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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the most recent meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Health took place. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11562/23]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Aindrias Moynihan. [13067/23]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when the most recent meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Health took place. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12864/23]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the most recent meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Health took place. — Bríd Smith. [12867/23]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the most recent meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Health took place. — Gino Kenny. [12869/23]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the most recent meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Health took place. — Ivana Bacik. [13431/23]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [14827/23]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the most recent meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Health took place. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [14832/23]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the most recent meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Health took place. — Mick Barry. [14880/23]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Gary Gannon. [14890/23]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the most recent meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Health took place; and when the next one is scheduled. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [15096/23]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the most recent meeting of the Cabinet Committee on a Humanitarian Response to Ukraine took place. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11563/23]
13. To ask the Taoiseach when the most recent meeting of the Cabinet Committee on a Humanitarian Response to Ukraine took place. — Mick Barry. [14881/23]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the most recent meeting of the Cabinet Committee on a Humanitarian Response to Ukraine took place. — Gary Gannon. [14891/23]

15. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on a Humanitarian Response to Ukraine will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [15091/23]

16. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the international division of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11604/23]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the international division of his Department. — Bríd Smith. [11607/23]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the international division of his Department. — Gino Kenny. [11609/23]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the international division of his Department. — Seán Haughey. [12707/23]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the international division of his Department. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [13882/23]

21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the international and EU division within his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [14828/23]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the international division of his Department. — Mick Barry. [14882/23]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the international division of his Department. — Gary Gannon. [14892/23]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the international division of his Department. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [15077/23]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the international division of his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [15089/23]

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

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11605/23]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14962/23]

38. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [15129/23]

39. To ask the Taoiseach when the most recent meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Housing took place. — Gary Gannon. [14893/23]

40. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Mick Barry. [15252/23]

41. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Alan Dillon. [15437/23]

42. To ask the Taoiseach if he is planning to publish a Housing for All report with the final figures of housing delivered for the whole of 2022; and when he expects to do this. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15431/23]

43. To ask the Taoiseach if he is planning to publish a Housing for All report with the final figures of housing delivered for the whole of 2022; and when he expects to do this. — Bríd Smith. [15433/23]

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

45. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his Department's resource-efficiency action plan. — Ivana Bacik. [15090/23]

46. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his Department's resource-efficiency action plan. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15153/23]

47. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his Department's resource-efficiency action plan. — Bríd Smith. [15156/23]

48. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his Department's resource-efficiency action plan. — Gary Gannon. [14894/23]

49. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his Department's resource-efficiency action plan. — Mick Barry. [15253/23]

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

51. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with the Spanish Prime Minister, Pedro Sánchez. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15154/23]

52. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with the Spanish Prime Minister, Pedro Sánchez. — Bríd Smith. [15157/23]

53. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the Spanish Prime Minister, Pedro Sánchez. — Seán Haughey. [15159/23]

54. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with the Spanish Prime Minister. — Gary Gannon. [14895/23]

55. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with the Spanish Prime Minister, Pedro Sánchez. — Ivana Bacik. [15092/23]

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

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

58. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the President of the United States. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15155/23]

59. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the President of the United States. — Bríd Smith. [15158/23]

60. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the President of the United States. — Seán Haughey. [15167/23]

61. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the President of the United States. — Brendan Smith. [15168/23]

62. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his engagements with US businesses during his recent visit to the United States of America, in the context of investing in Ireland. — Alan Farrell. [15187/23]

63. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the President of the United States. — Peadar Tóibín. [15128/23]

64. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the President of the United States. — Mick Barry. [15254/23]

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

66. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14963/23]

67. To ask the Taoiseach how often every Cabinet Committee meets, with particular reference to the Committees on Health, Housing and Education. — Cian O’Callaghan. [15171/23]

68. To ask the Taoiseach how often every Cabinet Committee meets, with particular reference to the Committees on Health, Housing and Education. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15432/23]

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70. To ask the Taoiseach how often every Cabinet Committee meets, with particular reference to the Committees on Health, Housing and Education. — Ivana Bacik. [15095/23]

71. To ask the Taoiseach the number of meetings that have taken place of the Strategic Foresight and Strengthening Policy Development research project, jointly overseen by his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12974/23]

72. To ask the Taoiseach the number of meetings that have taken place of the Strategic Foresight and Strengthening Policy Development research project, jointly overseen by his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [15093/23]

73. To ask the Taoiseach the number of meetings that have taken place of the Strategic Foresight and Strengthening Policy Development research project, jointly overseen by his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15430/23]

74. To ask the Taoiseach if he report on the non-statutory public service modernisation, development and reform functions for which his Department is responsible. — Mary Lou McDonald. [14831/23]

75. To ask the Taoiseach if he will outline the current situation in regard to the development of a national security strategy. — John Brady. [14312/23]

76. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will meet next. — Alan Dillon. [15202/23]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

77. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will carry out a review of the JobPath scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [15344/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has any plans to increase welfare rates for those on disability payments in light of additional costs and rising cost-of-living pressures; if any consideration is being given to the provision of a universal non means-tested payment for those suffering from long-term disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15453/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending the reduced qualifying period for community employment schemes from 12 months on the live register to nine months for all qualifying social welfare payments, in view of the recent announcement made regarding Ukrainian nationals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [15345/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will reopen a full-time social protection office in Castlepollard, County Meath. — Peadar Tóibín. [15407/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason people on benefit payments, who have worked and paid their taxes, are still not eligible for the fuel allowance or any cost-of-living benefits. — Danny Healy-Rae. [15409/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

82. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 56 of 9 February 2023, the status of the development of the strawman proposal for the restructuring of long-term disability payments; the timeline for the public consultation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15173/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of employers that applied for the disability awareness support scheme in 2022; the number of employers who were successful and received this funding; if there are plans to promote the scheme among the business community in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [14923/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will ensure that households who have accumulated significant debts, including arrears on bills and on prepay meters, have access to sufficient support to avoid a long-term legacy of indebtedness and reduced financial

resilience amongst the poorest households in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [15179/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date on introducing a total-contributions approach, aligning a person's contributory pension more closely with the contributions they make; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15139/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, following the report of the Advisory Group on the Provision of Support including Accommodation to Persons in the International Projections Process, there are plans to increase the direct provision allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [15049/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are plans to award the fuel allowance to households in receipt of the working family payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [15177/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will increase social welfare rates in line with inflation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [15204/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the situation regarding overpayments in respect of non-contributory pensions in circumstances where the amount of capital in the estate of a deceased person exceeds the allowed amount; when the current amount was decided; her plans, if any, to increase the amount allowed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [15127/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of individuals who availed of the winter fuel allowance payment in each of the past five years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [15130/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount her Department spent on the farm assist payment in 2022; the total number of recipients for the same year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [14927/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will prioritise the right of homeowners in nursing homes to rent out their vacant homes without it affecting their non-contributory pension entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [15137/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has undertaken an assessment of the take-up of the working family dividend and consulted with the Revenue Commissioners, which collects income data to ensure that this support is fully taken up. — Richard Bruton. [14949/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what measures her Department is putting in place to help those affected by the ending of the eviction ban. — Peadar Tóibín. [15132/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider reviewing the application process for emergency needs' payments for those seeking assistance with a deposit and first month's rent to enable her Department to issue a letter of pre-approval to applicants which can be used to reassure landlords and assist them in securing a tenancy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [15126/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will provide evidence that the reduction in positive outcomes for appeals to the Social Welfare Appeals Office related to disability has nothing to do with whether the appeal has been heard orally or conducted in writing. — Joan Collins. [15196/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider allowing pro-rata pensions on the basis of the proportion of contributions made by the pensioner relative to the qualifying number of such contributions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15150/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has made any provision for an increased budget for additional needs' payments in light of the ending of the eviction ban and the likelihood of additional expenses being faced by people made homeless; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15160/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason those paying the D stamp and who were recruited prior to 1995 are not eligible for the State pension (contributory); her plans to amend the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [15184/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the weekly rate of all State pensions to include the full €12 increase introduced in Budget 2023 so people on a reduced pension rate can receive the full increase given the cost-of-living crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15198/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which appeals against negative decisions in response to applications for domiciliary care allowance can be expedited and incorporate fully the concerns and challenges experienced by parents of children with particular or specific needs as diagnosed by their professional medical/psychiatric expertise, as opposed to a conclusion in many cases that the child needs no more care and attention than any other child of a similar age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15149/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her engagement with an organisation (details supplied) in providing a free travel scheme to all persons with epilepsy; if a report on this matter, which is due for the first quarter of 2023, is on target for the end of the month; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15189/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on a State pension solution for long-term family carers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [15040/23]

104. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the expected timeframe in which she intends to announce additional agricultural schemes in the new CAP which will be disregarded with regard to Farm Assist. — Matt Carthy. [15104/23]

105. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on engagement from her Department with community employment supervisors regarding their employment-related concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [15042/23]

106. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in the context of concerns over improper control of her Department over the independent Social Welfare Appeals Office, if there has been

a change in Government policy relating to the operation of the Social Welfare Appeals Office. — Joan Collins. [15192/23]

107. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the progress being made towards creating a lifetime carer's pension scheme; if she will provide an update on the promised legislation surrounding this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [15175/23]

108. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will report on her recent visit to London. — Peadar Tóibín. [15131/23]

109. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will seek to amend the current situation in respect of age-related rates of jobseeker's allowance for under-25-year-olds to bring them into line with rates of payment for those over 25 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15180/23]

110. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she intends to introduce legislation underpinning the provision of pensions to carers. — Matt Carthy. [15105/23]

111. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 263 of 2 March 2023, if she has completed the review of the final report from the evaluation of the school meals programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [15174/23]

112. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has any plans to change the eligibility criteria for CE schemes to include persons in direct provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15164/23]

113. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the 'SW56 Introduction to Social Welfare Appeals Office' information leaflet is no longer sent to appellants to the Social Welfare Appeals Office when their appeals are registered or available on the Social Welfare Appeals Office's website. — Joan Collins. [15193/23]

114. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of farmers in receipt of the farm assist payment; the county in which most of the payments are made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [14924/23]

115. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to change the social welfare entitlements of public service employees who paid the modified class-D social insurance rate that were employed before 6 April 1995; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [15183/23]

116. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people in receipt of the accommodation recognition payment in County Clare; if this number is increasing or decreasing based on the 2022 figures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14972/23]

117. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of families that will benefit from the child benefit lump sum payment in June 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [15185/23]

118. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will extend eligibility for CE schemes to people in direct provision, as has been done for Ukrainian refugees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [15203/23]

119. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people in receipt of the working family payment to date this year; how this number compares with the same period in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15138/23]

120. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has a timeframe within which domestic violence has occurred for a person to be eligible for an emergency needs' payment; if so, the timeframe after the violence has occurred after which her Department will no longer accept an application for an emergency needs' payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [15125/23]

121. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will advise on her Department's review of means testing for carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [15043/23]

122. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the labour activation measures put in place by her Department, considering many sectors are facing recruitment challenges and unemployment stands at 10.2% youth unemployment and 3.4% for persons of 25 years plus. — Robert Troy. [14840/23]

123. To ask the Minister for Social Protection who receives the working family payment in a two-parent household; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14958/23]

124. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline her Department's consumer protection strategy in the wake of a recent report (details supplied) which showed the numbers unable to heat their homes more than doubled in 2022. — Gary Gannon. [15176/23]

125. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will look at further widening the thresholds for accessing the fuel allowance scheme in Budget 2023 given that the cost of heating homes remains very high; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [15136/23]

126. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has assessed the way in which capital is treated in means tests; and if it needs to be rebalanced to encourage right-sizing and fair treatment. — Richard Bruton. [14948/23]

127. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the consultation process as part of her Department's work on addressing the cost of disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [15041/23]

128. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 824 of 21 March 2023, if consideration will be given to introducing a young carer's grant, similar to the one introduced in Scotland in 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [15050/23]

129. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide evidence around her Department's assertions that staff members moving into the Social Welfare Appeals Office were experienced staff from within her Department. — Joan Collins. [15197/23]

130. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will give consideration to extending the fuel allowance to households in receipt of the working family payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15181/23]

131. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total amount paid out by her Department for the accommodation recognition payment since 4 March 2022; the total number of recipients of this payment; the number who have applied for a backdated payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14957/23]

132. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps she is taking to support family carers. — Holly Cairns. [14887/23]

133. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of organisations that have received the disability awareness support scheme to date in 2023; how this number compares with the same time in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [14928/23]

134. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify that people in district heating systems who have faced large increases in their energy bills can access additional needs' payments; if any instruction has been issued from her Department to community welfare officers in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15162/23]

135. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what plans there are to introduce unemployment benefit based upon one's previous employment income. — Brian Stanley. [15165/23]

136. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline the criteria for assessment for the domiciliary care allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15199/23]

137. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has given consideration to pro-rata contributory pensions in the event that a person has not been able, through circumstances such as illness, to have the current 520 required paid contributions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [15152/23]

138. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of farmers in receipt of the farm assist payment to date in 2023; how this number compares with the same time in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [14925/23]

139. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason it is no longer made clear on the Social Welfare Appeals Office's website that appellants can request an oral hearing. — Joan Collins. [15195/23]

140. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to cases where people in receipt of full disability allowance will see it revoked if they move out of their parental home to get married or to cohabit with their partner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [15194/23]

141. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 53 of 9 February 2023, the status of the examination of the final report of the review of the school meals programme; when the final report will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15172/23]

142. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the work of her Department to support carers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [15186/23]

143. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she intends on changing the medical criteria for receipt of invalidity pension to align it with the medical criteria for disability allowance; the reason that these criteria are different at present; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15135/23]

144. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline the nature, extent and frequency of meetings and talks between her Department and its British counterparts in the past 12 months; if issues such as the delays in providing pension contribution information were discussed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [15099/23]

145. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on her Department's review of the extension of the free travel scheme to people with epilepsy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [15039/23]

146. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify the last occasion when there was an increase in the energy part of the household benefit package; if she has any plans to raise this allowance in light of the ongoing energy crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15163/23]

147. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will consider targeted measures, such as a social energy tariff, rather than universal payments in its future consumer protection and poverty reduction strategies. — Gary Gannon. [15178/23]

148. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps her Department is taking to improve access to the free travel scheme for people with epilepsy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [15182/23]

149. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are plans to improve the processing times for disability allowance applications; the target timeline for decisions to be made in these applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [15098/23]

150. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of businesses that availed of the disability awareness support scheme in 2022; if there are plans to increase awareness of this scheme in the coming year to support the employment of people with disabilities in the labour force; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [14926/23]

151. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on progress to reform the stillbirth registration process. — Holly Cairns. [14886/23]

152. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will extend the school meals programme to all schools by 2023; and if she will ensure that these meals are of a high standard and offer both hot and cold school meals. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14163/23]

153. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will report on the requirement for those who apply for an exceptional needs' payment for kitchen items, such as fridges and ovens, to hire with expense, an engineer in order that an engineer's report can be submitted with the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [8954/23]

154. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications that are now outstanding on the over-70s fuel allowance applications received; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15190/23]

155. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she intends on increasing the maximum period a person may receive jobseeker's benefit from nine months to a year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15134/23]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*156. To ask the Taoiseach the amount of coal imported into the State for domestic use over the past four years; and the amount per year in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [15411/23]

*157. To ask the Taoiseach 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. [14589/23]

*158. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide details of all procurement competitions, if any, in which companies (details supplied) won contracts from his Department since 2016. — Peadar Tóibín. [14732/23]

