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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with Church leaders. — Ivana Bacik. [11009/23]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagement with church leaders. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12442/23]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on recent engagements with church leaders. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12857/23]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on recent engagements with Church leaders. — Bríd Smith. [12860/23]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on recent engagements with Church leaders. — Gino Kenny. [12861/23]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with church leaders. — Gary Gannon. [12654/23]
7. 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]
8. 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]
9. 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]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Mick Barry. [11398/23]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Cian O'Callaghan. [12945/23]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [13428/23]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24. 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]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*47. To ask the Taoiseach further to Parliamentary Question No. 140 of 7 March 2023, the amount received in honoraria or expenses by chairs of all previous citizens assemblies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14047/23]

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

*48. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide details on the grants given by IDA Ireland to each of the largest 20 technology companies, by value that are client-companies of the agency in each of the years 2013 to 2023, respectively under various headings such as employment, training, research and development and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14143/23]

*49. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide information on the amount of monies repaid to the State by the largest of the 20 technology companies, by value that are client-companies of the IDA in each of the years 2013 to 2023, respectively, with a particular focus on the area of employment grants where employment targets and conditions of grants were not met in terms of maintenance of employment numbers for a specified period and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14144/23]

*50. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on what is now a large the divergence between direct and indirect or contracted jobs maintained by multi-national technology corporations located in the State and supported by IDA; if he is concerned at this trend; if IDA will revert to stating direct employment numbers in job announcements by all FDI companies and not the total of direct and contract jobs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14145/23]

*51. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has made contact with a company (details supplied) following its recent announcement in relation to a 5% cut to its global workforce; what this may mean specifically for the company's employees here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14262/23]

*52. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the capital and current funding allocation for the regional enterprise innovation scoping scheme in 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14279/23]

*53. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the capital and current funding allocation for the Pre-Seed Start Fund in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14280/23]

*54. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of The National Employment Rights Authority Inspectors who have been given training in human trafficking. — Patrick Costello. [14363/23]

*55. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide data, if available, on the qualification levels (details supplied) of civil servants in his Department as of 31 December 2022; how educational attainment levels have evolved in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14630/23]

*56. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the average number of days training per grade, in his Department in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; how this compares internationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14852/23]

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

*57. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of dedicated funding that will be provided to each local authority to monitor and enforce the smoky coal ban and any future solid fuel regulations as part of the forthcoming Clean Air Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14054/23]

*58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the forthcoming Clean Air Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14055/23]

*59. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the level of enforcement notices and prosecutions as reported to the agency by local authorities in each of the years 2018 to 2022, and to date in 2023 under the updated Solid Fuel Regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14056/23]

*60. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the maximum fine administered for breaches under the Air Pollution Act 1987 (Solid Fuels) Regulations 2022 (S.I. No. 529 of 2022); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14057/23]

*61. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the updated average cost for retrofitting a social housing unit as part of the national retrofitting scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14060/23]

*62. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes retrofitted, and heat pumps installed to date as part of the National Retrofitting Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14062/23]

*63. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 87 of 18 January 2023, if the report which was requested from NewERA has been completed, and if not, the timeline for completion of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [14126/23]

*64. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if research has been undertaken by his Department into the processes engaged in the production of plastics in

Ireland and transforming plastics in Ireland into syngas using solar technology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [14288/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*65. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of electric vehicles in Ireland to date in 2023; the number of electric vehicles registered annually over the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14064/23]

*66. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of cars and percentage of the national vehicle fleet powered by fossil fuels in 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14065/23]

*67. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of €5,000 grant scheme available for the purchase of new battery electric vehicles (BEVs); if he is considering extending the scheme beyond this summer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14070/23]

*68. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of schools enrolled in the safe routes to school in 2022 and to date in 2023; the number of schools waiting to be enrolled; the breakdown of the number of schools enrolled in the programme by each county council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14071/23]

*69. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of the 248 new posts for active travel teams in local authorities that have been filled; the number that currently remain outstanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14072/23]

*70. To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of the 248 new posts for active travel teams in local authorities by county, in tabular form; the number that have been filled to date; the number of vacancies at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14073/23]

*71. To ask the Minister for Transport the level of funding that has been allocated to the safe routes to school programme in 2023; the number of schools that are availing of the fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14074/23]

*72. To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of the amount each county council has drawn down from its allocated active travel funding in 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14075/23]

*73. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of the €289 million allocated to walking and cycling infrastructure in 2022 that has been spent; if he will provide a breakdown of where the funding has been spent to date in each county council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14076/23]

*74. To ask the Minister for Transport for a breakdown of the €290 million assigned to walking and cycling that has been allocated to each county council; if he will provide information on the amount of funding that has been spent to date in 2023 by each county council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14077/23]

*75. To ask the Minister for Transport the total cost arising from the reduced 20% public transport fares to the public and the reduced 50% public transport to students and young people under 24 years of age nationwide; if he is considering making the reduction permanent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14079/23]

*76. To ask the Minister for Transport the total estimated cost of eliminating all public transport fares in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14080/23]

*77. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to increase transport accessibility in public transport in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14081/23]

*78. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking in improving pedestrian safety and infrastructure on rural roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14082/23]

*79. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Government is considering implementing a congestion charge on private motor vehicles entering Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14083/23]

*80. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people currently on an NCT cancellation list by county. — Thomas Gould. [14106/23]

*81. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people with appointments booked for NCTs by county. — Thomas Gould. [14107/23]

*82. To ask the Minister for Transport when the new powers in relation to the use of scramblers will be activated; and if guidelines will be issued to gardaí at local level on the use of these powers. — Richard Bruton. [14122/23]

*83. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the delay in driving tests; when a person (details supplied) will be given a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14149/23]

*84. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans to provide increased public transport either by way of CIÉ or private bus operators to Kilshanroe, Enfield, County Kildare, given the population increase in the area in recent years, and the fact that the 120 bus passes through the village each day but does not stop; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14150/23]

*85. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide information about the introduction of E10 petrol in Ireland; if he is aware of the concerns about the potential impact of this fuel type on older engines, both in cars and garden equipment; if he can provide reassurance about these concerns; if he will advise if E5 Petrol will still be available to purchase in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [14174/23]

*86. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will intervene with the NTA in relation to the poor provision of bus services in Ballyfermot, specifically in relation to routes in lower Ballyfermot such as the 60 route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14175/23]

*87. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider increasing the frequency of the Dublin Bus 60 route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14176/23]

*88. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the updated speed guidance document for local authorities; when it will be issued to local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14183/23]

