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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence given that the ceremonial handover of two Inshore patrol vessels from New Zealand has taken place, the estimated additional crew by rank required to put these vessels to sea; and the duration and location of any familiarisation and training for crew before they can enter service. — Sorca Clarke. [13837/23]

2. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he has any concern regarding Irish military neutrality following the decision for Irish troops to be withdraw from the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force in the Golan Heights on the Israeli-Syrian border for participation in the German-led EU battlegroup; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [13380/23]

3. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on efforts to address difficulties within the Naval Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14311/23]

4. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will outline any updates in relation to the mandatory retirement age within the Defence Forces for post-1994 privates and corporals; the steps he will take to retain the affected personnel amidst a staffing retention crisis; if there have been advancements in relation to his discussions with the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [13557/23]

5. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the efforts being made to implement the Working Time Directive for members of the Defence Forces; if he will address concerns from serving personnel that the military management and his Department are seeking significant exemptions to the implementation of the Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14429/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

53. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision was taken to reduce school hall sizes in new school buildings; the reason this decision was taken; and if she is satisfied that current provision for multi-use rooms is satisfactory for the whole school community. — Thomas Gould. [14324/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Education if she will intervene in the flawed process for school reconfiguration in the Raheny area; and if she will restart the process with a wider consultation. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [14295/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the parts of the country where there are inadequate numbers of spaces in special classes and special schools; if she and the NCSE are aware of the number of children that will currently not have a place for next September in such locations; and the actions she and the NCSE intend to take on foot of this, including if she intends to use her powers under section 37a or any other parts of legislation. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14325/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update regarding the review of the eligibility criteria of the deferred Leaving Certificate examinations; when the criteria to be applied to this year's exams will be communicated to students, schools, and parents; if a distinction will continue to be made between medical emergencies before and during the examinations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [14339/23]

57. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén dul chun cinn atá déanta chun Gaelcholáiste an Chláir neamspleách a fhorbairt in Inis; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Michael McNamara. [14588/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

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

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

110. 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]

111. 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]

112. 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]

113. 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]

114. 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]

115. 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]

116. 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]

117. 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]

118. 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]

119. 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]

120. 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]

121. 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]

122. 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]

123. 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]

124. 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]

125. 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]

126. 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]

127. 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]

128. 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]

129. 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]

130. 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]

131. 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]

132. 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]

133. 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]

134. 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]

135. 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]

136. 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]

137. 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]

138. 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]

139. 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]

140. 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]

141. 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]

142. 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]

143. 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]

144. 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]

145. 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]

146. 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]

147. 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]

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

149. 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]

150. 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]

151. 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]

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

153. 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]

154. 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]

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

*155. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he last reviewed the critical skills list; his plans to expand the list to address the national skills shortages in healthcare, including the delivery of oral healthcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [14416/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he last reviewed the ineligible list of occupations for employment permits; and his plans to reduce the list to address skills shortages of dental nurses and dental hygienists in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [14417/23]

*157. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of Enterprise Ireland investments that have been made over the past five years; and the number of these that had Enterprise Ireland board-oversight, including board seats or a supervisory role. — Louise O'Reilly. [14492/23]

*158. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of Enterprise Ireland investments that have been made over the past five years; the number that had Enterprise Ireland board-oversight, including board seats or a supervisory role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14498/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the protocols and or guidelines he has issued in respect of the use of personal social media accounts by officials in his Department; the number of sanctions imposed by his Department on its own officials in the past ten years to date in respect of social media output by its officials, verbal, written or otherwise; if social media platforms are restricted on his Department's network; if an application (details supplied) is available to use and or download onto Departmental-issued mobile phones; and if not, if it is barred from use. — Catherine Murphy. [14510/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he expects to appoint a new CEO of the IDA. — Robert Troy. [14565/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will detail current vacant positions across Enterprise Ireland and the IDA, that is, the position, location and period each has been vacant; and the measures in place to fill these positions. — Robert Troy. [14566/23]

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

*162. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider developing a code of practice to assist State bodies to comply with the obligations under

