-hour staffed community mental health residence being purchased by the HSE for three people in Midleton will be regulated by the Mental Health Commission; where the three remaining residents of a centre (details supplied) will be accommodated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [13765/23]

\*1488. To ask the Minister for Health how he can reconcile the provision of three residential community placements in the HSE catchment of Midleton, Youghal, Cobh and Glenville with the recommendation in A Vision for Change of thirty such placements for a population of 100,000, and the provision in the north Cork HSE catchment, which had a very similar population size of the north Cork HSE catchment, comprising the Mallow, Kanturk and Fermoy sectors, of forty-two such placements; how this can also be reconciled with the right of people with disabilities to live in their community, as enshrined in the UN Convention on the Rights of Person's with Disabilities (UNCRPD); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [13766/23]

\*1489. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he and his Department have taken to ensure that NIACs advice to offer an enhanced influenza vaccine for those aged over 65 years is heeded; the preparatory work that has been carried out to date; the specific actions he is taking to ensure that those over 65 years of age have received the required protection in the 2023-2024 winter period; if he will outline any other steps his Department is taking and plans to take; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13767/23]

\*1490. To ask the Minister for Health the total compliment of long-stay beds HIQA approved in a nursing home (details supplied) in Roscrea in each of the years 2016 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [13773/23]

\*1491. To ask the Minister for Health the total compliment of long-stay beds HIQA approved in a nursing home (details supplied) in each of the years 2016 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [13774/23]

\*1492. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made on implementing the enhanced travel and subsistence scheme for student nurses and midwives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13780/23]

\*1493. To ask the Minister for Health the date the agreement was made by the HSE to purchase of a facility (details supplied); when the contract was signed and by whom for both parties; and the amount of the purchase price. — Alan Kelly. [13795/23]

\*1494. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new patients the gender clinic in Crumlin Hospital have taken in from 2018 to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [13796/23]

\*1495. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new patients the National Gender Service in Loughlinstown Hospital have taken in from 2018 to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [13797/23]

\*1496. To ask the Minister for Health the guidelines regarding value for money and risks that they have in place for the purchase of private nursing homes. — Alan Kelly. [13798/23]

\*1497. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 281 of 20 January 2022, 532 of 13 December 2022 and 528 of 5 December 2022, if he will confirm that the review and service demand need analysis which have been carried out in part to identify the allocation of long-stay, respite, palliative care beds in St. Antony's unit Clonmel can be made available to myself and the Hospital Palliative care Tipperary Group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13799/23]

\*1498. To ask the Minister for Health the status of surgery for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13807/23]

\*1499. To ask the Minister for Health the reason MRI scans are performed in St. Vincent's Hospital only between 9am and 5pm on Monday to Friday; if steps will be taken to ensure that MRI scans are available seven days a week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [13812/23]

\*1500. To ask the Minister for Health if an extra home help will be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13820/23]

\*1501. To ask the Minister for Health if CORU has considered protecting and regulating the title psychologist in preference to trying to regulate individual areas of psychology that is, clinical, counselling, educational and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [13826/23]

\*1502. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined, who following a referral to St. John's Hospital, Limerick for an operation has yet to receive any correspondence on a surgery date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [13832/23]

\*1503. To ask the Minister for Health the average time it takes for an ambulance to arrive at the location of a 999 call; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [13849/23]

\*1504. To ask the Minister for Health if the copper coil is covered under the free contraception programme; if not, the decision-making process that led to it not being included; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [13857/23]



\*1505. To ask the Minister for Health when the Sláintecare project on the development of a National Diabetes Register will recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [13858/23]

\*1506. To ask the Minister for Health if he accepts the need for a National Diabetes Register; the reason there is no current register; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [13859/23]

\*1507. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to create a chief pharmaceutical officer position in his Department; his views on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [13860/23]

\*1508. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the ongoing sick pay dispute HSE employees diagnosed with long-Covid who contracted Covid-19 in the workplace are currently engaged with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [13867/23]