*89. To ask the Minister for Transport if an audit of habitable properties or properties that were previously inhabited, to include but not limited to station masters' accommodation and gate keepers' lodges and houses has recently been carried out by CIÉ; if he will outline the results of the most recent audit carried out, specifying when it was carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [14229/23]

*90. To ask the Minister for Transport if a person (details supplied) will be given priority in their driving test as they require it for work. — Niamh Smyth. [14276/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*91. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons to whom online platforms have paid compensation following said persons being victims of authorised push payment fraud as a result of fraudulent advertisements on their platforms; and the total value of compensation paid, in each of the years 2018 to 2022, inclusive. — Pearse Doherty. [14335/23]

*92. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 232 of 7 March 2023, the projected revenue in a full year of a return to a 13.5% VAT rate for the hospitality sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14048/23]

*93. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of applications under the cycle-to-work scheme in 2022 and to date in 2023; if he will provide a breakdown between the number of bicycles, pedelecs, e-bikes, and e-cargo bikes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14058/23]

*94. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on expanding the reach of the bike-to-work scheme to beyond PAYE to everyone employers, sole-traders, students, jobseekers, disabled, unpaid home-work and the retired; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14059/23]

*95. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of category A vehicles that were charged with the nitrogen dioxide emissions (NOx) levy in 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023; the revenue raised each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14066/23]

*96. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised if the current nitrogen dioxide (NOx) levy was doubled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14067/23]

*97. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised annually if the current nitrogen dioxide (NOx) levy was applied to both categories A and B vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14068/23]

*98. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised if the carbon tax was doubled and the 2030 levy target was doubled to €200 per tonne; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14078/23]

*99. To ask the Minister for Finance the disciplines and professions he believes should be required to conduct the multidisciplinary assessments for the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme (details supplied); who they would be employed by; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14272/23]

*100. To ask the Minister for Finance the training provided to revenue inspectors in relation to human trafficking. — Patrick Costello. [14361/23]

*101. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide data, if available, on the qualification levels (details supplied) of civil servants in his Department as of 31 December 2022; how educational attainment levels have evolved in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14631/23]

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.

*102. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide a list of all playgrounds maintained by the Office of Public Works in each county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [13994/23]

*103. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update in relation to a pension transfer for a person (details supplied); and to confirm if he received clarity from CIÉ and the Department of Transport on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [13996/23]

*104. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he plans to reintroduce in a modernised format a portal or publication similar to the State Directory which was previously available from the Government Publication Office (details supplied); if he plans to expand the who does what sections of departmental websites to provide additional information in order to enhance transparency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14133/23]

*105. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if it is his policy to continue to enhance and develop high-level and continuous training and education at all levels of the civil and public service in order to maintain the high standards of the service; if he is satisfied as to the quality and adequacy of training and education opportunities provided; how levels of training and continuous learning of Irish civil and public servants compares to other countries; if he has any plans to improve the levels of education and training and access to it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14134/23]

*106. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide data, if available, on the qualification levels (details supplied) of civil servants in his Department as of 31 December 2022; how educational attainment levels have evolved in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14135/23]

*107. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if there is a dedicated civil service management training unit in the service; if he will list other training agencies of the State including the Institute for Public affairs, and any other bodies, including the learning and development section in his own Department involved in the delivery of training and education across the service with and on behalf of departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14136/23]

*108. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide information on the training and continuing education budget for civil servants in his Department for 2023 compared to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14137/23]

*109. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the proportion of all civil service training in his Department which is outsourced; the names of the private companies to which the outsourcing is procured from; the fees paid to each company in excess of €10,000 over each of the past three years; if he will list any courses and training procured abroad by senior civil servants in 2020, 2021 and 2022; the name of the universities, institutes, and private and public bodies involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14138/23]

*110. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the average number of days training per grade in his Department in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; how this compares internationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14139/23]

*111. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the position of his Department with respect to maternity and paternity leave where the parent has applied for such leave following on from securing a successful surrogacy arrangement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14355/23]

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

*112. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has plans to propose a broadcasting charge on all households; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [14119/23]

*113. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil iarratas faighte ó eagraíocht (sonraí tugtha) ar mhionbhus a cheannach; má tá, cén uair a dhéanfar cinneadh ar an iarratas; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14169/23]

*114. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide data, if available, on the qualification levels (details supplied) of civil servants in her Department as of 31 December 2022; how educational attainment levels have evolved in recent years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14635/23]

*115. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the average number of days training per grade, in her Department in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; how this compares internationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14865/23]

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

*116. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the additional staff sought by Cork City Council its housing directorate by division, that is, vacancy, adaptation, maintenance and so on, in the past 12 months, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [14108/23]

*117. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the additional staff sought by Cork County Council its housing directorate by division that is, vacancy, adaptation, maintenance, and so on) in the past 12 months, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [14109/23]

*118. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of additional staff sought by each local authority, by directorate, in tabular form in the past 12 months. — Thomas Gould. [14110/23]

*119. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for additional regulation of short-term letting in rent pressure zones. — James O'Connor. [14121/23]

*120. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his view on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if he will formally communicate to local authorities the requirement for all councils to fully implement the terms of the framework agreement reached with trades unions in relation to the protection of pay, terms and condition of all workers referred to under the terms of the agreement referred to in the correspondence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14140/23]

*121. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of dwellings leased by local authorities in each year since 2016, broken down by local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [14167/23]

*122. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will list the number of local authorities that have been funded for biodiversity officers to date; the number that are being employed; the funding allocated for those posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14201/23]

*123. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authorities that have undertaken hedgerow surveys; whether targeted funding is available to councils to undertake this work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14202/23]

*124. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline his role, in the study and protection of hedgerows; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14203/23]

*125. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the review of the Wildlife Act 1976; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14206/23]

*126. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of times the NPWS working group, convened to focus on bird species of concern that are included in the open season hunting list, has met; the outcomes from those meetings; what the next steps will be; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14207/23]

*127. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will exclude bird species of concern that is, red and amber listed from the 2023-2024 open season hunting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14208/23]

*128. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department operates under the principle of the precautionary approach in relation to species management, and if not, the rationale for not adhering to that ecological principle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14209/23]

*129. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the NPWS national survey on the prevalence of RHD2 in rabbits has been completed; what the results of that survey were and their relevance to hare populations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14210/23]

*130. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the scientific, social or economic considerations and assessment he takes into account when issuing the annual licence for hare coursing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14211/23]

*131. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the Development a new National Invasive Species Management Plan; if any legislation is forthcoming on invasives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14212/23]

*132. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ban on the sale of rhododendron ponticum due to the environmental and economic cost of its spread as an invasive species; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14213/23]

*133. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the species introductions that have taken place over the past ten years; and the reintroductions that are currently being considered for the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14214/23]