Section 15 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 as amended by the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2021. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14579/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has considered banning an application (details supplied) from the phones of Ministers and civil servants, in line with Britain, the USA and the European Commission; if he has discussed the matter with any social media companies or experts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14419/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has had any engagement with representatives of a social media application (details supplied); if so, if he will detail the dates upon which such correspondence or engagements took place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14420/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of premises in County Mayo; the number of premises that have had National Broadband Ireland surveys completed in County Mayo; the number of premises in which National Broadband Ireland surveys are ongoing in County Mayo; the number of premises that have been certified as suitable for internet connection in County Mayo; the number of premises that have been connected in County Mayo, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14430/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [14495/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [14496/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [14497/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the protocols and or guidelines he has issued in respect of the use of personal social media accounts by officials in his Department; the number of sanctions imposed by his Department on its own officials in the past ten years to date in respect of social media output by its officials, verbal, written or otherwise; if social media platforms are restricted on his Department's network; if an application (details supplied) is available to use and or download onto Departmental-issued mobile phones; and if not, if it is barred from use. — Catherine Murphy. [14511/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the transition to a plan-led approach in offshore wind farming and the engagement of industry and stakeholders in the Off-shore Wind Delivery Taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14524/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the transition to a plan-led approach in offshore wind farming; if this will prompt any changes in the structuring and resources of the Off-shore Wind Delivery Taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14525/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason a house (details supplied) that is not in receipt of a broadband signal of 30mbs is not covered by the roll out by National Broadband Ireland of high-speed broadband; if it is now intended to include this and other neighbouring houses in this roll out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14526/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he intends to introduce legislation to ensure that all customers in the State pay the same standing charge for their electricity, as opposed to the present arrangement where there is an urban standing charge and a rural standing charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14527/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will seek a report from NBI about the continuing issues in an area (details supplied) where broadband was installed in the estate over three years ago but still has not been activated for the majority of households in the estate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [14530/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason for the delay in bringing forward secondary legislation to facilitate CCTV cameras to counter illegal dumping as provided for under the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022. — Brian Stanley. [14548/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a post-enactment review has been completed for each piece of legislation passed by his Department from 2018 to 2022, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14577/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has given approval to a request by a company (details supplied) for pension increases for its pensioners payable from July 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [14582/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the underuse of the 2022 Active Travel budget according to figures released by the National Transport Authority; if analysis has been carried out of its under-utilisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14441/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the 2023 Active Travel budget and current data on uptake by local authorities, campuses and hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14442/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the 2023 Active Travel budget and resources to support uptake and implementation by local authorities, campuses and hospitals. — Darren O'Rourke. [14443/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details as to how the gradual reduction announced in Budget 2023 in the grant towards the purchase of electric vehicles will be implemented; if vehicles ordered prior to July but not received by customers until after this

date will be eligible for €5,000 relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [14467/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details on whether a load line survey application has been applied for with respect to the hebble dredge ship which is long overdue to be removed from the River Boyne in Drogheda following its sinking in 2022; if he will provide any further details with regard to projected dates of removal and any details regarding the application and certification that is required prior to release; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14379/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 205 of 25 October 2022, if funding will be provided to deliver a town bus service in Clonmel, County Tipperary (details supplied), considering Clonmel is now included in the ten-minute town project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [14414/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport the spend each year since 2008, on new national roads out of money allocated to TII and the NRA; the allocation for new roads allocated to TII for 2023; the indicative allocation for new roads build for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14447/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport the spend each year since 2008 for major works on national primary and secondary roads; the allocation for major works in 2023; the indicative allocation for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14448/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport the total length of national road, by county, broken down between national primary and national secondary roads; the amount of this that is deemed deficient in terms of alignment, width and so on, based on TII standards for various classifications of roads, broken down by county; the length of time it will take at the present rate of expenditure to bring these roads up to standard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14449/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a schedule of engagements he and/or his officials have had in the past five years to date with CIE and or the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform, in respect of the CIE 1951 superannuation scheme; and if he will consider engaging an actuary to conduct a review of the scheme. — Catherine Murphy. [14454/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport the protocols and or guidelines he has issued in respect of the use of personal social media accounts by officials in his Department; the number of sanctions imposed by his Department on its own officials in the past ten years to date in respect of social media output by its officials, verbal, written or otherwise; if social media platforms are restricted on his Department's network; if an application (details supplied) is available to use and or download onto Departmental-issued mobile phones; and if not, if it is barred from use. — Catherine Murphy. [14523/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will detail engagements between his officials and TFI over the past 12 months around the TFI Live App; if he will provide an update on the decision to remove the GPS tracking feature for buses from the TFI Live App; when it is expected to resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [14531/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will set out his plans to review and amend the designation and or classification of national roads; and the date on which his officials last conducted such a review. — Catherine Murphy. [14540/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a schedule of the measures he plans to put in place in 2023 to enhance airport security and passenger screening at Dublin Airport. — Catherine Murphy. [14553/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that adequate funding is allocated to a local authority in 2023 to advance proposed road projects (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14562/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport the information his office was provided with after 24 February 2023 that advised him contrary to the fact that the CIÉ Superannuation Scheme 1951 is in significant surplus; who supplied that information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [14570/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport if he agrees that the CIE Group's 1951 superannuation scheme (1951 Scheme) is currently not in compliance with the minimum funding standard as defined in the Pensions Act 1990, (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14573/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to sign any amending statutory instrument changing the benefits of members of the CIÉ 1951 scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14574/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport how he and CIÉ came to the conclusion that the CIÉ 1951 superannuation scheme (1951 Scheme) is currently not in compliance with the minimum funding standard as defined in the Pensions Act 1990; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14575/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of plans to alleviate traffic congestion in Celbridge, County Kildare; when the proposals are likely to be finalised in this regard given the seriousness of traffic congestion in Celbridge; if any conclusive steps will be taken in the future in this regard, given the pressing nature of the problem; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14618/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the proposed but not agreed traffic alleviation measures for Naas, County Kildare; if any progress is being made towards an alternative solution which was approved by the councillors of the area; if such proposals will now receive a favourable response given the ongoing and pressing nature of the traffic issues in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14620/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport the current proposals to improve the roadway from Ballagh to Timahoe via Derrycrib/Derryvarroge which is now in dangerous condition, and which requires major work in order to meet health and safety standards; when the work is likely to be undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14626/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*200. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department will take the lead on any new scheme that replaces the disabled drivers and disabled passenger's scheme; if not, which Department will take the lead; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14381/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to extend the local property tax exemption for properties certified as damaged by pyrite to new applicants beyond 22 July 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [14390/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Finance his views regarding VRT and its relationship with EU trade law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14421/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Finance if he proposes to introduce any legislation to regulate and or prohibit the use of crypto currency in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14469/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is in receipt of correspondence or documentation detailing the impact of interest rate rises on mortgage holders on their monthly repayments; and if so, if he will publish those documents. — Sean Sherlock. [14488/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Finance the protocols and or guidelines he has issued in respect of the use of personal social media accounts by officials in his Department; the number of sanctions imposed by his Department on its own officials in the past ten years to date in respect of social media output by its officials, verbal, written or otherwise; if social media platforms are restricted on his Department's network; if an application (details supplied) is available to use and or download onto Departmental-issued mobile phones; and if not, if it is barred from use. — Catherine Murphy. [14512/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on insurance for a property (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [14542/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Finance what taxation plans are being mooted to retain small, accidental landlords who are charging very low rent, have costs outweighing rental income, and in some instances have to deal with issues such as Mica; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [14571/23]