*159. To ask the Taoiseach the total costs of accommodation and travel expenses associated with his recent foreign trip, or foreign trips by Ministers for State at his Department, for St Patrick's Day; and if a breakdown can be provided on travel costs, accommodation costs, country/state visited, number of departmental staff accompanying him, and the duration of the trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14750/23]

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

*160. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what mechanism is in place in the Personal Injuries Assessment Board to inform applicants of progress on their case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [15368/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide details of all procurement competitions, if any, in which companies (details supplied) won contracts from his Department since 2016. — Peadar Tóibín. [14721/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total costs of accommodation and travel expenses, associated with his recent foreign trip, or foreign trips by Ministers for State at his Department, for St Patrick's Day; and if a breakdown can be provided on travel costs, accommodation costs, country/state visited, number of departmental staff accompanying him, and the duration of the trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14739/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if, in light of the UK government's decision to increase the maximum amount of weekly pay for the purpose of calculating a redundancy payment from £594 to £699, with effect from 6 April 2023, he intends to increase the maximum amount of €600 which was set back in 2004. — Michael McNamara. [14785/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses that have applied for assistance under stream 1 of the Ukraine enterprise crisis scheme to date, by county; the number of applications that have been successful, by county; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for each county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14904/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses that have applied for assistance under stream 2 of the Ukraine enterprise crisis scheme to date, by county; the number of applications that have been successful, by county; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for each county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14905/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he plans to correct the statement he made to the Oireachtas Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade and Defence, on 8 February 2022 (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [14943/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the breakdown of funding current and capital allocated to the regional enterprise development programmes in Budget 2023, including the regional enterprise development fund, Border enterprise development fund, the regional enterprise transition scheme, the regional enterprise innovation scheme and the regional enterprise plans projects; if a breakdown could be provided for each scheme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [15021/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of a work permit for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15028/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will examine a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [15047/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the new rate of pay of €12.90 per hour for security guards proposed by the Labour Court has taken effect; when this took effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [15351/23]

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

*171. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a bye law can be amended to ensure that all persons are treated the same (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15013/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if Ireland is a party to the International Seabed Authority (ISA); if so, his views on draft regulations on the matter of deep sea mining; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [15044/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current status of the public consultation to ban disposable e-cigarettes; if a timeline has been developed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14693/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide details of all procurement competitions, if any, in which companies (details supplied) won contracts from his Department since 2016. — Peadar Tóibín. [14722/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total costs of accommodation and travel expenses associated with his recent foreign trip, or foreign trips by Ministers for State at his Department, for St Patrick's Day; and if a breakdown can be provided on travel costs, accommodation costs, country/state visited, number of departmental staff accompanying him, and the duration of the trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14740/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will clarify the Government's position on withdrawing from the EU Energy Charter Treaty; if his attention has been drawn to recent European Commission statements on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14834/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide details of any provision made by his Department for research on the potential impact on diadromous fish from marine renewables and related infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15053/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the Government has reached a decision on the European Commission packaging and packaging waste regulation proposal; the evidence being used to inform the deliberation process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [15059/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his officials in the Inland Fisheries division have immediate plans to reconstitute the Western Regional Fisheries Board to enable more effective local management of Ireland's world famous salmonid fisheries in County Galway, in line with Ireland's legal obligations under the EU Habitats and Water Framework Directives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [15061/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and his Department support the conservation of invasive perch in Lough Inagh under the Conservation of Coarse Fish Bye-Law No. 806 of 2006, to the detriment of the marginalised native Arctic char

population and other native salmonids (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [15063/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and his Department support the conservation of invasive pike in Connemara SACs under the Conservation of Pike Bye-Law No. 809 of 2006, to the detriment of native salmonids, particularly Atlantic salmon and brown trout (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [15064/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on a plan-led approach in offshore wind farming. — Darren O'Rourke. [15084/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the period of third-party consultation relating to the provision of LNG plants, floating offshore LNG storage and regasification units has concluded; when he expects to outline his Department's future policy position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [15261/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to outline in tabular form what steps for the preparation and proposal of new legislation in the Cabinet Handbook were adhered to, and not adhered to, with regard to the Environmental Protection Agency (Amendment) Bill 2023. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15268/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the work carried out to date on the Government's review of the security of energy supply of Ireland's electricity and natural gas systems; if he has received a draft of the completed review; when he hopes to bring the review forward to Government; and when he hopes the completed review will be published. — Darren O'Rourke. [15289/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the development of a national biomethane strategy; the expected timeline for statutory consultation and publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [15318/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the Heat and Built Environment Delivery Task Force, under which auspices a biomethane working group will be tasked with developing Ireland's national biomethane strategy, has been established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [15319/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress that has been made to date regarding the establishment of a biomethane working group, which was as committed to in the Climate Action Plan 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [15320/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how the proceeds from the Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) Bill 2023 will be used to lower profits for consumers; if an energy credit will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [15361/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications about the market revenue cap included in the Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) Bill 2023 the motivation to backdate to December 2022 only, excluding the months in which the profits of

energy companies were at their peak throughout 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [15362/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on actions taken since the introduction of the new air-quality regulations, in particular to report on the work carried out within regional lead authorities in respect of co-ordination, expertise and advice issued to ensure enforcement of the regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15369/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a breakdown of the number of retrofits in 2020, 2021 and 2022 in private homes, approved housing bodies and social housing. — Brian Stanley. [15465/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a breakdown of the total value of grants and expenditure on retrofits in 2020, 2021 and 2022 in private homes, approved housing bodies and social housing. — Brian Stanley. [15466/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average BER rating of homes retrofitted in 2021 and 2022 prior to being retrofitted; and the average BER rating when completed. — Brian Stanley. [15467/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of complaints that the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland has received from private homeowners or approved housing bodies regarding unsatisfactory work by retrofitting companies contracted by it. — Brian Stanley. [15468/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total number of units in the private rental sector that require retrofitting. — Brian Stanley. [15469/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average grant figure for 2021 and 2022, broken down by approved housing bodies and private homes. — Brian Stanley. [15470/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address recent reports that security screening at Dublin Airport is “not fit for purpose” and leaves risks for a possible terrorist attack; if his Department has been in contact with the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) to discuss this matter; the actions that are being taken to resolve the concerns raised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14660/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport whether an assessment is underway to assess the impact that aircraft noise is having on communities and residential areas around Dublin Airport; if he can provide the number of flights that have passed over the Baldoyle, Clongriffin, Belmayne areas since January 2023, along with their flight paths; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [14671/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of sports utility vehicles registered in total in Ireland; the number of SUVs registered annually over the past ten years; the number registered to date for 2023; if he will provide a breakdown of the number of SUVs registered per county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14685/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will make funds available to support the maintenance of active travel projects (details supplied); and if he will set out his rationale for not funding the maintenance of active travel projects. — Catherine Murphy. [14716/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of all procurement competitions, if any, in which companies (details supplied) won contracts from his Department since 2016. — Peadar Tóibín. [14734/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport the total costs of accommodation and travel expenses associated with his recent foreign trip, or foreign trips by Ministers for State at his Department, for St Patrick's Day; and if a breakdown can be provided on travel costs, accommodation costs, country/state visited, number of departmental staff accompanying him, and the duration of the trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14752/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport the expected timeline for completion of the inner relief road Thurles, County Tipperary linking Slievenamon Road to the Mill Road; if funding is in place for same; if a route has been finalised; and if all land required has been secured. — Mattie McGrath. [14798/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 202 of 31 January 2023, what progress has been made on locating a second NCT centre in Clare since; the number of occupiers of premises in respect of which feasibility analysis was carried out who subsequently withdrew their expressions of interest; and if he will provide an explanation for same. — Michael McNamara. [14802/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport if the RSA's new regulations (details supplied) will be amended to ensure that CVR test operators without drive-through facilities but who meet every other standard as per the 2022 regulations can be kept in business and not forced to close as a result of the new regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [14845/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of CVR test operators who currently have a three-year renewal of authorisation and that the RSA expects will be forced to close as a direct result of the new regulations (details supplied) and specifically arising from the requirement to have a drive through facility on the premises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [14846/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the move to E10 as the standard grade of petrol in Ireland; if he aware of concerns that have been raised by some owners of older models of vehicles; the steps that have been made to mitigate their concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14896/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that are being taken to ensure that insurance companies will offer the required cover to meet the provisions outlined in the Road Traffic and Roads Bill 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [14915/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the progress and future implementation of the BusConnects F-spine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14969/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport if each Bus Éireann expressway route has fully recovered in terms of passenger numbers compared to the numbers prior to the Covid-19 pandemic. — Paul Donnelly. [14988/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of staff working in an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [14997/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport if planning permission or environmental or other impact assessments are required for major changes to flightpaths to and from airports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [15057/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport the financial support schemes or incentives currently in place to assist drivers who wish to switch to hybrid/electric vehicles in order to reduce their carbon footprint; if it is planned to introduce additional supports in order to assist in meeting Ireland's climate targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [15060/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider establishing a working group with a view to reviewing the existing arrangements for blue parking permits to ensure they are fit for purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [15088/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide the cost of installing an electronic timetable with real-time arrival times at bus stops that currently only have a sign; the estimated cost of installing a roofed shelter at bus stops that currently only have a sign; if he will clarify the process for applying for both, for a particular bus stop; if he will outline his Department's and Dublin Bus's plans to install both across Dublin city and county over the coming year; if Dublin Bus will consider installing both at stop 2380, Cork Street and Ardee Street servicing routes towards the city, in the same fashion as the stop directly opposite going in the opposite direction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15133/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of installing an electronic timetable with real-time arrival times at bus stops that currently only have a sign. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15206/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of installing a roofed shelter at bus stops that currently only have a sign. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15207/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport the process for applying for particular bus stops (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15208/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans of his Department and Dublin Bus to install a particular type of bus stop (details supplied) across the Dublin city and county over the coming year. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15209/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport if he and Dublin Bus will consider installing a particular type of bus stop (details supplied) at stop 2380, Cork Street, Ardee Street, Dublin, servicing routes towards the city, in the same fashion as the stop directly opposite going the opposite direction. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15210/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport the cost of installing an electronic timetable with real time arrival times at bus stops; the cost of installing a roofed shelter at bus stops that currently