*134. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on each action in the NPWS strategic plan, including if the action is completed, or on track to meet its deadline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14215/23]

*135. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the appointment of park manager for each national park has been completed; if he will outline plans for the development of management plans for each of the parks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14216/23]

*136. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the additional monitoring and protections that have been put in place for the new maritime SACs, the Southern Canyons SAC and Porcupine SAC; the additional funding that has been provided for these measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14217/23]

*137. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the newly proposed maritime Special Protection Areas, under the EU Birds Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14218/23]

*138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of people in each local authority nationally who have been served with eviction notices that each council is aware of; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [14250/23]

*139. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he plans to publish the review of Housing Aid for Older Persons, Housing Adaptation Grants and Mobility Aids Grants; if he plans to increase the grant amount available through this scheme to reflect the additional costs of the works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [14261/23]

*140. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm what is meant by the phrase ‘delegated sanction’ in Circular 08/2023 with respect to tenant-in-situ acquisitions by local authorities. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14278/23]

*141. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the process for him to designate a proposed natural heritage area; if he will consider this in the event a pNHA is demonstrated to be of significant community or local ecological importance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14281/23]

*142. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to engage with inshore fishers, their representative organisations, and their producer organisations concerning a co-management approach to Marine Protected Areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14302/23]

*143. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on introducing regulations concerning the use of rock-breaking equipment. — Holly Cairns. [14303/23]

*144. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can clarify, In relation to the rules and guidelines provided by him to local authorities to purchase homes with tenants in situ; the position of a tenant, in receipt of housing supports, facing eviction on grounds of sale but where the local authority are refusing to consider purchasing the home because the tenant, while registered with this local authority, and is actually housed in the jurisdiction of a neighbouring county and local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14373/23]

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

*145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will take the British government to the European Court of Human Rights if it proceeds with the North of Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill. — Peadar Tóibín. [13999/23]

*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will seek reform of Stormont to prevent the executive being held to ransom in the future. — Peadar Tóibín. [14000/23]

*147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the projected costs arising from his decision to join the State in EU Commission enforcement proceedings against Hungary; if he will list all previous cases in which the State has joined EU Commission litigation as a plaintiff against another member state; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14046/23]

*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of people currently awaiting a passport with an address in Cork; and the average processing times. — Thomas Gould. [14104/23]

*149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the status of the Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018 in light of the Israeli government recently authorising nine illegal settlements in the occupied West Bank; his plans to progress this Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14277/23]

*150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to open a Passport Office in the west of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14283/23]

*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the services that are available to provide help and support for returning and returned Irish immigrants to secure their UK state pension entitlements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14284/23]

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

*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he outline the budget available within his Department to secure a replacement Government jet, which is recommended to be replaced in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14141/23]

*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will set out the full range of allowances for the pre-deployment training period, stand-by period and if required deployed periods payable to members of the Defence forces for the upcoming German-led EU Battle group 2025. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14273/23]

*154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will set out the full range of allowances payable to members of the Defence Forces deploying even for short periods to the Special Training Command in Strasbourg, Germany in support to the EUs Military Assistance Mission in Ukraine (EUMAM Ukraine). — Jim O'Callaghan. [14274/23]

*155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide data, if available, on the qualification levels (details supplied) of civil servants in his Department as of 31 December 2022; how educational attainment levels have evolved in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14629/23]

*156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the average number of days training per grade, in his Department in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; how this compares internationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14850/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*157. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the funding for the 58 schools capital projects; when the funding will be reinstated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14267/23]

*158. To ask the Minister for Education if the ongoing provision of funding for temporary school accommodation was taken into account when the decision was made to suspend funding

for schools capital projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14268/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration has been given to the impact on independent and local book stores with the introduction of the free primary book scheme as it is currently proposed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [13667/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for Education to list all schools in Ireland that were granted capital funding for additional accommodation from January 2019 to date, specify in the case of each school if this funding has been reviewed/withdrawn in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [13982/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the discrepancy in the assistive technology grant for students with hearing difficulties whereby only students with physical hearing impairments can qualify; this excludes those with non-physical auditory processing difficulties; can this grant be reviewed to include all students with a medically certified recommendation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [13983/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the building programme review; what stage is this review at; when this review will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [13985/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update in respect of a school building project in Naas, County Kildare (details supplied); if this project will be delivered on schedule; if prefabs will be required in addition to the new build classrooms; if she will clarify the consequences if the school determined it required additional permanent classrooms added to the project at this point in time. — Catherine Murphy. [13997/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for Education her engagement to date with the Minister for Transport in relation to extending the age limit for school bus drivers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [14098/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has policies in relation to private companies paying for wages of school staff in primary schools; if her Department has policies in relation to private companies providing classes to pupils in primary schools; if issues relating to the relationship between the private company (details supplied) and a school has been brought to her Department's attention or if it came up in the school's last inspection; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [14120/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for Education if she will reconsider putting a school (details supplied) on hold in the school building programme and start the building immediately; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [14128/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a list of all the schools on the school building programme which have recently been put on hold for all counties, including the stage at which the building project is currently at, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [14129/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Education if she will engage with the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform regarding the urgent need for

a pay review for school bus escorts (details supplied); if her Department will engage with bus escorts regarding this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [14146/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport tickets will be facilitated in the case of the two sons of a person (details supplied); if their case will be considered as a matter of urgency; if contact will be made with the family by Bus Éireann given they have been attempting to make contact to bring this matter to a resolution; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14158/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a schedule of the locations of the 58 school building projects that are on hold in her Department for proceeding to tender and construction due to capital funding pressures; and if she will provide a schedule, by location of other schools projects that are on hold and or that will be put on hold within the next six months due to funding pressures. — Catherine Murphy. [14166/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that the scoping inquiry into historical sex abuse in schools will not be restricted to Roman Catholic religious orders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14180/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for Education if she has plans to reinstate CSPE as a subject that could be taken as an exam subject for the junior cycle; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [14184/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update in relation to a project (details supplied); if the school can continue to progress the delivery of this accommodation, as per previous agreement with her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14264/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a project for a school (details supplied); when funding will be made available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14265/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide the details of the 58 schools whose funding was put on hold; when a decision regarding the future of these schools will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14266/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the provision of project for a school (details supplied); if a site has been identified; the timeline for tender, construction and completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14271/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will engage directly with parents of a child (details supplied) who been unable to access a place at four schools recommended by the SENO and who has a particular educational need for a special school place. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [14275/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the project details for a school (details supplied) in County Waterford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [14282/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Education if she will reduce the eligibility for the school transport scheme to 1.2 kilometres for both primary and post-primary students. — Holly Cairns. [14293/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Education her views on remaining pay and pension inequality for teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [14305/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school building project (details supplied); when this project will proceed to the next stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14317/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education if she will respond to concerns raised regarding the SPHE junior curriculum (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [14337/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Education the average number of days training per grade, in her Department in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; how this compares internationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14851/23]