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.

*208. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the protocols and or guidelines he has issued in respect of the use of personal social media accounts by officials in his Department; the number of sanctions imposed by his Department on its own officials in the past ten years to date in respect of social media output by its officials, verbal, written or otherwise; if social media platforms are restricted on his Department's network; if an application (details supplied) is available to use and or download onto Departmental-issued mobile phones; and if not, if it is barred from use. — Catherine Murphy. [14518/23]

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

*209. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline the specific grants available for a sports club to install a lift/stairlift facility to allow members access an upstairs clubhouse facility. — Robert Troy. [14500/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline the energy upgrade and efficiency grants available to sports clubs which also incorporate a clubhouse facility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [14503/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the protocols and or guidelines she has issued in respect of the use of personal social media accounts by officials in her Department; the number of sanctions imposed by her Department on its own officials in the past ten years to date in respect of social media output by its officials, verbal, written or otherwise; if social media platforms are restricted on her Department's network; if an application (details supplied) is available to use and or download onto Departmental-issued mobile phones; and if not, if it is barred from use. — Catherine Murphy. [14522/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the outcome of any discussions she has had with her counterpart in the British Government concerning the difficulties that will arise for the tourism sector on an all-island basis if the proposed electronic travel authorisation scheme is implemented as currently proposed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14558/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a new Sports Capital Programme will be announced at an early date in view of its importance in assisting sporting organisations, modernise and develop additional facilities which are much-needed in many communities and across different sporting disciplines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14576/23]

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

*214. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta an bhfuil sé i gceist aige an comhartha talún “Toit Chonáin” (GA091-012), a théann i bhfad siar sa stair (8,000 bliain), i gCaorán na gCearc, Baile na hAbhann, Contae na Gaillimhe, a shainainmniú ina Shéadchomhartha Náisiúnta agus na cosaintí iomchuí a thabhairt dó dá réir, chun é a chosaint ó chreimeadh cósta agus oibriú farraige; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14384/23]

*215. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta ccathain a dheiseofar an dochar a rinneadh don reilig ag an Maoilinn (GA023-002) i bPáirc Náisiúnta Chonamara dhá bhliain ó shin; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14385/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will agree to Donegal County Council's request for more families in County Donegal to be able to avail of the ancillary grants (details supplied) in advance of the commencement of the enhanced scheme on humanitarian grounds. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14408/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he and his Department will urgently find a solution to a serious problem (details supplied) that has arisen for some homeowners who have commenced the demolition and rebuild of their homes under the existing defective concrete block grant scheme. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14409/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether there is any obstacle to a local authority signing up to the Climate Perks Programme, which would involve certain commitments as an employer (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [14458/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the new purchasing scheme (details supplied); when these details will be made available to public representatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [14494/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will examine the impact that small social welfare increases have on rent costs for local authority tenants under the differential rent scheme given that vulnerable tenants, including those on disability allowance and the State pension, are seeing an increase in their payment being eaten up by an increase in rent, especially given the current cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14505/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the protocols and or guidelines he has issued in respect of the use of personal social media accounts by officials in his Department; the number of sanctions imposed by his Department on its own officials in the past ten years to date in respect of social media output by its officials, verbal, written or otherwise; if social media platforms are restricted on his Department's network; if an application (details supplied) is available to use and or download onto Departmental-issued mobile phones; and if not, if it is barred from use. — Catherine Murphy. [14516/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of overall units and number of complexes owned and managed by an approved housing body (details supplied); and the funding provided by his Department to this AHB, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [14533/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of an approved housing body (details supplied); and if it held a management company annual general meeting in 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [14534/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on a grant scheme for a property (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [14543/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a person can be considered for a local authority home loan where exceptional circumstances pertain in relation to one of the conditions of the scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14554/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will publish the criteria local authorities must apply when evaluating to purchase properties under the NTQ scheme or if it is based on criteria set locally. — Robert Troy. [14568/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the 14 October 2022 statement by An Bord Pleanála that it was not aware that the Climate Action Plan had been adopted; and his further views on whether other State bodies under his aegis are aware of their obligations under Section 15 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 as amended by the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2021. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14578/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing estates and developments completed and not yet occupied in Maynooth, Celbridge, Leixlip, Kilcock, Sallins, Clane and Naas, County Kildare; the number expected to accrue to the local authority or approved housing bodies with a view to alleviating the pressure on local authority housing waiting lists or those seeking affordable housing; when this is likely to happen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14616/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current status of traffic alleviation measures including road and bridge re-alignments incorporating new bridge over the Royal Canal in Maynooth, County Kildare, the funding for which was provided under LIHAF some ten years ago; the progress made in this regard to date, given the traffic chaos that exists at all times; if any or all of the pre-requirements have been achieved; if an early start on the development is envisaged; if the relevant funding still remains in place; if the public and private responsibilities are sufficiently coordinated in this regard to achieve adequate and early progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14621/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated number of persons on the Kildare local authority housing list at present; the likelihood of having their housing need met in the short-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14623/23]