only have a sign; the process for applying for both for a particular bus stop; the plans to install both across the city and county over the coming year in particular at Stop 2380, Cork Street, Ardee Street, in the same fashion as the stop directly opposite going the opposite direction. — Patrick Costello. [15236/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has examined the introduction of more flexibility for ten-journey tickets on public service obligation routes by, for example, increasing the expiry date of the ten-journey ticket, taking into account commuters' new work patterns which mean they might only be travelling a few times a week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [15256/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address concerns raised by a person (details attached) in respect of the N2 development plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15265/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Transport when a decision will be made on a local area hackney licence application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [15282/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason users of mobility scooters are being refused entry to Bus Éireann buses in counties Sligo and Mayo (details supplied); if this is the case on all Bus Éireann routes; if so, if this matter will be rectified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [15427/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 281 of 21 March 2023, if he will confirm that information is also provided to An Garda Síochána by his Department by electronic transfer; if a driving licence or learner permit has been surrendered as a result of a court-ordered disqualification; if he will report on the improvements that have been made to the system that shares details of disqualifications with An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [15464/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bus drivers recruited by Bus Éireann in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [15484/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*229. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware that no insurance company in Ireland is offering insurance for mobility scooters (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [15263/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered increasing the rent-a-room tax-free threshold to encourage more homeowners to take up the scheme and to increase available rental supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [15357/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the prohibitive effect that rising insurance premiums are having on person's looking to open indoor play facilities; if this is a matter that the Cabinet Committee Sub-Group on Insurance Reform is considering; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [14652/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will respond to a proposal (details supplied) in respect of issues in relation to the long delays to case determinations by the Financial Services

and Pensions Ombudsman; if further resources are being ringfenced for the Ombudsman to clear the current backlogs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14670/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Finance the funding provided to the Revenue Commissioners in each year from 2020 to 2023 that is used to combat tobacco smuggling; if the Revenue Commissioners are developing a dedicated anti-smuggling strategy; if the Covid-19 pandemic has had any impact on the Revenue Commissioners combatting smuggling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14686/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised annually if an excise tax of €0.06 per ml of electronic cigarette liquid was applied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14691/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will urgently investigate the circumstances in which a financial institution (details supplied) is continuing to sell mortgages on to third-party mortgage brokers, particularly in cases where a mortgage has never been in arrears and is fully serviced. — Robert Troy. [14707/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide details of all procurement competitions, if any, in which companies (details supplied) won contracts from his Department since 2016. — Peadar Tóibín. [14723/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Finance the total costs of accommodation and travel expenses associated with his recent foreign trip, or foreign trips by Ministers for State at his Department, for St Patrick's Day; and if a breakdown can be provided on travel costs, accommodation costs, country/state visited, number of departmental staff accompanying him, and the duration of the trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14741/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue raised by the sugar sweetened drinks tax each year since its introduction, and to date in 2023, broken down by the yield in each band; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14769/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Finance when a tax refund is likely to issue in the case of a person (details supplied) who applied in recent months but is yet to receive a reply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14789/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress to date in reviewing and improving the disabled drivers' and disabled passengers scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14799/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the obligations on the banking sector to demonstrate its compliance with climate targets and other elements of the EU Green Deal; if it is expected to have a direct impact on lending decisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [14801/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address the delay that solicitors are having acquiring capital acquisitions certificates from the Office of the Revenue Commissioners, Capital Acquisitions Tax Unit, Government Buildings, Millennium Centre, Dundalk, County Louth. — Robert Troy. [14805/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress that has been made on the European deposit insurance scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14837/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of debt still warehoused under the tax debt warehousing scheme; the amount of this debt per division; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14901/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of warehoused tax debt that that has been repaid to date; the amount of tax foregone due to companies entering liquidation or administration; the projections on the total tax that will be foregone due to liquidations or administrations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14902/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses that have applied for assistance under the temporary business energy support scheme to date, by county; the number of applications that have been successful, by county; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for each county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14906/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to assist a sporting body (details supplied) in accessing affordable insurance cover; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15247/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware that an organisation (details supplied) cannot get insurance cover; the measures he is taking to address this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [15300/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will intervene with the insurance sector to ensure that steps are taken to ensure that motorcycle clubs are able to have their events insured, which is essential for the sport to continue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [15329/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners will continue to publish the addresses of tax defaulters given the recent judgment by the European Court of Human Rights in a case, L.B. v. Hungary, concerning publication of the personal data of taxpayers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [15330/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the tax treatment of the portion of rental income retained by participants in the fair deal scheme who rent out their home while in nursing home care. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15386/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Finance what support and relief is available to support a facility (details supplied) with its increased energy costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [15454/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will make the disabled persons' fuel grant available to persons who purchase electric vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15462/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to invite his Polish counterpart to Dublin. — Alan Kelly. [15491/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking for persons renting accommodation from a landlord who is not registered with the Residential Tenancies Board in accessing the rent tax credit. — Holly Cairns. [15497/23]

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.