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

*184. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of recipients of jobseeker's benefit or jobseeker's allowance who have been in receipt of either allowance continuously since 2019; the breakdown of these recipients, by age and county of residence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14053/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of the fuel allowance; the number of applications for the fuel allowance; the number of refusals for the fuel allowance over the past three years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14063/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department sent letters to recipients informing them of the option to receive their payment via bank transfer. — Thomas Gould. [14103/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14111/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an appeal has been completed for a carers support grant application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14112/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the most recent application for the disability allowance will be reviewed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14148/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of social welfare inspectors who have been provided with training in relation to human trafficking,. — Patrick Costello. [14362/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average number of days training per grade, in her Department in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; how this compares internationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14864/23]

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

*192. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when it is planned that respite services for children and young adults will recommence at Drumboe House, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13993/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if any progress has been made in establishing community neuro-rehabilitation team operational within CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [13995/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking in response to an inspection report by the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) into an intellectual disability facility (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [14296/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will respond to concerns raised in correspondence regarding access to services in south Louth CDNT (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [14364/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on removing the State's reservations to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14291/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the ratification of the Optional Protocol of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14292/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if outstanding payments owed to a premises (details supplied) can be made urgently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [14322/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if outstanding payments owed to a premises (details supplied) can be made urgently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [14323/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 282 of 9 March 2023, to provide a breakdown of therapy hours by assessments and intervention type, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [14366/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 282 of 9 March 2023, to clarify if any diagnostic assessments are being outsourced to private providers; and if so, the number that were outsourced in 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14367/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 282 of 9 March 2023, the types of expenses that are covered by non-pay expenses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14368/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 282 of 9 March 2023, to provide the cost of CDNTs covering non-pay and pay related expenses, as well as any other category of expenses, by category, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [14369/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide data, if available, on the qualification levels (details supplied) of civil servants in his Department as of 31 December 2022; how educational attainment levels have evolved in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14628/23]

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

*205. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a person for the purposes of qualifying for the ‘free fees’ scheme who is not a EEA/UK/Swiss citizen but has a stamp 4 visa and is under 21 years of age and a dependent child of a spouse of an Irish citizen satisfies the nationality condition, if that person would satisfy the nationality condition if the EU citizen spouse of their parent dies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [14118/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of an apprentice date for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14171/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline his engagement with the Minister for Health to increase the number of graduates from clinical therapies, including but not limited to occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy and psychology, to address shortages in the health services. — Holly Cairns. [14294/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 493 of 7 March 2023, if he will clarify the current stage the process is at; if he can provide a timeline for when it is proposed this matter will be concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [14374/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide data, if available, on the qualification levels (details supplied) of civil servants in his Department as of 31 December 2022; how educational attainment levels have evolved in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14632/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the average number of days training per grade, in his Department in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; how this compares internationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14860/23]

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

*211. To ask the Minister for Justice the total cost to the State in legal fees and settlements of all cases taken to date by current and former prisoners in relation to the practice of slopping out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14049/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications at various stages of processing in the spouse of an Irish National Unit currently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14113/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications ‘in the queue for processing’ in the Spouse of an Irish National Unit currently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14114/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Justice the average processing time for an application in the Spouse of an Irish National Unit currently, excluding the time it is queued for said processing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14115/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the processing application in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14123/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the processing an application for travel documents in the case of a person (details supplied) who submitted an application for travel documents in March 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14125/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Justice if an extension of time can be afforded to a person (details supplied) to collate the information required in respect of his application for citizenship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14132/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Justice if training has been provided to gardaí with regard to new stalking legislation; if he will advise the measures that have been introduced to facilitate gardaí with providing supports regarding stalking and harassment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14172/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason applicants who are granted a work permit from the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment also have to apply for a working visa to come here; when this procedure came into place; the reason that a person applying for a working visa coming here has to give their current financial details as the very reason in coming here to work is to better themselves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14178/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 490 of 28 February 2023, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to answer the question; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14219/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of cases of robbery of an institution or establishment that were reported to gardaí in the B district within DMR in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14220/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Justice if any gardaí went overseas for specialist training course for which that training is not available within the State in 2022 and to-date in 2023; if so, the name of the specialist course; the duration of that course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14221/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of penal warrants that are currently outstanding in the Garda J district within DMR as of 13 March 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14222/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of each category of car, van including motorcycle driving courses that were held in either the Garda Training College or in Garda Headquarters in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; the number of gardaí per course; the duration of each course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14223/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of attempted murder incidents reported to gardaí in the R district within DMR in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14224/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding has been secured for the issuing of new mobile fingerprint devices to frontline gardaí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14225/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 495 of 28 February 2023, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to answer this question; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14226/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 493 of 28 February 2023, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to answer this question; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14227/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Justice if he is aware that since 9 November 2022, Ireland has become the only country in Europe that requires a short-stay visa from Colombian citizens; the measures is he taking to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12747/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Justice the status on the appointment of a county registrar in County Mayo in view of the retirement of the outgoing registrar in March 2022. — Alan Dillon. [14285/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline the reason appeals against decisions not to grant join family or join spouse visas are now taking a year when appellants were advised in January 2023 they would take eight weeks; if she will outline the reason an appeal from (details supplied) will take 12 months to decide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [14336/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide data, if available, on the qualification levels (details supplied) of civil servants in his Department as of 31 December 2022; how educational attainment levels have evolved in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14633/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Justice the average number of days training per grade, in his/her Department in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; how this compares internationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14862/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*234. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 637 of 5 October 2021, if he will provide an exact breakdown of the service costs of €3.1m for the Owenacurra Centre, Midleton in tabular form during the year 2021; if he will provide the actual spend on the service by the HSE for that year and for a breakdown in tabular form of this figure if it differed from the projected costs provided in the PQ response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [13978/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 127 of 9 February 2022, if he will provide an exact breakdown of the projected total annual service costs of €0.75 million for Glenwood House, Carrigaline in tabular form; if any changes to the projections have applied since the response to that Parliamentary Question in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [13979/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE managers who approved contracts for renovations and other works to Glenwood House, Carrigaline following the purchase of that property in January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [13980/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE managers who approved security contracts for Millfield House, Blackpool for each of the years 2019 through 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [13981/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite an appointment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13990/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline what contingency plans are in place to ensure the continuous supply of ozempic, a medicine for diabetes patients; what measures are in place to distribute the existing stocks of ozempic to pharmacies and patients who are prescribed this medicine for medical diabetes grounds as opposed to other uses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [13992/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Health the last time that each hospital group, excluding the Saolta group (details supplied) conducted a bed capacity analysis for each hospital in the country; the findings of those analyses; the recommendations of those analyses; if he will provide details of any capacity targets that were identified in these processes; if the analyses generated a report or document; and if he will provide a copy of these reports or documents to this Deputy. — Peadar Tóibín. [13998/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of people employed by the Health Service Executive at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14050/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Health the number of employees of the Health Service Executive who have been on sick leave for a continuous period of longer than three months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14051/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Health the number of employees of the Health Service Executive who were on sick leave, but whose employment was terminated for failing to return to work having been assessed that they are fit enough to do so, from the establishment of the HSE to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14052/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Health if he was briefed following the HSE Drugs Committee meeting held on 14 March 2023 where the ongoing kafrtio dispute was discussed; when the HSE leadership team will meet to discuss the outcome of the meeting; if the team will prioritise this issue given the urgency of the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [14116/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Health if a medicine (details supplied) is currently on the GMS list of approved medicines; if so, if there is a shortage of supply of the medicine; the steps being taken to overcome this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14151/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Health if the criteria for a position in the National Ambulance Service (details supplied) will be examined and reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14152/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Health the voluntary and private sector employers in counties Cavan and Monaghan who received the pandemic special recognition payment for staff they employed that were eligible for the payment; the amount received by each employer; the number of staff employed by each that were deemed eligible for the payment, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14153/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Health the voluntary and private sector employers in counties Cavan and Monaghan who applied for the pandemic special recognition payment for staff members who were subsequently deemed ineligible, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14154/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the establishment of the National Traveller Health Action Plan Implementation Group which was due to be established in November 2022; the reason for the delay in establishing this group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14157/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Health if full-time residential care can be provided for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14173/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Health when the public health (tobacco and nicotine inhaling products) Bill is due to be published. — Joe Flaherty. [14179/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide information on the resource allocation and spending to date by his Department, on specific measures to address addiction amongst Travellers and Roma; and if he will outline of where that spend is directed, in tabular form. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [14182/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he will take to improve the diagnosis and treatment for endometriosis; if he will consider the proposal for the establishment of a dedicated