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

*231. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if there is an agreement between the UK Government, the UK Ministry of Defence, and the Irish Government in regard to UK aircraft and vessels entering Irish sovereign airspace and territorial waters, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14428/23]

*232. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the position regarding a foreign birth registration for a family (details supplied) which was submitted in June 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [14377/23]

*233. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department has considered banning an application (details supplied) from the phones of Ministers and civil servants, in line with Britain, the USA and the European Commission; if he has discussed the matter with his foreign counterparts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14418/23]

*234. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs For if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [14499/23]

*235. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the protocols and or guidelines he has issued in respect of the use of personal social media accounts by officials in his Department; the number of sanctions imposed by his Department on its own officials in the past ten years to date in respect of social media output by its officials, verbal, written or otherwise; if social media platforms are restricted on his Department's network; if an application (details supplied) is available to use and or download onto Departmental-issued mobile phones; and if not, if it is barred from use. — Catherine Murphy. [14513/23]

*236. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps that an applicant is required to take if they wish to change their name on their passport; the legal basis for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14547/23]

*237. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application can be processed on time for a minor (details supplied) in County Mayo. — Michael Ring. [14549/23]

*238. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the outcome of any recent discussions he had with the United States authorities regarding the need to regularise the status of the undocumented Irish and have an appropriate visa programme put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14556/23]

*239. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the outcome of any recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and with the British Foreign Secretary concerning the difficulties that will be caused by the proposed electronic travel authorisation scheme as that legislation is currently framed; if he is aware of the concerns of some people travelling cross-border on this island on a regular basis, both for some residents and visitors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14557/23]

*240. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his recent visit to the United States and the efforts he made to regularise the status of the undocumented Irish living there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [14580/23]

*241. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland will join the European Commission's infringement proceedings against Hungary for its anti-LGBTQ+ propaganda law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [14581/23]

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

*242. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if, in lieu of enforcing personnel who want to remain in the Defence Forces to retire on age grounds, he will consider a proposed fix of rehiring them under 2013 contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [13558/23]

*243. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent of any recent discussions with his EU colleagues in regard to defence and security. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8521/23]

*244. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the protocols and or guidelines he has issued in respect of the use of personal social media accounts by officials in his Department;

the number of sanctions imposed by his Department on its own officials in the past ten years to date in respect of social media output by its officials, verbal, written or otherwise; if social media platforms are restricted on his Department's network; if an application (details supplied) is available to use and or download onto Departmental-issued mobile phones; and if not, if it is barred from use. — Catherine Murphy. [14508/23]

*245. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current strength of the Defence Forces; the extent to which this is in line with the recent report on the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14601/23]

*246. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which he remains satisfied that the Defence Forces have access to adequate equipment such as air and seagoing vessels in order to meet any emergency that might arise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14602/23]

*247. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the degree to which military equipment of a defensive and offensive nature remains available to the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14603/23]

*248. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the degree to which ongoing training continues throughout the Defence Forces, including the Reserves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14604/23]

*249. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the degree to which the Air Corps continues to be upgraded in line with the needs of an island country and the need to ensure regular coastal surveillance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14605/23]

*250. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which the Naval Service continues to be upgraded in terms of equipment and seagoing vessels in order to ensure adequate coastal surveillance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14606/23]

*251. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which the Irish Defence Forces continue to co-operate with their peers throughout the European Union with a view to ensuring interoperability in the event of emergencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14607/23]

*252. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which reforms proposed in the recent report of the Defence Forces are being put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14608/23]