*256. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide details of all procurement competitions, if any, in which companies (details supplied) won contracts from his Department since 2016. — Peadar Tóibín. [14729/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the total costs of accommodation and travel expenses associated with his recent foreign trip, or foreign trips by Ministers for State at his Department, for St Patrick's Day; and if a breakdown can be provided on travel costs, accommodation costs, country/state visited, number of departmental staff accompanying him, and the duration of the trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14747/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will confirm whether a contractor has been appointed for the Glashaboy flood relief scheme; if so, the details of same; if not, when it is expected one will be appointed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14795/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline the use of the €1.065 billion Brexit adjustment reserve per Department to mitigate impacts from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2023; the amount allocated from the fund to date; the purpose of each allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14796/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if all Garda stations custody suites are now fitted with CCTV cameras and audio recording facilities; if not, the estimated cost of fitting out the remaining custody suites with both CCTV cameras and audio recording facilities. — Paul Donnelly. [14978/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the total cost savings in each year to date of the decision in 2011 to abolish the entitlement of former Taoisigh to the use of State cars and drivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15142/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of persons that have visited the Rock of Cashel in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [15478/23]

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

*263. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if funding will be provided for the replacement of equipment at a leisure centre (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [15234/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the total costs of accommodation and travel expenses associated with her recent foreign trip, or foreign trips by Ministers for State at her Department, for St Patrick's Day; and if a breakdown can be provided on travel costs, accommodation costs, country/state visited, number of departmental staff accompanying her, and the duration of the trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14751/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps her Department is taking to address the anti-LGBTQ+ advertisements, conversion therapy advertisements and hate directed at LGBTQ+ social media users, especially teenagers. — Cathal Crowe. [14883/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to protect LGBTQ+ teens from hate and harassment on social media, as well as to prevent harmful anti-LGBT ads from being targeted towards them; and if she will consider working with the Data Protection Commission to ensure gay teens' data is kept private and not used against them in online spaces. — Robert Troy. [14967/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if Tourism Ireland will run a billboard advertisement campaign on the London underground rail services; and the estimated cost of such an advertisement campaign. — Paul Donnelly. [14976/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when she expects to announce the next round of sports capital funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [15006/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for a timeline on the introduction of Registration of Short-Term Tourist Letting Bill 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [15356/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if he will consider funding a national advertising campaign to stamp out the abuse of referees and officials as reported in many sports over the past number of months, given the importance of sport to this country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [15412/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a schedule of online influencers, journalists and online media personalities used by Tourism Ireland and Fáilte Ireland from 1 January 2022 to 22 March 2023; the costs of each engagement; the project and or context which each personality was used in; and if she will provide a schedule of the planned use of same for the remainder of 2023. — Alan Kelly. [15476/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the major film companies she met formally during her recent visit to the west coast of the United States. — Alan Kelly. [15477/23]

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

*273. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will increase the maximum grant of €5,000 for households that are not connected to public sewer systems, towards the substantial costs involved for the upgrade or replacement of domestic waste-water

treatment systems (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [14903/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if funding is available from the OPW to repair a bridge (details supplied) considering it is a key heritage, cultural, tourism and meeting point for the village; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [15343/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15359/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the retirement age of 55 years was introduced for retained firefighters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14664/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of retained firefighters forced to retire at the age of 58 years in advance of the issuing of Circular LG(P) 02/2020 - Retained Firefighters - Compulsory Retirement Age; what, if any, consideration was given to those who were forced to retire in advance of issuing the Circular; if they might reasonably be entitled to compensation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14665/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if planning permission applications for monopoles and communication masts are dealt with like any other application to the planning authority; and if private companies are exempt from public scrutiny in the planning legislation for such masts. — Paul Donnelly. [14678/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on a scientific paper (details supplied) published in the number-one internationally ranked journal for building and construction; if he will outline what implications this paper has for the IS 465 that he and the Government have based a multi-billion remediation scheme on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14697/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of all procurement competitions, if any, in which companies (details supplied) won contracts from his Department since 2016. — Peadar Tóibín. [14727/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total costs of accommodation and travel expenses associated with his recent foreign trip, or foreign trips by Ministers for State at his Department, for St Patrick's Day; and if a breakdown can be provided on travel costs, accommodation costs, country/state visited, number of departmental staff accompanying him, and the duration of the trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14745/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update as to when the enhanced defective concrete block redress scheme will go live; if applicants approved for the current 90/10 scheme will be guaranteed acceptance on to this scheme without going through a review and approval process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14766/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether An Bord Pleanála and the NPWS have the required resources and skillset to ensure that windfarm applications are dealt with within an appropriate timeframe. — Paul Donnelly. [14784/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the local authority home loan scheme the maximum borrowing terms for applicants from age 45 up to 70 years old; and the number of successful and unsuccessful applications from within this age category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14790/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the rationale for the review of sections 2 and 10 of the Housing Act 1988 completed by his Department (details supplied); if the findings and recommendations arising from that review will be published; if there will be any public consultation prior to the implementation of those recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14804/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications that have been made to Roscommon County Council under the croí cónaithe fund; the number of those applications that have been granted and refused, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [14847/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on amending S.I. No. 600/2001 - Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 as amended, to ensure that local authorities validate and make publicly available on their websites and online platforms or in planning authority public offices all documents relating to a planning application in a timely manner, and to ensure that the public have sufficient time to review and make submissions on applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14877/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to ensure that local authorities take in charge housing estates from private developers in a timely manner once all works are complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14878/23]

*289. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will advise on a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [14961/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the findings by an organisation (details supplied) in Northern Ireland in relation to the prevalence of badger baiting; if he has statistics on the numbers of badgers killed in badger baiting here; if so, the number of individuals involved; the number of detections and prosecutions over the past ten years; if he will carry out an investigation into badger baiting, similar to that carried out by the organisation in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [15058/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his officials have future plans to delist Lough Corrib in County Galway as a special area of conservation and Natura 2000 site considering that the SAC holds a significant stock of vulnerable Atlantic salmon, EU Habitats Directive Annex II, and a unique genetic strain of brown trout, *salmo ferax*; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [15062/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the criteria used by the housing authorities to assess medical priority applications for housing. — Paul Murphy. [15065/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the obligations of housing authorities under the Disability Act 2005 to provide reasonable accommodation and services to individuals with disabilities. — Paul Murphy. [15067/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the appeals process for medical priority housing decisions; and what the rights of applicants are to appeal. — Paul Murphy. [15068/23]

*295. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures that are in place to ensure that housing authorities are complying with their legal obligations to provide suitable housing for individuals with disabilities. — Paul Murphy. [15069/23]

*296. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way the Government is working to improve communication and transparency in the housing application process for individuals with disabilities. — Paul Murphy. [15070/23]

*297. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the support available for families with children with disabilities who require suitable housing; and how can they access this support. — Paul Murphy. [15071/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is a national policy for providing a 35% discretionary top-up for housing assistance payment recipients with exceptional medical needs; and if so, the criteria and procedures for accessing this top-up. — Paul Murphy. [15072/23]

*299. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the options for HAP recipients who have exceptional medical needs but are not eligible for the 35% discretionary top-up; and if there is a right of appeal or any other mechanism for requesting additional support. — Paul Murphy. [15073/23]

*300. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way local authorities are held accountable for their decisions regarding HAP recipients with exceptional medical needs; and if there is any oversight or monitoring of these decisions to ensure that they are fair, transparent, and consistent across different local authorities. — Paul Murphy. [15074/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide examples of best practices for supporting HAP recipients with exceptional medical needs, including the provision of top-ups and other forms of support. — Paul Murphy. [15075/23]

*302. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many applications were received for both phase 1 and phase 2 of a cost rental scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15078/23]

*303. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many applicants met the full eligibility criteria, net income below €53k and no more than 35% of net income used for rent, for both phase 1 and phase 2 of a cost rental scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15079/23]

*304. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many properties were offered to people through the lottery system in both phase 1 and phase 2 of a cost rental scheme (details supplied) due to insufficient expressions of interest from applications who met the affordability criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15080/23]

*305. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the difficulties that applicants are having in meeting the eligibility criteria for a cost rental scheme (details supplied); if he will examine this matter and consider reducing the monthly rent on the scheme to ensure applicants can meet the eligibility criteria without difficulty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15081/23]