multidisciplinary centre to improve diagnosis, better coordinate care, develop expertise and to improve outcomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [14228/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the speech and language therapy first-time assessment waiting list in CHO4 at the latest available date; the number waiting one, two, and three years, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14251/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the occupational therapy first-time assessment waiting list in CHO4 at the latest available date; the number waiting one, two, and three years, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14252/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the physiotherapy first-time assessment waiting list in CHO4 at the latest available date; the number waiting one, two, and three years, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14253/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on a waiting list for dietetics in CHO4 at the latest available date; the number waiting one, two, and three years, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14254/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on a waiting list for a psychology assessment in CHO4 at the latest available date; the number waiting one, two, and three years, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14255/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Health the number of speech and language therapist vacancies in CHO4; the number that have been filled; the number working full-time and part-time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14256/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapist vacancies in CHO4; the number that have been filled; the number working full-time and part-time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14257/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Health the number of physiotherapist vacancies in CHO4; the number that have been filled; the number working full-time and part-time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14258/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychologist vacancies in CHO4; the number that have been filled; the number working full-time and part-time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14259/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive their pandemic special recognition payment. — John Brady. [14260/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of the number of eating disorders teams currently in place in each CHO; the number of staff currently assigned to each team; the number of vacancies; the plans to recruit the required staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14297/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of the amount spent on eating disorder services for the years 2020, 2021, and 2022, inclusive. — Holly Cairns. [14298/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the amount of unspent monies from mental health services budgets returned to the Exchequer relating to 2022. — Holly Cairns. [14299/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the shortages of ambulances in Cork south west. — Holly Cairns. [14300/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Health the average response time of ambulances in west County Cork; the number of ambulances ordinarily based at each location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14301/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a case (details supplied); and when the person concerned can expect an appointment for admission to the Cardiology Department, St. James's Hospital, Dublin. — Barry Cowen. [14321/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing homes that were found non compliant in relation to regulations each year from 2018 to 2022 inclusive, in tabular form; the total number of inspections for each year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [14331/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing homes that were found non compliant in relation to Regulation 15: Staffing each year from 2018 to 2022 inclusive, in tabular form; the total number of inspections for each year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [14332/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing homes that were found non compliant in relation Regulation 16: Training and Staff Development each year from 2018 to 2022 inclusive, in tabular form; the total number of inspections for each year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [14333/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing homes that were found non compliant in relation to Regulation 5: Individual assessment and care plan in each year from 2018 to 2022 inclusive, in tabular form; the total number of inspections for each year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [14334/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on discussion/plans set out to strengthen HIQA powers with respect to inspecting individual complaints on nursing homes where safeguarding issues have been raised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14338/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Health if an earlier appointment for a child (details supplied) in County Donegal can be appointed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14371/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Health when the parents of a child (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect to receive an appointment from either Temple Street or Crumlin Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14372/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of days training per grade, in his Department in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; how this compares internationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14861/23]

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

*278. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine which Department is responsible for the implementation of the national hedgerow survey, as per Programme for Government commitments; and to outline the progress made on that commitment. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14205/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has instructed the QMAC to examine measures to strengthen the management arrangements for the 2023 mackerel hook and line fishery given the unjustifiable inequity of the present Irish mackerel quota allocation arrangement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14127/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a forestry felling licence will issue to a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14147/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the scientific basis for the 500m threshold in relation to hedgerow removal under EIA (Agriculture) Regulations (S.I. 456 of 2011 as amended); whether his Department has ever conducted any analysis of the integrity of, or provided a rationale for, that 500m threshold; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14204/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has instructed the Quota Management Advisory Committee to examine measures to strengthen the management arrangements for the 2023 mackerel hook and line fishery given the unjustifiable inequity of the present Irish mackerel quota allocation arrangement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14287/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to monitor the activities of super trawlers operating in Irish territorial waters, including his views on requiring CCTV monitoring to be installed on such vessels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14289/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to work with European counterparts to prohibit the operation of super trawlers operating in the territorial waters of member states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14290/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide data, if available, on the qualification levels (details supplied) of civil servants in his Department as of 31 December 2022; how educational attainment levels have evolved in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14627/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average number of days training per grade, in his Department in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; how this compares internationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14849/23]

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

*287. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development what her Department has done in relation to the provision of multi annual funding for meals on wheels service providers to allow for planned growth in line with increasing demand; and the progress that has been made to date in relation to standardisation of funding across the sector. — Sorca Clarke. [14318/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of meals on wheels services that were excluded from any measures introduced by this Government to meet the exceptional growth in the cost of electricity overheads. — Sorca Clarke. [14319/23]