\*1509. To ask the Minister for Health if hyperbaric oxygen therapy for long-Covid symptoms is being considered as an approved and licensed treatment by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [13868/23]

\*1510. To ask the Minister for Health if the appointment only system introduced in the paediatric outpatient and urgent care centre in Blanchardstown Hospital is initially for three months and then up for review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [13869/23]

\*1511. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the disposal of HSE buildings (details supplied); the stage at which this process is at and the intended timeframe for this to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [13871/23]

\*1512. To ask the Minister for Health the position for people who were illegally docked their disabled persons maintenance allowance during their stay in psychiatric hospitals; the process by which they can seek a refund of their money; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [13873/23]

\*1513. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on his plans for the €750,000 funding announced for trainee counselling psychologists; if this funding will cover part of the three-year doctorate programme fees and provide for trainee salaries, similar to clinical psychology trainees (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [13874/23]

\*1514. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners, by HSE regional area, who have applied to be approved to prescribe PrREP to patients under the drug payment scheme, by calendar year from 2017 to 2022, inclusive; the number of general practice practitioners, by HSE regional area, who have been approved to prescribe PrREP to such patients under the DPS during these calendar years; the reasons any number of GP practices have not been approved to prescribe this service to patients, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [13896/23]

\*1515. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who are taking or have taken cases against the State alleging that their unborn baby was wrongfully diagnosed and subsequently

aborted; the number of claims notified to the State Claims Agency; and the number of cases ongoing and the number of cases which have been settled. — Peadar Tóibín. [13932/23]

\*1516. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid out in compensation by each hospital in the State for adverse incidents, medical negligence, and so on, in each of the past ten years; and if a breakdown can be provided per year, per hospital or per hospital group, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13933/23]

\*1517. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the case of a person (details supplied); and the steps he will take to prevent such a situation occurring again. — Chris Andrews. [13964/23]

\*1518. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review correspondence from a person (details supplied) in County Tipperary concerning proposed amendments to the Mental Health Act 2001; if he will address the concerns raised by this person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13967/23]

\*1519. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 532 of 13 December 2022 and 528 of 5 December 2022, according to the these response, University Hospital Waterford will provide 20 Level 3 inpatient beds; it is also recommended in best palliative care practice that each level 3 bed have an equal number of Level 2 support beds in the region; according to the response, 5 level 2 palliative care support beds are located in Dungarvan, and 5 to 6 palliative care beds in south Tipperary; is it not opportunistic and prudent to increase the number of Level 2 beds in urban centre also, and increase the number of palliative care bed in Clonmel at the new development in St. Anthony's; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13969/23]

\*1520. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 532 of 13 December 2022 and 538 of 5 December 2022, if he will clarify a date for the meeting between the SECH Older People Services and the Hospital Palliative Care Tipperary committee, prior responses indicate that such a meeting will take place in the first quarter of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13970/23]

\*1521. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a copy of the design, layout and plans for the footprint of the development at St. Anthony's unit, Clonmel to this Deputy and the Hospital Palliative Care Tipperary Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13971/23]

\*1522. To ask the Minister for Health if he will support the 'Izzy' stickers initiative in public maternity healthcare settings (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [14005/23]

\*1523. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 683 of 28 February 2023, if he will provide details on the number of people on waiting lists for adult ADHD assessment in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14006/23]

\*1524. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the period poverty initiatives being rolled out across 26 local authorities, as committed to in the women's health action plan; the number of local authorities taking part in the scheme to date in 2023; the way in which the scheme is being evaluated; and the steps that are being taken to address the prioritised groups as outlined in the plan, including women experiencing homelessness, women living with addiction, Traveller and Roma women, and women experiencing consistent poverty. — Holly Cairns. [14007/23]

\*1525. To ask the Minister for Health the obligations of the HSE to conduct inspections of private residences and/or rented accommodation where the environment is considered a hazard and dangerous due to mould and damp or rodent infestation. — Holly Cairns. [14008/23]