*253. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the degree to which women in the Defence Forces can expect to be treated with dignity and respect as per reports in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14609/23]

*254. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the degree to which he remains satisfied that the Air Corps is adequately equipped in terms of aircraft and training to do its job in the event of an emergency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14610/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*255. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to encourage special needs assistants to undertake continuing professional development through Irish universities and institutes of technology. — Holly Cairns. [6625/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Education in view of the status of home economics as the second most difficult subject to recruit teachers for, the measures she will take to tackle the high cost to students on HDip courses for those training to be home economics teachers and bring them from current levels of €6,500 to a more affordable level, as has been done in other courses with teacher shortages. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [6940/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide more information on the proposed contract for adult education tutors working in the ETB sector; and the action she is taking to resolve the issues around terms and conditions for these tutors. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [6938/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Education the proposals, to confer DEIS status on a school (details supplied) in Thurles, County Tipperary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [14380/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has received correspondence from an organisation (details supplied), concerning her Department's guidelines for the new free school books scheme; her plans to consult with the organisation and small independent retailers whose main business is the supply of schoolbooks in advance of the introduction of free books to primary schools for the 2023-2024 term; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [14383/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 441 of 28 September 2021, and subsequent correspondence received from her Department sanctioning the transportation of a disabled child who is a full-time wheelchair user (details supplied) by the school bus service to a respite centre on the required days; if her Department will contact the school bus service concerned to confirm that the sanction is in place until such time as they are told otherwise; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [14386/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Education if she will detail the contacts she has had with a school (details supplied) regarding the allocation of additional mainstream teacher(s); if she will provide an update and give assurance in relation to the staffing levels at this school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [14389/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department plans has to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Good Friday agreement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [14407/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Education if route 4 qualification is to be abolished for special needs teachers; if analysis has been carried out of the number of special needs teachers that have qualified via route 4 in each of the past five years; and what the impact on supply of special needs teachers would be. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [14451/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Education if she will request the Teaching Council to consider allowing for the recognition of a masters in special education as a recognised qualification instead of the PME for route 3 teachers looking to attain full qualification; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [14452/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Education if she will instruct her Department, to reconsider the decision to put the construction of a new building for a school (details supplied) in Citywest on hold, given the negative impact this will have on the staff and students of two schools in close proximity to one another; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14459/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Education when her Department expects to conclude its review of school building projects, which has seen a number of projects ready to proceed to construction being delayed; the anticipated additional funding required to enable these projects proceed to construction; and if she will ensure that a school building project (details supplied) that has been under consideration for over several years proceeds at the earliest possible date. — Michael Creed. [14465/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider introducing similar payments and supports that are currently available to clinical psychologists during their doctoral programme and while undergoing their placements, given the need for additional educational psychologists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14485/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Education the protocols and or guidelines she has issued in respect of the use of personal social media accounts by officials in her Department; the number of sanctions imposed by her Department on its own officials in the past ten years to date in respect of social media output by its officials, verbal, written or otherwise; if social media platforms are restricted on her Department's network; if an application (details supplied) is available to use and or download onto Departmental-issued mobile phones; and if not, if it is barred from use. — Catherine Murphy. [14509/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 217 and 220 of 24 November 2022, the training primary school teachers receive to diagnose if a student has dyslexia or not and decide on the appropriate supports that should be provided in the case that the teacher believes the student is dyslexic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14528/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [14537/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [14538/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [14539/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the case of a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14561/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Education when two students (details supplied) in County Cork who are approved under the school transport scheme for children with special educational needs will be provided with transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14572/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which adequate primary and second level school places remain available to school goers throughout north Kildare, an area of rapid population growth; if she is satisfied that the measures in hand are adequate and attainable in time for the next school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14590/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Education if she can give an assurance that the school transport system can be adapted to meet the needs of children in north Kildare, currently unable to access the system while keeping in mind that feeder schools continue to need transport to schools where places are available; if a special coordination of school transport places and school places can be undertaken as soon as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14591/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which efforts continue to be made to provide adequate school places at all levels to prevent stress arising from a lack of school places or lack of school transport and given the necessity of both parents to be in full-time employment; the extent of the efforts that continue to be made in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14592/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Education the ongoing efforts, if any, to provide afterschool services given the necessity for both parents to remain in employment due to high mortgages; if it is anticipated that this issue is being provided for in a meaningful way; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14593/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Education the degree to which the pupil-to-teacher ratio is being improved in all schools in County Kildare and throughout the country, at primary and second level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14595/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which new school buildings are required throughout north Kildare, whether replacement or the building of new schools; the progress to date in this regard, and the schedule for the provision of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14596/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Education the current and future proposals for the replacement and improvement of a school (details supplied); the progress of the project in the past three years; when it will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14597/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Education the up-to-date position in regard to the provision of a new school at Enfield, County Kildare; the progress on the project to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14598/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Education the current position in regard to the provision of a new school (details supplied); the progress on the project to date; when it is expected that work will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14599/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Education the current position in regard the provision of a new school building for a school (details supplied); if the permanency of the buildings has been appropriately determined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14600/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Education if a permanent teaching post is likely to be offered in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14612/23]