*289. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the possibility of funding a remote working hub at Moate, County Westmeath as part of the town centre first policy. — Robert Troy. [13991/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide data, if available, on the qualification levels (details supplied) of civil servants in her Department as of 31 December 2022; how educational attainment levels have evolved in recent years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14634/23]

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gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAIN, 23 MÁRTA, 2023
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 23 MARCH, 2023**

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

1. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on the on the report carried out by the Independent Review Group into allegations made by a group (details supplied); when this will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14199/23]

2. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on the independent review into a group (details supplied); when the report will be published; the actions he will be taking in respect of the report; and if all the recommendations be implemented. — Robert Troy. [14165/23]

3. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the action being taken in relation to the recommendation of the Commission on the Defences Forces that the future disposition and structures of the Army be regionally balanced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [14375/23]

4. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if it is intended to review the ages at which members of the Defence Forces have to retire, particularly taking into account specialist skills that have been acquired by many of them during their careers and positions held as a consequence that can capably be carried out by such personnel up to the normal age of retirement in comparable employment outside of the Defence Forces, and the ongoing shortage of members in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13976/23]

5. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the steps that have been taken to date regarding the Workplace Relations Commission ruling in December 2020 to roll out anti-discrimination training course and materials for all Defence personnel with staff responsibilities due to be completed by the end of 2022. — Sorca Clarke. [13839/23]

6. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on the implementation of the working time directive in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14185/23]

7. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when the recently purchased naval vessels from New Zealand will commence operation; the progress to date in obtaining a replacement flagship vessel for the L.E. Éithne; his view on the optimum number of naval vessels and naval personnel and his plans to achieve this objective; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [13682/23]

8. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the role the Defences Forces play in fulfilling the security needs of the Border region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14235/23]

9. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his views on the considerations of expanding cooperation with NATO in areas of cyber-attack and maritime intelligence; if this has implications for Ireland's position of military neutrality; its implications on the triple lock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [13385/23]

10. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if the Government decision to participate in an EU battlegroup erodes Irish neutrality. — Peadar Tóibín. [13944/23]

11. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the role Defence Forces' personnel will play in the European Union Military Assistance Mission in support of Ukraine. — Seán Haughey. [14168/23]

12. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the direct and indirect cost to the Exchequer to date of Irish Defence Forces' participation in the EU Military Assistance Mission in support of Ukraine (EUMAM Ukraine); and the budget allocated to meet the costs arising from Irish Defence Forces' participation in the mission in 2023. — Michael McNamara. [13885/23]

13. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if all Defence Force pensioners are included in the next payment tranche of 2% due in March 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [14095/23]

14. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the latest engagement he has had with the Defences Forces in terms of pay improvements. — Fergus O'Dowd. [13921/23]

15. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the actions that have been taken by his Department to support and encourage the retention of personnel in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [14191/23]

16. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of functioning aircraft currently in service with the Air Corps; when additional aircraft will arrive and begin service here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [13681/23]

17. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the progress made by the Government in terms of reaching the number of Defence Forces personnel targeted. — Fergus O'Dowd. [13922/23]

18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the action being taken in relation to the finding of the Commission on the Defences Forces that in the current structure, the army brigades are not deployable and do not align to international standards in terms of their strength or capabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [14376/23]

19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will expand the Collins medal scheme to retired members of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [13888/23]

20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide a definitive timeline on when a decision will be made about the mandatory retirement age of 50 years being extended for Defence Forces members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [13880/23]

21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide details on his decision to withdraw Irish troops from the UNDOF mission to Syria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14315/23]

22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will outline any concerns he has in relation to whether Ireland has the capacity to ensure that undersea data cables passing through Irish waters are secure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14316/23]

23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the reason for the withdrawal of the Defence Forces from the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF). — Seán Haughey. [14170/23]

24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will outline the policy that has been developed by his Department with respect to the privileging of Civil Defence paramedic and advanced paramedic members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [14192/23]

25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 17 of 2 February 2023, when the independent assessment (details supplied) will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [13642/23]

26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will outline the implications of the ongoing war in Ukraine for Ireland's security and defence. — Richard Bruton. [14231/23]

27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the position regarding ongoing developments to improve the quality and quantity of accommodation for service personnel in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [13209/23]

28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 61 of 2 February 2023, when the final report of the independent review to examine the effectiveness of the policies, systems and procedures in place for dealing with bullying, harassment, discrimination, sexual harassment and sexual assault in the Defence Forces, will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [13641/23]

29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on plans to implement the working time directive for the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14314/23]

30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide a report on the proposed crewing of the newly received refurbished P70 ships; where the ships will be stationed; the area the ships will operate in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14186/23]

31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide a detailed update on the current status of the report from the Independent Review Group into allegations of abuse in the Defence Forces. — Sorca Clarke. [13838/23]

32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the total military provided accommodation available at present for Defence Forces personnel; the plans he has to extend this provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [13683/23]

33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the position regarding the Commission on Defence report; the steps are being taken to implement its findings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [13210/23]

34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide details of the UN-mandated peace missions from which Irish Defence Forces are being withdrawn; the reason for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13975/23]

35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his views on protecting Ireland's undersea cables in conjunction with NATO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [12645/23]

36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which work is in hand to implement the recommendations of the Report on the Defence Forces with particular reference to key matters which need urgent attention; if discussions continue to take place with the relevant organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14100/23]

37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will detail the role Ireland will play in the European Union Military Assistance Mission in support of Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [12644/23]

38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his plans to ensure the Defence Forces conform with the working time directive as per the recommendations in the Report of the Commission on the Future of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [13684/23]

39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the measures being examined to address the high level of discharge rates in the Defence Forces; if he is satisfied that the current level of recruitment can address the major gaps appearing in the ranks throughout the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [14094/23]

40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he plans any review of existing defence structures in the Border counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14234/23]

41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he has any plans to review the triple lock process for authorising Irish military participation in overseas deployment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [13680/23]

42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on the discussions with the Defence Forces and with the United Nations regarding the possibility of providing an increase in troop contribution to the UNIFIL mission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [13879/23]

43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide details of plans to recruit more civilians for the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14313/23]

44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the steps his Department is taking to address the retention and recruitment crisis within the Defence Forces. — Peadar Tóibín. [13943/23]

45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if there will be a new army headquarters in Athlone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [14164/23]

46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will outline the rationale for the Irish Defence Forces personnel being withdrawn from the peacekeeping mission in Syria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [13381/23]