*306. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the provision that is being made within the tenant-in-situ scheme for tenants who are renting a property with a HAP in one local authority area but receive the HAP and are therefore on the housing list of a different local authority. — Joan Collins. [15085/23]

*307. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a report on the operation of the tenant-in-situ purchase scheme across the four Dublin local authorities, by month; the number of applications received, accepted and rejected by each local authority during the months April 2022 to February 2023; the funding available to each local authority in Dublin under the scheme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [15086/23]

*308. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a report on the operation of the croí cónaithe town fund scheme across the four Dublin local authorities, including by month and grant type that is, vacant or derelict; the number and value of applications received, accepted and rejected by each local authority in Dublin during the months July 2022 to February 2023; the funding available to each local authority under the scheme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [15087/23]

*309. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if rent allowance is considered reckonable income for the purposes of social housing eligibility by local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15103/23]

*310. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the provision that is being made within the tenant-in-situ scheme for tenants who are renting a HAP property in one local authority area but receive HAP from and are therefore on the social housing transfer list with a different local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [15205/23]

*311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the emergency measures he will take to address the significant backlog of applications to An Bord Pleanála, which has resulted in the agency failing to decide on nearly two-thirds of current applications within the statutory timeframe. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15227/23]

*312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 494 of 21 March 2023, if he will provide more specific information on the existing internal complaints and appeals systems within local authorities, particularly in relation to appealing decisions regarding medical priority for housing applications; if he will consider implementing a standardised and transparent appeal mechanism at the national level to

ensure consistency and fairness for all applicants seeking medical priority for housing support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15248/23]

*313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the €5 million allocated from NAMA in 2014 for the development of a heritage and visitor attraction at 14 -17 Moore Street. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15272/23]

*314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the €12.7 million in funding allocated by his Department for the interpretation stage for the heritage and visitor attraction at 14 -17 Moore Street. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15273/23]

*315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an expected timeline for the submission made to his Department by Galway City Council requesting sanction for the recruitment of general operatives in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [15283/23]

*316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with regards to those families and individuals who were removed from the council housing lists as a result of income limits but who found themselves back under the limits in January when the limits were increased; the exact dates that apply for applicants getting their time back when they are put back on the list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15306/23]

*317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing first tenancies delivered and sustained in 2022; and the target number of housing first tenancies for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [15313/23]

*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the State expenditure on housing assistance payment and rent supplement in each of the years 2015 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [15314/23]

*319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the State expenditure on long-term leasing in each of the years 2015 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [15315/23]

*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of dwellings leased by each local authority, broken down by new and second-hand dwellings in each of the years from 2016 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [15316/23]

*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications made to each county council under the croí cónaithe urban and rural scheme respectively; the number granted, refused and on hand in each category; when the terms and conditions of the scheme will be expanded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15324/23]

*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme for 2023 will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15346/23]

*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline how the tenant-in-situ scheme will work when a tenant's home is in a different local authority area to

where they are on the housing list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15364/23]

*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how the targets for tenant-in-situ purchases were assigned, and in particular to explain why there has only been a target of 50 homes assigned to Dún Laoghaire Rathdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15365/23]

*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a comprehensive list of any regulations or guidelines for the tenant-in-situ scheme, and also for the tenant in-situ-scheme where people are above the housing income limits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15366/23]

*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will liaise with the Minister for Justice to make the probate system as fast and efficient as possible, given the number of properties removed from availability to tenants or purchasers by delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [15414/23]

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline and publish the additional funds that have been designated for local authorities for tenants in-situ purchase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [15415/23]

*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the grant available to owner-occupiers to renovate a vacant property could also be made available to owners who wish to rent out a vacant property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [15429/23]

*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the organisations and stakeholders he and his Department officials met with as part of deliberations regarding the lifting of the eviction ban. — Ivana Bacik. [15456/23]

*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to conduct modelling on the effect of the lifting of the eviction ban; and if this modelling will inform the development of contingency plans to mitigate the risk of increased pressure on homeless services. — Ivana Bacik. [15457/23]

*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if plans to give tenants first refusal of their landlord's property will fix the sale price at the market rate. — Ivana Bacik. [15458/23]

*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social houses that were retrofitted in 2020, 2021 and 2022; and the projected figure for 2023. — Brian Stanley. [15471/23]

*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of approved housing body units that were retrofitted in 2020, 2021 and 2022; and the projected figure for 2023. — Brian Stanley. [15472/23]

*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are plans to establish a dedicated retrofit fund for approved housing bodies. — Brian Stanley. [15473/23]

*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current position in relation to the registration process for approved housing bodies. — Brian Stanley. [15474/23]

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

*336. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turks's latest annual report on the situation in the occupied Palestinian Territories; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [14680/23]

*337. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide details of all procurement competitions, if any, in which companies (details supplied) won contracts from his Department since 2016. — Peadar Tóibín. [14724/23]

*338. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the total costs of accommodation and travel expenses associated with his recent foreign trip, or foreign trips by Ministers for State at his Department, for St Patrick's Day; and if a breakdown can be provided on travel costs, accommodation costs, country/state visited, number of departmental staff accompanying him, and the duration of the trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14742/23]

*339. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on a passport application by a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [14907/23]

*340. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he spoke with the United States House of Representatives Minority Leader during his visit to New York for St. Patrick's Day events. — Paul Donnelly. [14986/23]

*341. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has raised concerns regarding the persecution of Christians to the relevant international forums (details supplied); and the steps his Department is taking to raise awareness for and combat Christian persecution in other countries. — Robert Troy. [15012/23]

*342. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will formally express Ireland's opposition along with EU partners, to new laws passed by the Ugandan Parliament that will criminalise members of the LGBT+ community in that country and will outlaw the activities of NGOs working with and advocating for the LGBT+ citizens (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [15124/23]

*343. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [15353/23]

*344. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 525 Question of 21 March 2023, the costs paid to the Irish Centre for Diversity for providing the benchmarking and certification process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15371/23]

*345. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of staff based at either the Irish Embassy in Beijing and Irish Consulate General Office in Shanghai that are fluent in speaking and writing in Mandarin. — Alan Kelly. [15475/23]

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

*346. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide details of all procurement competitions, if any, in which companies (details supplied) won contracts from his Department since 2016. — Peadar Tóibín. [14719/23]

*347. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence whether he will make a statement to Dáil Éireann confirming that the report of the Army Court of Inquiry that sat in Tralee on 7 April 1923 to investigate the death of eight prisoners at Ballyseedy Bridge and four prisoners at Countess Bridge on 7 and 8 March 1923, was a dishonest and grossly inaccurate account of what occurred, and that Dáil Éireann was misled on 17 April 1923 when the then Minister for Defence stated he was satisfied with the correctness and bona fides of the findings of that Court of Inquiry. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14843/23]

*348. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on his Department’s participation with the UN Disengagement Observer Force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15118/23]

*349. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he is aware of the sense of injustice felt by families of persons who served in the armed forces for extended periods, but died shortly after retiring from active service, and whose pension died with them leaving a widow to struggle with young children, as in a case (details supplied); if the State would consider establishing a scholarship fund or some similar charitable memorial, which would acknowledge the harshness of the arrangements after such loyal service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [15363/23]

*350. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of Naval Service ships that are currently in operation. — Alan Kelly. [15479/23]

*351. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of Naval Service personnel that were recruited in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [15480/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*352. To ask the Minister for Education if proper school services (details supplied) for adults and children will be provided on-site at a facility, given the lack of school-places and access to GPs, mental-health services and dental services locally; if his Department will publish the details of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [15293/23]

*353. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will address the cyclical delay in making known special needs assistant allocations, such delay having a deleterious impact on the working life and planning capacity of highly-committed, talented and expert SNAs who give so much to the school system beyond their paid hours and given the critical impact SNAs have on the education and lives of children with special needs; if her Department will look at ways of making their roles and working lives more secure, especially as they age, having made a huge contribution through the years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [14636/23]