\*1526. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to engage with persons impacted by data breaches due to cyber-attacks on HSE systems. — Holly Cairns. [14010/23]

\*1527. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that the adults being treated for serious mental health conditions would be eligible for the long-term illness card. — Holly Cairns. [14011/23]

\*1528. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant otolaryngologist attached to each hospital part of the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [14032/23]

\*1529. To ask the Minister for Health the locations of recruitment fairs in the UK that staff from hospitals within the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group were present in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [14033/23]

\*1530. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant urologists attached to Naas General Hospital in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [14035/23]

\*1531. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be approved for the recruitment of additional whole-time equivalent clinical nurse specialist in neurofibromatosis at CHI Tallaght. — Catherine Murphy. [14036/23]

\*1532. To ask the Minister for Health the number of resuscitation suites in the accident and emergency department at St. Vincent's University Hospital and Tallaght University Hospital, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [14037/23]

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

\*1533. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the 60% grant is not available to farmers to purchase a domestic wind turbine (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [13856/23]

\*1534. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of times funding was moved across budget lines within his Department in a process known as virement; the name and purpose of the fund the money was taken from; the name and purpose of the fund the money was transferred to; the dates upon which he approved of such transfers, since he took office; if the Department of Public Expenditure was consulted prior to the transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12262/23]

\*1535. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if, under the new Tams 3, solar capital investment scheme, farmers can export back to the grid for an agreed price; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [12333/23]

\*1536. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if clarification will be provided on a matter (details supplied) in relation to the cutting of bogs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [12402/23]

\*1537. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has acted on the concerns submitted to his office by an individual (details supplied) regarding numerous websites that have listed dogs for sale or adoption, in contravention of the Animal Health and Welfare (Sale or supply of pet animals) Regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [12430/23]

\*1538. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to monitor and act on any environmental issues concerning the operation of a fish farm (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [12456/23]

\*1539. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide funding for farmers and landowners to employ the services of a tree specialist to help them review the health of road-facing trees and to deal with issues where identified. — Holly Cairns. [12457/23]

\*1540. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a schedule of the meetings that he or the Ministers of State in his Department have had with an organisation (details supplied) in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the subject matter of the meetings, the officials present from his Department and the persons present from the organisation; and if the meetings were online, in person and or by phone. — Catherine Murphy. [12495/23]

\*1541. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if any projects under his remit are on hold due to Capital Funding pressures; if he will indicate the projects, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12621/23]

\*1542. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps a farmer should take if they are a participant in the Beef Data Genomics Programme and wish to switch from the use of a stock bull to artificial insemination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12672/23]

\*1543. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the names of the factories that have been fined for excessive carcass trimming from 1 January 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12729/23]

\*1544. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will meet with an organisation (details supplied) concerning ongoing issues in the inshore fishing sector. — Holly Cairns. [12754/23]

\*1545. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking in response to the environmental impacts of an increase in intensive farms. — Holly Cairns. [12755/23]

\*1546. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of his engagement with the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science; and the steps he is taking to establish a third-level veterinary course in Munster. — Holly Cairns. [12756/23]

\*1547. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to ensure the protection of hedgerow habitats. — Holly Cairns. [12757/23]

\*1548. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of the amount spent on the response to ash dieback, and the funding given to landowners, forestry owners, and farmers to replace trees, in each of the years 2020 to 2022, inclusive. — Holly Cairns. [12759/23]

\*1549. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of the amount of funding awarded to community organisations for tree planting in the years 2020 to 2022, inclusive. — Holly Cairns. [12760/23]

\*1550. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 718 of 6 December 2022, if he will clarify the reason some ACRES advisors, who had fulfilled all the criteria outlined in his response, are not allowed access to the ACRES GLAMS system; and the number of approved advisors that had no access to the ACRES GLAMS system and were, therefore, unable to prepare FSPs for their clients for over a month. — Holly Cairns. [12761/23]