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

*286. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way a person (details supplied) can adequately complete a disability allowance application. — Sorca Clarke. [14445/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the qualifying period for lump sums (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [14453/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the way in which savings and assets are treated in means-test assessments, since the very stringent valuation rules risk becoming a deterrent to saving for a fruitful retirement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [14461/23]

*289. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are guidelines set out for granting illness benefit to workers whose full-time work schedule is based on a four-day week, for example, if the worker is sick four days of the week, if they should get the full week's benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [14466/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if discussions are expected to provide school lunches to all school children in all schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [14501/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the protocols and or guidelines she has issued in respect of the use of personal social media accounts by officials in her Department; the number of sanctions imposed by her Department on its own officials in the past ten years to date in respect of social media output by its officials, verbal, written or otherwise; if social media platforms are restricted on her Department's network; if an application (details supplied) is available to use and or download onto Departmental-issued mobile phones; and if not, if it is barred from use. — Catherine Murphy. [14520/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will detail in tabular form the number of PSC applications processed per month, by INTREO office in Dublin, during the period January 2022 to February 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [14535/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware of issues in relation to the provision of a service (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [14536/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will seek assistance for a person (details supplied) in relation to their wait for a disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14555/23]

*295. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if domiciliary care allowance granted to a person (details supplied) is payable from the date of application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14613/23]

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

*296. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the position regarding a local community neurorehabilitation team for CHO7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [14387/23]

*297. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children waiting for their assessment of need in the Balbriggan, Swords and coastal CDNT teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [14394/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children waiting for their initial appointment with their CDNT in the Balbriggan, Swords and coastal CDNT teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [14395/23]

*299. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the status of negotiations between the HSE and a group (details supplied) regarding the provision of services within the CH06 area, which continues to cause uncertainty and distress for service users and their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [14532/23]

*300. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when adequate speech and language and other therapies might be made available to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14614/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when an assessment of need will be undertaken in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14615/23]

*302. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the method by which the rates of payment are presently being calculated for those premises providing accommodation for Ukrainian refugees; if there is a set rate; if not, if it varies from accommodation to accommodation; if so, the criteria used to assess this; if there is an appeal method against the rate set; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14388/23]

*303. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he expects the proposed decision support service searchable register to be operational under the Assisted Decision-Making Capacity Act 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [14410/23]

*304. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a clinical governance framework has been developed and implemented nationally within the 91 children's disability network teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14470/23]

*305. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a comprehensive workforce plan has been developed in regard to the training, recruitment and retention of staff within children's disability network teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14471/23]

*306. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if consultation took place with therapy professionals representative organisations (details supplied) before or during the process of introducing the progressing disability services model; if he will detail the contents of this consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14472/23]

*307. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of therapists within children's disability network teams who are of a senior grade that enables them to oversee students on placement; the grade level required to oversee students on placement within CDNTs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14473/23]

*308. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the average timeframe for the replacement of each staff post (details supplied) within children's disability network teams, from the staff member handing in their notice until the new staff member has started in the role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14474/23]

*309. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the average time it takes to advertise a post that has been left vacant, from the time that the staff member hands in their notice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14475/23]

*310. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1770 and 1771 of 14 June 2022, the number of the 85 posts allocated to support services in thirty-three special schools that had on-site therapy services prior to the establishment of CDNTs in 2021 that have been filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14476/23]

*311. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if consultation took place with therapy professionals representative organisations (details supplied) with regard to the interim clinical guidance for assessors involved in the assessment of need process; if not, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14477/23]

*312. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if national policies and structures are in place for the 91 children's disability network teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14478/23]

*313. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of IT support staff working in children's disability network teams; if he is satisfied that this is sufficient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14479/23]

*314. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the protocols and or guidelines he has issued in respect of the use of personal social media accounts by officials in his Department; the number of sanctions imposed by his Department on its own officials in the past ten years to date in respect of social media output by its officials, verbal, written or otherwise; if social media platforms are restricted on his Department's network; if an application (details supplied) is available to use and or download onto Departmental-issued mobile phones; and if not, if it is barred from use. — Catherine Murphy. [14507/23]

*315. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason for the delay by his Department in completing the report of the review of the Equality Acts (Equal Status Acts 2000-2018 and the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015) examining

the functioning of the Acts and their effectiveness in combatting discrimination and promoting equality, which was due to be published early in 2023. — Mary Lou McDonald. [14545/23]

*316. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the ongoing efforts, if any, to provide afterschool services given the necessity for both parents to remain in employment due to high mortgages; if it is anticipated that this issue is being provided for in a meaningful way; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14594/23]

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

*317. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total number of beds that are available in purpose-built student accommodation in Cork, Dublin, Limerick and Galway; the number of new beds which have been made available in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; the current number of units that are currently under construction, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14391/23]

*318. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the new dental school at University College Cork; when it will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [14415/23]

*319. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the courses related to health and social care that are covered by the accelerated graduate programme; the number of students who graduated from each course in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14481/23]