*354. To ask the Minister for Education her views on ASD early intervention classes, including if there are plans to phase out these classes in favour of the Access and Inclusion Model. — Holly Cairns. [14638/23]

*355. To ask the Minister for Education the number of ASD early intervention classes that have been established for each of the years 2018 to 2022, inclusive; and the number of ASD early intervention classes that were closed/replaced for the same time period. — Holly Cairns. [14639/23]

*356. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools which have requested ASD early intervention classes each year for the period 2018 to 2022, inclusive; the number of these requests that were supported with the establishment of a class; the number that were not supported; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14640/23]

*357. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department can outline what the “agreed selection process” is for allocating the concessionary tickets when a school-bus route is oversubscribed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [14646/23]

*358. To ask the Minister for Education what plans are in place to address capacity of vehicles and personnel on school-bus routes for the coming academic year, with special reference to North Kildare which has been so badly affected in lack of places, resulting in serious difficulties for families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [14647/23]

*359. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department carried out any research on the impact and cost to independent book sellers of her plans to change the school book purchasing schemes under the new free school book scheme regarding the number of book shops that are likely to close and the number of jobs that will be lost; if she will consider a voucher scheme for the buying of schools in order that small independent book shops will not close; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14650/23]

*360. To ask the Minister for Education if it has been brought to her attention that the delayed purchasing system under the new free school book scheme impacts on publishers not having the finance to fund the next print edition of school books, resulting in a possible delay on school books being available in September for the 2023-2024 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14651/23]

*361. To ask the Minister for Education if there are any plans to establish ASD Units in secondary schools in Newcastle, Rathcoole or Saggart, County Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14655/23]

*362. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the potential negative impacts faced by bookshops in small towns as a result of the currently formulated free schoolbooks scheme; the assurances that she can provide that local bookshops will not be cut out of the new system in favour of large companies; and if there will be parity of opportunity for these small bookshops. — Peadar Tóibín. [14656/23]

*363. To ask the Minister for Education if she is willing to amend the guidelines pertaining to the free schoolbooks scheme in light of feedback from school leaders and other school book stakeholders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14657/23]

*364. To ask the Minister for Education her views in relation to the proposal by the Fair Post Primary Redeployment for Teachers group that a national voluntary redeployment panel for teachers be established, whereby an online portal for teachers seeking voluntary redeployment could allow for a direct swap facility for those seeking to reverse their locations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [14658/23]

*365. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify why the procurement process for a contractor for a school (details supplied) has been halted; if she will acknowledge the need for an ETSS in this area to accommodate the significant number of children who want to continue their education in an ETSS; if she will reconsider the stoppage on the procurement process and allow this necessary secondary school be progressed as soon as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14659/23]

*366. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding a new school building for (details supplied); how updates are being communicated to school management; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [14662/23]

*367. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on funding and approval for two modular ASD classrooms for a school (details supplied; and if she will clarify that funding is available. — Brian Stanley. [14663/23]

*368. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding a new school building for (details supplied); how updates are being communicated to school management; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [14666/23]

*369. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding a new school building for (details supplied); how updates are being communicated to school management; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [14667/23]

*370. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding a new school building for (details supplied); how updates are being communicated to school management; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [14668/23]

*371. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding a new school building for a school (details supplied); the timeline for its completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [14675/23]

*372. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the review of a school model (details supplied); and if she will consider expanding the model to other areas. — Paul Donnelly. [14676/23]

*373. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration has been given to the concerns raised by an organisation (details supplied) regarding the free school books scheme, that the key direction currently being taken by her Department ignores the serious concerns and recommendations of key stakeholders, and poses a significant risk that children will not have school books in time for the next school year. — Paul Donnelly. [14679/23]

*374. To ask the Minister for Education when final sanction will be issued to a school (details supplied) to build an additional urgently needed classroom for which all documentation has been submitted to her Department, a builder on standby to commence work and full permissions from planners received; if she accepts that any delay in providing this vital classroom will have a significant impact on the school's ability to function in September; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [14681/23]

*375. To ask the Minister for Education if an additional special needs assistant will be put in place to meet the classroom education needs of a child who attends a school (details supplied);

if she will provide an update and assurance on SNA staffing levels at this school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [14695/23]

*376. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 206 of 8 February 2023, if he will provide an update on the current status of a school building project in Thurles, County Tipperary (details supplied); if the project will be expedited; when the necessary funding will be released; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [14698/23]

*377. To ask the Minister for Education if all children requesting school transport will be accommodated (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14700/23]

*378. To ask the Minister for Education if she has considered a review of the school transport scheme; if additional capacity will be provided to ensure that all children are supported (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14701/23]

*379. To ask the Minister for Education following the draft governance review of the National Parents Council Post-Primary and her decision to remove funding, what is her proposed approach for the short-, medium- and long-term to address the needs for representation of post-primary parents. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14713/23]

*380. To ask the Minister for Education the attempts she has made to resolve her concerns regarding the National Parents Council Post Primary; if she or her Department have made any attempts at facilitation, including amongst the four constitute bodies; and if she has had any engagements with any of the said constitute bodies. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14714/23]

*381. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details of all procurement competitions, if any, in which companies (details supplied) won contracts from her Department since 2016. — Peadar Tóibín. [14720/23]

*382. To ask the Minister for Education the total costs of accommodation and travel expenses associated with her recent foreign trip, or foreign trips by Ministers for State at her Department, for St Patrick's Day; and if a breakdown can be provided on travel costs, accommodation costs, country/state visited, number of departmental staff accompanying her, and the duration of the trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14738/23]

*383. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the guidelines, if any, issued to schools with respect to the reporting and recording of accidents that occur on school premises; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [14757/23]

*384. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the information that parents are entitled to receive from schools in respect of accidents that occur on school premises which involve their child; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [14758/23]

*385. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the school building project for school (details supplied); and the expected date of completion. — Richard Bruton. [14761/23]

*386. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on securing a permanent building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [14764/23]

*387. To ask the Minister for Education her Department's policy on the provision of paid maternity and paternity leave for teachers who become parents through surrogacy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14765/23]

*388. To ask the Minister for Education if all efforts are being made to facilitate school places in his local secondary school in the case of the son of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14781/23]

*389. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the current status of the implementation of the agreement on terms and conditions for school secretaries as agreed in March 2022; the status of back payments on pay increases; the discussions that have taken place in regard to school secretaries becoming employees of her Department rather than employees of individual schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [14820/23]

*390. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide the up-to-date position with respect to a proposal made by a school (details supplied) in County Cork with regard to relocating. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14823/23]

*391. To ask the Minister for Education if a school place in a local special school for September 2023 can be found for a child (details supplied). — Bernard J. Durkan. [14844/23]

*392. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details on the number of ASD early intervention class which were transformed into autism/autistic spectrum disorders, and as a result the ASD early intervention class was discontinued annually during the years 2019 to 2022, inclusive, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14858/23]

*393. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details on the use of calming rooms in schools for children with disabilities, including any policies, protocols, or circulars issued by the Department or National Council for Special Education; the number of schools which have calming rooms; the guidelines on the furnishing of these rooms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14859/23]

*394. To ask the Minister for Education when a UP80 form will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14885/23]

*395. To ask the Minister for Education if an application for a replacement tutor for a case (details supplied) will be considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [14898/23]

*396. To ask the Minister for Education if an application for school transport for a case (details supplied) will be considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [14899/23]

*397. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 96 of 1 March 2023, what, if any, further funding is available to assist schools in meeting the cost of internal network connectivity where the cost cannot be covered by digital grants or by the school's Board of Management. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14914/23]

*398. To ask the Minister for Education if home tuition will be offered in a situation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14918/23]

*399. To ask the Minister for Education when the roll out of the PE hall build and modernisation programme outlined in Project Ireland 2040 is to commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [14936/23]