\*1551. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of difficulties experienced by farmers applying for the fodder scheme who were informed online that their applications were submitted and were later told that the application had not been received (details supplied); the number of farmers that are affected by this problem; his plans to address such problems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [12839/23]

\*1552. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are plans for a sanitary agreement to be established between Ireland and Algeria for dairy and infant formula; if the principle of such an agreement is a priority; the timelines for the implementation of the agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [12841/23]

\*1553. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views generally on the availability and restrictions on grant aid for solar panels under TAMS; his views specifically on the scoring system on TAMS applications as they relate to farmers who are not qualifying as young farmers and farmers who are not farming on designated lands; if he is satisfied that all applications can be approved and funded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [12870/23]

\*1554. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will clarify the situation regarding surplus electricity produced from solar panels under a TAMS grant and how customers will be credited and paid for surplus electricity to the national grid where such a surplus is exported to the grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [12871/23]

\*1555. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will clarify the situation regarding TAMS grant aid available for solar panels and his views on whether such panels can be erected on a farm dwellinghouse as well as farm sheds; if battery storage and inverter can be put where the current fuse box is; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [12872/23]

\*1556. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress made by his Department in respect of targets and goals set out in sustainable development goals of the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development under the policy remit of his Department;

and if these targets and goals will be met by their respective deadlines. — Denis Naughten. [12896/23]

\*1557. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the new scheme replacing the BEEP scheme for suckler cows called SCEP will open for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13014/23]

\*1558. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the parameters he will be proposing in the Suckler Cow Efficiency Programme in order to ensure former BEEP participants are not excluded (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [13038/23]

\*1559. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions he has taken since taking office to combat animal cruelty and improve animal welfare. — Holly Cairns. [13047/23]

\*1560. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he has taken to address the call in the Inshore Fishing: Motion (Private Members) of 25 January 2023 immediately to allocate funds from the available EMFAF, to provide direct financial support to the Irish inshore fleet, which makes up 91 per cent of Ireland's fishing fleet. — Holly Cairns. [13048/23]

\*1561. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide further funding from EU Brexit funding to support the inshore fishing sector. — Holly Cairns. [13049/23]

\*1562. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the current situation regarding a basic payment to a farmer (details supplied) in County Cork. — Michael Creed. [13076/23]

\*1563. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the details of funding allocations made to date under the BREXIT Adjustment Reserve Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [13119/23]

\*1564. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will give an up-date on the closure of mink farms in the country; if he can confirm that all mink have been euthanised; the date by which this was achieved; the reason for the delay in paying compensation arising from this; and if he will make a comprehensive statement on the matter including the overall cost envisaged to the State. — Michael Creed. [13223/23]

\*1565. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the eligibility for the new TB compensation rates; if owners of all herds undergoing a breakdown for which compensation rates have not yet been paid are entitled to the revised scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [13315/23]

\*1566. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated capital and current costs that would be required if his Departmental officials were present at Dublin Airport between the hours of 8am and 11pm, seven days a week. — Darren O'Rourke. [13350/23]

\*1567. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a late application will be accepted for the ACRES scheme on exceptional circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [13360/23]



\*1568. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the timeline of payments to farmers across all agri-schemes under the remit of his Department for 2023; if these payments will be made in the same timeframe as in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13391/23]

\*1569. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when payments of the areas of natural constraints scheme will be made to applicants in 2023; if these payments will be made in the same timeframe as in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13392/23]

\*1570. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when payments of the basic income support for sustainability will be made to applicants in 2023; if these payments will be made in the same timeframe as its predecessor the basic payment scheme in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13393/23]

\*1571. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of agricultural inspectorate staff that have training in relation to human trafficking awareness or human trafficking indicators; to what level this training is provided; if this training is provided on an ongoing basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13437/23]