*320. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the protocols and or guidelines he has issued in respect of the use of personal social media accounts by officials in his Department; the number of sanctions imposed by his Department on its own officials in the past ten years to date in respect of social media output by its officials, verbal, written or otherwise; if social media platforms are restricted on his Department's network; if an application (details supplied) is available to use and or download onto Departmental-issued mobile phones; and if not, if it is barred from use. — Catherine Murphy. [14514/23]

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

*321. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has received submissions from the Probate Office for more resources to deal with the backlog of cases awaiting approval of probate there; the steps he intends taking to make those resources available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14382/23]

*322. To ask the Minister for Justice the action that has been taken by his Department regarding a disclosure made to him by email from this Deputy's office on 18 October 2022, regarding the Garda vetting system; and if he will meet with this Deputy to discuss the content of the disclosure. — Peadar Tóibín. [14427/23]

*323. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has received correspondence from an organisation (details supplied) concerning the Firearms Expert Committee; when he will meet with members of two groups to address their concerns. — Michael Lowry. [14489/23]

*324. To ask the Minister for Justice the protocols and or guidelines he has issued in respect of the use of personal social media accounts by officials in his Department; the number of sanctions imposed by his Department on its own officials in the past ten years to date in respect of social media output by its officials, verbal, written or otherwise; if social media platforms are restricted on his Department's network; if an application (details supplied) is available to use and or download onto Departmental-issued mobile phones; and if not, if it is barred from use. — Catherine Murphy. [14517/23]

*325. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will address the concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [14541/23]

*326. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in providing a refuge centre in counties Cavan and Monaghan for victims of domestic abuse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14546/23]

*327. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has engaged with various airlines to see the additional measures that can be introduced to ensure all passengers passports/verified copy of passport is available to the authorities on arrival in Ireland. — Robert Troy. [14564/23]

*328. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 652 of 18 October 2022, the procedure to be followed to achieve citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); if some indication might be given to the procedure to be followed, if other than the usual; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14611/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*329. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an up-to-date position on a project (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14392/23]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for their special recognition bonus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14393/23]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in the Dublin Fingal constituency waiting on speech and language therapy through their local primary care centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [14397/23]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in the Dublin Fingal constituency waiting on occupational therapy through their local primary care centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [14398/23]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health the dentistry supports available through the HSE to children with additional needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [14399/23]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently waiting for their initial dentistry appointment in the Dublin Fingal constituency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [14400/23]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with medical cards who availed of dentistry appointments in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [14401/23]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in the Dublin Fingal constituency who hold a current medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [14402/23]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists in the Dublin Fingal constituency who are in agreement with the HSE to treat medical card holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [14403/23]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health the reason good behaviour is a requirement for children to access dental treatment in the Dublin Dental University Hospital to avail of treatment by undergraduate dentists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [14404/23]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health the reason paediatric dentistry referrals are not being accepted by the Dublin Dental University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [14405/23]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the Dublin Dental University Hospital to reopen paediatric services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [14406/23]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE did not alert the families of patients assessed by an individual (details supplied); if the HSE had serious concerns with the individual's qualifications; when the concerns that the HSE had with the individual's qualifications were first noted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14412/23]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health if patients assessed by an individual (details supplied) named in a television programme will have to be reassessed; if their access to services will be affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14413/23]

*343. 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 at the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin. — Barry Cowen. [14422/23]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the funding that is provided to meals on wheels services and consider increasing their allocated funding, given they provide invaluable services to communities and are urgently in need of more support. — Robert Troy. [14423/23]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 272 of 23 February 2023, when his Department will issue a reply, given all other Departments have responded in full to the question; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [14431/23]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on an application by a person (details supplied); and if the decision will be expedited. — Gino Kenny. [14444/23]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to include ileostomy bags in the long-term illness scheme. — Dara Calleary. [14456/23]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health if Traveller health care workers employed by Section 39 agencies will be eligible to receive the pandemic special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [14460/23]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health if he agrees with the need to ensure that fibromyalgia, which affects one in 50 Irish people, is recognised in Ireland as a long-term illness, that causes disability (details supplied); if he will instruct his Department to expedite this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14462/23]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14464/23]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons who were in receipt of the nursing home fair deal who listed rental from their primary residence in the assessment in 2021, 2022 and subsequently since the new 40% assessment threshold was introduced in November 2022 by Minister of State at the Department of Health to encourage more recipients to rent out their primary residence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14468/23]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a policy in relation to shared care between children's disability network teams, child and adolescent mental health services and primary care; if so, who oversees its implementation; if this body produces a report on the implementation of this policy for him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14482/23]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health if, children's disability network teams, child and adolescent mental health services and primary care are mandated to work together in relation to the shared care of children with issues pertaining across all these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14483/23]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated to CORU in each of the past five years; the number of staff working in CORU in each of the past five years; the number of organisations being regulated by CORU in the corresponding timeframe, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14484/23]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health the number of surgeries carried out in an area (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [14487/23]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the operations of an out-of-hours service (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [14490/23]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update following talks (details supplied) in relation to the kafrio drug for cystic fibrosis. — Cathal Crowe. [14491/23]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied) in Drogheda Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14493/23]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health the protocols and or guidelines he has issued in respect of the use of personal social media accounts by officials in his Department; the number of sanctions imposed by his Department on its own officials in the past ten years to date in respect