47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the actions that he is taking to improve pay and conditions for members of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14200/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the retrofitting of schools under the national retrofit programme; the number that have been refitted to date; the target building energy rating for schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [14093/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied with the model being piloted for the transfer of patronage in schools; and if modifications in that approach are planned. — Richard Bruton. [14233/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has undertaken a study to determine if the increase in those failing ordinary level maths is attributable to the removal of foundation levels maths from the junior cycle. — Peadar Tóibín. [13576/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify the situation with respect to stakeholder engagement on free schoolbooks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [14246/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the concerns of a school (details supplied); if she has taken steps to address these concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13406/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of the establishment of a secondary school on Inishbofin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [12008/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Education if she will expedite the building process for a school (details supplied) in Dublin 13; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [14310/23]

55. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an bhfuil sé i gceist aici an t-éileamh i mBaile Átha Cliath 2, 4, 6, agus 8 a shásamh agus Gaelcholáiste a bhunú sa cheantar chomh luath agus is féidir, agus an aithníonn sí gur gá an córas roghnúcháin do phatrúin iarbhunscoile a leasú chun a chinntiú nach ndéanfar leithcheal orthu siúd atá ag lorg scoil dara leibhéal lánGhaeilge. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [14242/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update in relation to the DEIS programme; if further expansion of DEIS is being considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [13211/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the rollout of the Department's digital strategy for schools; the implementation of training around online safety and the safe and ethical use of digital technologies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13945/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a school building project (details supplied) in Carlow and the DEIS status of a school in Bagenalstown. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [13925/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Education if she will develop a centralised application system to schools for children with ASD and additional needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [13889/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Education the progress made by her Department in establishing a special school in the east Cork area; her further plans in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [14155/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Education if she intends reviewing the criteria for eligibility for the status of small school for both voluntary and ETB secondary schools in view of the fact that many very small schools do not have this status and that there seems to be no way for them to apply for this status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13973/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Education the measures being taken to identify schools in mid-Cork to include under the energy retrofit pathfinder programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [14097/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that a school (details supplied) in County Louth receives priority funding to commence the long awaited project which the school have been patiently waiting for 12 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [13918/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on Project Nore, in particular in relation to schools (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [13923/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the progress made to date in securing additional provision for first year places in Limerick city for the 2023-2024 school year to accommodate 26 children in Limerick who have not received an offer of a secondary school place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [14230/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the selection of a site and construction of a new school building for a school (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [13887/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the implementation of the new pay deal for school secretaries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14188/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the plan to provide free schoolbooks to primary school children this September; when a payment schedule will be provided and distributed; and if she will respond to recent commentary in the media expressing concern at the potential for shortages in certain books. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14326/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Education the progress on the schools decarbonisation pathfinder programme; the number of schools are part of the programme; if there are plans to increase the number of schools in the programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14187/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the recent announcement to teach transgenderism in primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13946/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Education when the review of the school transport scheme will be finalised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14194/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which adequate provision has been made to ensure sufficient school places in all schools, pre-school, primary and post-primary without exception; if adequate steps are being taken to assuage the fears of parents and children many of whom are suffering anxiety and hardship on foot of the situation still prevailing in respect of capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14102/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will deliver a comprehensive programme of in-person continuing professional development to support curriculum change together with specific funding for further school resources. — Joan Collins. [14237/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Education the way the withdrawal of children from the updated sexual education course on the forthcoming curriculum will be facilitated; if that will differ from the facilitation of non-religious children who wish to not attend religious instruction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [14340/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Education the way the Department will ensure coherence in the system in order that the implementation of the new primary curriculum is prioritised and initiative

overload does not occur; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [14238/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Education if she will indicate how her Department assesses standards of literacy and numeracy at school entry and through primary education. — Richard Bruton. [14232/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Education her views on whether the Covid cleaning grant for schools will be continued for term 2; and when the payment schedule will issue. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14330/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the minor works grants for 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [13840/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Education her views on mental health support teams that operate in some schools in England (details supplied); if she has considered rolling out a similar system in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14197/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Education if she will give a date for the allocation of SNAs for the coming school year; the model of allocation that will be used; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14327/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the concerns of a school (details supplied); if she has taken steps to address these concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13404/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Education if she will support plans for an independent Gaelcoláiste an Chláir in Ennis, County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [13886/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Education the measures she is taking to address the shortage of teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [13892/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the review of the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14193/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Education when it is anticipated that the review of the school transport system will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13974/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the process by which an area is assigned a special school. — Holly Cairns. [13917/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the school building programme; if she is satisfied with its progress to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [14088/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the new school building for a school (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [14196/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the promised free schoolbooks scheme. — Thomas Gould. [14195/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Education if she will reinstate priority approval for a school (details supplied) given the new building has now been put on hold. — Brian Stanley. [14130/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline her discussions with the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan delivery and Reform on the provision of additional capital to support the schools building programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14089/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied that there are sufficient preparations and resources allocated to ensure that all primary school children will be able to have free schoolbooks when the new school year starts in August and to address the concerns of stakeholders. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [14309/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will guarantee a reduction of primary class sizes to the EU average of 20, considered as vital for the successful implementation of the framework by an organisation (details supplied) as well the restoration of promotional posts of responsibility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [14239/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Education the research she or her Department have undertaken into the impact on primary school children as young as nine or ten years of age of teaching them about what it means to be transgender. — Peadar Tóibín. [13572/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Education the measures she is intending to bring in to address the high cost of housing which is impacting on the ability of schools to recruit and retain teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14162/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the decision to include an ‘opt-out’ for parents of school children in the RSE curriculum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [12647/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to increase the number of school places in mainstream post-primary schools in Dublin south west for children with ASD and additional needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [13890/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the introduction of the free schoolbooks scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [13924/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Education her views on whether the provision and availability of facilities is a core issue in the implementation of a quality physical education programme for primary schools; and the immediate steps she will take to address this problem. — Alan Dillon. [14090/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details of the number of referrals from schools for students missing days that are currently before education and welfare officers, by county; the dates these outstanding referrals were submitted by schools; the details of the

current backlog; the measures being taken to deal with the backlog; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [13878/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Education if she will proceed with the Government's plan to teach primary school children about transgenderism against the wishes of parents. — Peadar Tóibín. [13573/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has projected future needs for extra primary school places in the Middleton area in east Cork, given ongoing and planned local housing developments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [14156/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the delay in the school building programme including providing a full list of the 58 schools affected; the projected cost increases due to the delay; and her views on whether the most economically advantageous course of action be to release the full funds as soon as possible. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [14306/23]

104. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she can bring forward a review of the school transport system in order to identify and eliminate areas of friction resulting in dissatisfaction amongst parents and students with particular reference to County Kildare and the rest of the country; if the school transport section currently in charge of this service is the appropriate way to deal with the situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14101/23]

105. To ask the Minister for Education if she will introduce a housing allowance for teachers living in areas with high housing costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [13891/23]

106. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the issue at a national school in Louth (details supplied); the steps being taken to resolve the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [13877/23]

107. To ask the Minister for Education the dedicated time teachers will be given to engage with, understand, implement and embed the primary curriculum framework. — Joan Collins. [14236/23]

108. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider obliging schools to print in their admission policies or other documents the exact amount of time to be spent each week on religious instruction under the forthcoming revised primary school curriculum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [14341/23]

109. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 128 of 2 February 2023, her plans to publish the Department's review of the summer programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [13644/23]

110. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the schools building programme at schools (details supplied); if these projects have been stalled due to capital funding constraints; if so, 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. [13108/23]

111. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has considered installing solar panels in all primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [13926/23]

112. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the review of the extension project at a school (details supplied); and when that review will be complete. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14245/23]

113. To ask the Minister for Education if she has been in contact with the Minister of State at the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth and the Minister of State at the Department of Health with responsibility for Disability in relation to the ongoing lack of available therapists or therapy services at a school (details supplied); and if so, the outcome of those discussions. — Joan Collins. [14241/23]

114. To ask the Minister for Education the action her Department is taking to ensure a project in a school in Rathcoole (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. [14198/23]

115. To ask the Minister for Education the measures she is taking to address the shortage of teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14160/23]

116. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to ensure schools in Cork south west have sufficient teachers to meet local needs. — Holly Cairns. [13920/23]

117. To ask the Minister for Education if she will commence planning for a new secondary school in the Dublin 8 school planning zone. — Patrick Costello. [13670/23]

118. To ask the Minister for Education the up-to-date position on delivery of new building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [14096/23]

119. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte Uimh. 145 den 11 Feabhra 2023, soiléiriú a thabhairt ar an dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir leis an bplean chun beartas cuimsitheach don Ghaeilge sa chóras oideachais, idir leibhéal an oideachais réamhscoile agus leibhéal an oideachais do mhúinteoirí, a fhorbairt agus a fhoilsiú; cathain a fhoilseofar an beartas nua; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [13643/23]

120. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the way the process by demand is assessed for Irish medium secondary school education in school. planning zones. — Patrick Costello. [13671/23]

121. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an bhfuil sé i gceist aici go mbeidh breis is 70 uair an chloig níos lú le caitheamh ag daltaí bunscoile leis an nGaeilge in aghaidh na bliana faoin gCreat Curaclaim Bunscoile nua in ainneoin an taighde de chuid na Comhairle Náisiúnta Curaclaim agus Measúnachta a léirigh gur mó a thaitníonn an Ghaeilge le daltaí bunscoile a mbíonn níos mó teagmhála acu leis an nGaeilge; an taighde a bhaineann leis an gcur chuige maidir leis an nGaeilge sa chreat nua a fhoilsiú; geallúint a thabhairt go mbeidh cur chun cinn na Gaeilge lárnaithe in aon chinntí a ghlacann an Roinn as seo amach. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [14243/23]

122. To ask the Minister for Education if the ongoing school transport review will facilitate children in September 2023 who cannot gain access to their nearest school due to a shortage of school places and would then not qualify for school transport as they would not be attending their nearest school or second nearest school; if she will give specific consideration to an area (details supplied) in County Cork which experiences this issue each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [13570/23]

123. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the fact that 58 school building projects have been set back due to costs; and if she intends to ensure that the school building projects are not delayed. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14328/23]

124. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the review of the school transport scheme; if consideration is being given to concessionary students in rural areas who have no safe pedestrian routes to school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [13987/23]

125. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the review into school transport; the number of children carried in 2022-2023 and expected in 2023-2024; the preparation to expand services and maintain low fees in the same period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [13109/23]

126. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the in-school and early years therapy support demonstration project; if there are plans for the project to be rolled out across the entire country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [14087/23]

127. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied that there are sufficient special school places in Cork city and county for September 2023 intake; the engagement she has had with the National Council for Special Education in relation to this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [13571/23]

128. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a detailed roadmap with interim targets for achieving the Government’s target of 400 multi-denominational primary schools by 2030; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14161/23]

129. To ask the Minister for Education if the commitment to deliver the new extension at a school (details supplied) will be delivered upon. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14244/23]

130. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on her Department’s work on the school transport scheme, ahead of the new academic year later in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [12646/23]

131. To ask the Minister for Education if the new SPHE curriculum for senior cycle which is currently under redevelopment will be made mandatory, as recommended recently by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [9915/23]

132. To ask the Minister for Education the reason three schools in Youghal, County Cork did not qualify for DEIS status at a post-primary and primary level despite the fourth school being awarded DEIS status on an appeal to her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [13212/23]

133. To ask the Minister for Education when next year's special needs assistant allocation will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [14342/23]

134. To ask the Minister for Education if she will give approval for the design team to proceed on works for temporary accommodation to cater for an ASD unit at a school (details supplied). — Brian Stanley. [14131/23]

135. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the reimagined senior cycle of education for post-primary students, equity and excellence for all: where the student is at the centre of their senior cycle experience; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [14190/23]

136. To ask the Minister for Education if the procurement process for school bus contracts considers the distance a company has to travel to and from a school and how this fits in with reaching our Climate Action targets; if he will review the procurement process for school bus contracts with the view of ameliorating this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [10567/23]

137. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware that the decision to put 58 school building projects on hold (details supplied) has the knock-on effect of further delaying the move of a school from its current temporary location in prefabs to its permanent location, meaning the school has now been waiting 27 years for a permanent home; her views on whether this delay is unacceptable; if she will take urgent and immediate action to prevent this further delay and ensure that the school will be in its permanent location not later than 2025 when it will celebrate its 30 year anniversary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14159/23]

138. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the building plans of many schools are being put on hold. — Peadar Tóibín. [13574/23]

139. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the development of L1 and L2 specifications in Leaving Certificate Irish; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [14189/23]

140. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware that four in five secondary teachers say the new junior cycle is not preparing students adequately for progression to Leaving Certificate study according to a report by an organisation (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [13575/23]

141. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on school transport for the coming year; the cost for parents; and the number of places that will be provided next year. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14329/23]

142. To ask the Minister for Education the date for the release of the SNA allocations. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [14308/23]

143. To ask the Minister for Education if she will permit the opening of a third ASD unit at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [11732/23]

144. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a full update on a long awaited school (details supplied); if the project will be delayed by the current Departmental funding issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [13919/23]