\*1572. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a person (details supplied) whose REAP scheme ended in January 2023 can apply for the ACRES scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [13446/23]

\*1573. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 706 of 7 March 2023, if he will clarify a number of matters relating to forestry (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [13456/23]

\*1574. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total amount of monies assigned to animal welfare organisations for 2020, 2021, and 2022, inclusive, including a breakdown of animals these organisations worked with; and the criteria by which organisations' applications are assessed. — Holly Cairns. [13457/23]

\*1575. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown by month and, of all greyhound drug testing from January 2020 to date in 2022, in tabular form as a percentage of starters at each track. — Holly Cairns. [13458/23]

\*1576. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details on the total amount spent by his Department and public bodies that operate under his remit on developing and upgrading recreational amenities in forested areas. — Holly Cairns. [13459/23]

\*1577. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a number of concerns from a farming organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [13524/23]

\*1578. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the Working Group set up to look at the Control of Dogs Act 1986 in relation to protection of sheep and lambs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [13544/23]

\*1579. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13587/23]

\*1580. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will ensure a producer organisation (details supplied) provides start-up funding to a recently established producer organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [13685/23]

\*1581. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details on the amount of money assigned to each producer organisation in total annually for the years 2020, 2021, and 2022, inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [13686/23]

\*1582. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will use the current capacity in the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund to assist inshore fishers in addressing high fuel costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [13687/23]

\*1583. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will engage with inshore fishers, their representative organisations, and their producer organisations concerning his plans for the implementation of the EU Action Plan on protecting and restoring marine ecosystems for sustainable and resilient fisheries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [13688/23]

\*1584. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking in response to a recent court of appeal ruling (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [13689/23]

\*1585. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of his engagement with a port company concerning the enforcement of bay bye-laws (details supplied) concerning trawling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [13690/23]

\*1586. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review restrictions on farmers when installing solar panels (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [13760/23]

\*1587. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether repairs and resurfacing of a farm road are covered under TAMS 3 funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [13771/23]

\*1588. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding a ban on trawling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13811/23]

\*1589. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the basis upon which creosote fencing will be banned from April 2022; if a derogation is or had been available if arising from European Union regulation or directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13821/23]

\*1590. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the strands available under TAMS for fencing; the allocation to such; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13822/23]

\*1591. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his proposals to ensure an adequate supply of fencing for agricultural purposes in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13823/23]

\*1592. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of any need for fencing in equine settings to be creosoted; the basis of such; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13824/23]

\*1593. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine with regard to the permit parking arrangements at Ros an Mhíl Fishery Harbour Centre for persons whose normal place of residence is on the Aran Islands, the consideration that has been given to the inclusion of vehicles taxed as “motor caravans”, particularly if they are the applicant’s only means of transport on the mainland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [13861/23]

\*1594. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason vehicles taxed as motor caravans are not included under the permit parking arrangements at Ros an Mhíl Fishery Harbour Centre for persons whose normal place of residence is on the Aran Islands; if he will provide details of the policy underpinning the exclusion of such vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [13863/23]

\*1595. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise the supports he intends to provide to sheep farmers to ensure they can sustain their industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [13872/23]

\*1596. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he can clarify a point in relation to commonage in the new ACRES scheme (details supplied) and the effect this is going to have on shareholders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [13955/23]

\*1597. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the legal implications for farmers with commonage shareholdings who wish to participate in ACRES (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [13956/23]

\*1598. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds who competed in at least one official trial at a greyhound track in each of the years 2016 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [14024/23]

\*1599. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhound pups microchipped and tattooed in each of the years 2016 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [14025/23]

\*1600. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds named in each of the years 2016 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [14026/23]

\*1601. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the budget allocation in 2021 and 2022 for capital works projects under the Fishery Harbours and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme; the percentage of that funding that was actually spent in each of those years; and if any underspend of that funding is automatically transferred over the next year’s budget. — Catherine Murphy. [14029/23]