of social media output by its officials, verbal, written or otherwise; if social media platforms are restricted on his Department's network; if an application (details supplied) is available to use and or download onto Departmental-issued mobile phones; and if not, if it is barred from use. — Catherine Murphy. [14515/23]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 454 of 8 March 2023, if he has responded to a request from the Minister for Social Protection to designate long-Covid as an occupational illness; the current status of the request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [14529/23]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health if he will revert to this Deputy with a response to an issue (details supplied) which was raised recently during questions on priority legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [14559/23]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health when arrears will be paid to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14560/23]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide in tabular form in each CHO region the current number of home helps employed; the nuance of vacancies; if there are plans to hire additional numbers; and his views on the optimal number to be employed in this critical service. — Robert Troy. [14567/23]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in advancing a project to provide additional accommodation at a health care facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14585/23]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health when the outstanding Covid bonus payments will be made to health care workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14586/23]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health if he will urgently put in place a home care package that has already been approved for a person (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14587/23]

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

*367. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if financial assistance is available to a farmer (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [14378/23]

*368. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority has raised any concerns regarding the effective monitoring and enforcement of super-trawlers whilst in Irish waters; if any discussions have been held between his Department and the SFPA in relation to same, including the provision of inspectors or observers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14432/23]

*369. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he or his Department have had any discussions regarding the effective monitoring and enforcement of super-trawlers whilst in Irish waters with EU counterparts, including the provision of inspectors or observers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14433/23]

*370. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will make a request to the EU Council regarding the establishment of a control observer scheme, as provided for under regulation, to enable the on-board monitoring of factory vessels whilst in Irish waters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14434/23]

*371. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the process by which a fishing vessel may be inspected by a Sea Fisheries Protection officer; whether the SFPA can request the Naval Service for such an inspection to take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14435/23]

*372. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of inspections of fishing vessels that have been undertaken by the Naval Service in each of the past 20 years; the number of those vessels that were factory boats; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14436/23]

*373. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of fishery patrol days by the Naval Service in each of the past 20 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14437/23]

*374. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the implementation of the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority capability review; how many of the 46 recommendations have been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14438/23]

*375. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether an advisory board, nominated by his Department, comprising members with expertise and/or professional experience in senior administration, public sector governance requirements and management has been put in place for the SFPA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14439/23]

*376. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of factory vessels, including their size ranges that were recorded as being present in Irish waters in each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14440/23]

*377. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 183 of 7 March 2023, the area of land covered by gorse and heather and so on, that has been burned nationwide; how many tonnes of CO₂ have been released into the atmosphere from the period, 1 September 2022 to 28 February 2023; if this CO₂ is included in agricultural emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14455/23]

*378. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a laboratory (details supplied), based in County Limerick, is currently operational; if not, when it was shut down; the reason for its closure; the steps being taken to make it operational again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [14463/23]

*379. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if dairy farmers who are excluded from grant-aid for milking machines and dairy equipment, are eligible for grant-aid for the milking parlour buildings under TAMS 3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [14486/23]

*380. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will urgently open a round of GLAS to accommodate the 14,000 farmers who have not been able to apply to the ACRES scheme but were part of GLAS in previous years. — Robert Troy. [14504/23]

*381. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the protocols and or guidelines he has issued in respect of the use of personal social media accounts by officials in his Department; the number of sanctions imposed by his Department on its own officials in the past ten years to date in respect of social media output by its officials, verbal, written or otherwise; if social media platforms are restricted on his Department's network; if an application (details supplied) is available to use and or download onto Departmental-issued mobile phones; and if not, if it is barred from use. — Catherine Murphy. [14506/23]

*382. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will undertake a review of the Forest Licencing Plan 2022, specifically comparing output per licence and scheme type against targets; if he will publish such a review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14550/23]

*383. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he will publish the Forest Licencing Plan for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14551/23]

*384. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm that as per Circular 4 2023, there are no new premiums available to owners impacted by ash dieback whose forests are out of the original afforestation premium payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14552/23]

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

*385. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason in laying down the conditions to qualify for a local improvement scheme for non-county roads, there is a requirement that two herd owners have land on the road; the reason roads into clusters of houses without the required herd-owning land holders on the road are ineligible, particularly as fewer and fewer rural people are engaged in farming; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14450/23]

*386. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the protocols and or guidelines she has issued in respect of the use of personal social media accounts by officials in her Department; the number of sanctions imposed by her Department on its own officials in the past ten years to date in respect of social media output by its officials, verbal, written or otherwise; if social media platforms are restricted on her Department's network; if an application (details supplied) is available to use and or download onto Departmental-issued mobile phones; and if not, if it is barred from use. — Catherine Murphy. [14519/23]