\*1602. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an application for an afforestation grant or forestry premia will be entertained by his Department in respect of lands which were previously afforested and felled for which no grant or premia were previously claimed or received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [14044/23]

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

\*1603. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of times funding was moved across budget lines within her Department in a process known as virement; the name and purpose of the fund the money was taken from; the name and purpose of the fund the money was transferred to; the dates upon which she approved of such transfers, since she took office; if the Department of Public Expenditure was consulted prior to the transfer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12275/23]

\*1604. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if an organisation (details supplied) will be considered for additional funding; the funding streams available to this organisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [12294/23]

\*1605. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will consider funding to provide CCTV systems or the means to upgrade existing antiquated CCTV systems in towns and villages within any of her 2023 funding programmes including the town and village scheme and Clár; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [12444/23]

\*1606. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the local contribution required by her Department under the local improvement scheme 2023; if there is a cap on the contribution depending on the cost of a scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [12532/23]

\*1607. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the local contribution for the local improvement scheme is pitched at a lower percentage for islands in view of the extra cost per square metre of doing roads on islands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [12533/23]

\*1608. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there is a standard cost per square metre accepted by her Department for applications by county councils under the local improvement schemes; if this is higher on islands than on the mainland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [12534/23]

\*1609. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if any projects under her remit are on hold due to Capital Funding pressures; if she will indicate the projects, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12632/23]

\*1610. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will outline any activities he is pursuing around legislative changes concerning conditions of dog ownership and or licensing. — Holly Cairns. [12762/23]

\*1611. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress made by her Department in respect of targets and goals set out in sustainable development goals of the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development under the policy remit of her Department;

and if these targets and goals will be met by their respective deadlines. — Denis Naughten. [12909/23]

\*1612. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when applications will open for the Community Centre Investment Fund. — Niall Collins. [13003/23]

\*1613. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason a community-based organisation that promotes health and wellbeing through sport cannot be designated as charity under the Charities Act 2009; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13160/23]

\*1614. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding options that are available to an organisation (details supplied) for upgrade works to ensure continuation of a service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [13205/23]

\*1615. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on work to provide a pay deal for TUS supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13302/23]

\*1616. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of WTE senior case managers at the grade of higher executive officer employed by the Charities Regulator in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [13357/23]

\*1617. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she intends to provide funding for the purchase or long lease, including fit-out, of long-term secure accommodation for an organisation (details supplied) in view of its importance to society; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13415/23]

\*1618. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the financial and grant assistance available through her Department to help an organisation (details supplied) to develop a community walkway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13445/23]

\*1619. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide details on the funding streams and support available community groups who wish to develop/upgrade community recreational amenities. — Holly Cairns. [13471/23]

\*1620. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 508 of 8 February 2023, if he is aware that the RRDF project in Carrick-on-Suir, County Tipperary will go to tender shortly (details supplied) and that work is scheduled to begin in early June 2023, the level of work that the Carrick-on-Suir RRDF project must complete before Cahir, County Tipperary, can draw down funds to begin work on its town centre renovation, car park and library projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13529/23]

\*1621. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update in relation to the progress of the recent Rural Regeneration and Development Fund allocations to Tipperary County Council to the towns of Cahir, Roscrea and Carrick on Suir; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [13545/23]

\*1622. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if grants are available to communities to refurbish parish halls; if the halls in question are owned by the parish or dioceses and not on a long-term lease to the community; the steps, if any need to be taken to ensure that communities can apply for grants in this situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [13661/23]

\*1623. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide her response to the recommendation in the UCC report Housing and Sustaining Communities on the West Cork Islands to ‘Set up an island resettlement fund, in conjunction with innovative schemes to promote employment and remote working on the islands’; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [13722/23]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL  
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**Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.**

*1.* To ask the Taoiseach the number of meetings that have taken place of the Strategic Foresight and Strengthening Policy Development research project, jointly overseen by his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12974/23]