*400. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the procurement process has been halted for a contractor for a school (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [14939/23]

*401. To ask the Minister for Education the names and locations of the 58 schools which have had construction paused; if her Department maintains data on the shortfall of primary and secondary school places in each of those respective areas; and, if so, if she will present that data, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [14942/23]

*402. To ask the Minister for Education if he is aware that post-primary teachers have very limited secure ways to switch teaching roles; if he will enable transfers for teachers between education and training boards and establish a national voluntary redeployment panel for teachers who wish to relocate and keep their permanent/contracts of indefinite duration status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [14955/23]

*403. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the scheme announced under Budget 2023 to install solar panels in schools; when this scheme will be open for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [15001/23]

*404. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will consider introducing a scheme to fund energy efficiency improvement projects in schools, such as the construction of weather porches to conserve heat; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [15002/23]

*405. To ask the Minister for Education if she will assign an area as a bus stop (details supplied) for school transport. — Sean Sherlock. [15046/23]

*406. To ask the Minister for Education what engagement her Department has had with a school (details supplied) regarding behaviour analyst funding, given that the funding for this post has not been amended since 2005. — Sorca Clarke. [15145/23]

*407. To ask the Minister for Education is she will ensure that a school (details supplied) is provided with earlier confirmation of funding for its behaviour analyst for the upcoming school year as the current process of the school being informed in May, a matter of weeks before the end of the school year, is making it increasingly difficult to fill these positions and plan for the new school year. — Sorca Clarke. [15146/23]

*408. To ask the Minister for Education if she will approve the request for the behaviour analyst post at a school (details supplied) to be made permanent. — Sorca Clarke. [15147/23]

*409. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 723 of 21 March 2023, when the property will be used for education purposes given that it has sat vacant since 2017 and in the possession of her Department for the past four years; if she will outline any plans her Department has for the use of the property; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [15222/23]

*410. To ask the Minister for Education if the capital funding for school building projects will be resolved by Easter; if so, if the new build for a school (details supplied) will proceed in 2023;

if those schools that have been waiting the longest and which are unsafe and with inadequate accommodation will be given priority; her views that the rights to education of children are being upheld in portacabins which are past their sell-by date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [15235/23]

*411. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to recognise a national school (details supplied) as meeting the requirements for a DEIS school. — Holly Cairns. [15244/23]

*412. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking in addressing the situation of all national schools in a town (details supplied) being unable to accept enrolments for junior infants given it is at capacity with increasing local demand for places. — Holly Cairns. [15245/23]

*413. To ask the Minister for Education the funding options available to primary and secondary schools to facilitate external bodies (details supplied) deliver educational content relating to sustainability and climate action. — Holly Cairns. [15246/23]

*414. To ask the Minister for Education why she has halted the procurement process for a contractor for a school (details supplied); what examination took place of the implications for students and potential students as a result of this decision before it was made, particularly those who wish to avail of a non-religious educational choice; her views on the exclusion of Dublin 8 from the catchment area of the HCETSS despite the large cohort of students coming from Dublin 8 primary schools within walking distance of the HCETSS to avail of the non-religious educational choice. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15264/23]

*415. To ask the Minister for Education if she will investigate the ongoing payment issue pertaining to the construction of additional accommodation/new school building for a school (details supplied); if she is aware that construction has been halted for two weeks due to the building contractor not receiving all stage payments from her Department; when the necessary funding will be released to allow construction to resume; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [15270/23]

*416. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review a case (details supplied) in relation to a PhD postgraduate allowance entitlement anomaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [15271/23]

*417. To ask the Minister for Education on what date will the 2023 Leaving Certificate results be issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15277/23]

*418. To ask the Minister for Education her plans in respect of Irish applicants to Dutch universities who are in need of their Leaving Certificate results prior to 1 September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15278/23]

*419. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update with respect to a student (details supplied) in County Cork who is receiving school transport under the scheme for children with special educational needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [15290/23]

*420. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the provision of funding for an application by MSLETB to extend a school (details supplied); if there is a decision on the location of the proposed site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [15292/23]

*421. To ask the Minister for Education when it is expected to finalise the review of the school transport scheme; if she will ensure that improvements to its existing operation will be introduced, taking into account the need to facilitate students on the transport service who are ineligible at present but where there is a history of students from an area going to a second-level centre; if such students could be considered eligible in the future operation of the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15307/23]

*422. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of long waiting lists for admission to second level schools in Galway city for the 2023-2024 academic year; the steps that are being taken to ensure each student gets a place within a reasonable distance of where they live; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15325/23]

*423. To ask the Minister for Education if she will reverse the recent late decision to delay the commencement of the building project at a school (details supplied) in County Donegal that comprises entirely of temporary accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [15347/23]

*424. To ask the Minister for Education the ratio of the allocation of mainstream class teachers to pupils, in tabular form for each of the years 20/21, 21/22, 22/23 and 23/24 broken down by the size of the school; the reason it is stated generally in the circular 06/2023 that the pupil teacher ratio is 23 pupils to one teacher; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15349/23]

*425. To ask the Minister for Education the basis on which special education needs teachers are allocated to mainstream schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15350/23]

*426. To ask the Minister for Education in relation to the paused building project at a school (details supplied) the action her Department is taking to ensure the project is delivered at the earliest opportunity given the delays already faced; the pressing need for increased capacity to cater for secondary school students in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15352/23]

*427. To ask the Minister for Education to clarify the eligibility for English as an Additional Language (EAL) supports in primary school, in particular to clarify if Circular 6/23 means that children whose parents have been in the State for more than two years are excluded from eligibility to EAL supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [15360/23]

*428. To ask the Minister for Education if she will request the relevant officials to engage and advise the two national schools in Moate, County Westmeath who are exploring the possibility of a merger. — Robert Troy. [15370/23]

*429. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will approve the lease agreement between DDLETB and the Church of Ireland to allow the delivery of SEN modular classrooms in a school (details supplied). — Francis Noel Duffy. [15420/23]

*430. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will make a decision on the ASA application for a school (details supplied) to allow for the provision of another modular classroom and two SET rooms for September. — Francis Noel Duffy. [15421/23]

*431. To ask the Minister for Education if she will list the schools in the Donaghmede/Howth/Dublin 13 area at primary and at secondary level; in each case, if she will indicate the denomination of the school; if they admit boys or girls; the pupil capacity of the school; the present level of enrolment; and if she has plans to provide more school places in the catchment. — Richard Bruton. [15425/23]

*432. To ask the Minister for Education if she will engage with the Minister for Further and Higher Education; Research; Innovation and Science to ensure that a course for SNAs in a third-level education institution (details supplied) is supporting in achieving Level-7 accreditation. — Holly Cairns. [15495/23]

*433. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that the Scoping Inquiry into Historical Sexual Abuse in Schools run by religious orders criteria includes schools run by or under the patronage of all religions and denominations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15496/23]

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

*434. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the financial implications for a person with a diagnosis of autism and in receipt of disability allowance who inherits a home from their parent and the recipient is not a home owner or owner of other property; if the social protection payment is in any way affected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [15358/23]

*435. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current average waiting time and longest waiting time for social welfare claims, and separately, for claim appeals; and the steps her Department is taking to reduce the backlog of appeals of social welfare claims and the waiting times. — Peadar Tóibín. [15408/23]

*436. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will exempt the carer's payment from a means test (details supplied). — Danny Healy-Rae. [15410/23]

*437. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the provisions that are in place for women who are rejected for maternity benefit due to insufficient PRSI contributions, when they have been required to travel abroad for mandatory high-level training; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [14674/23]

*438. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide details of all procurement competitions, if any, in which companies (details supplied) won contracts from her Department since 2016. — Peadar Tóibín. [14731/23]

*439. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total costs of accommodation and travel expenses associated with her recent foreign trip, or foreign trips by Ministers for State at her Department, for St Patrick's Day; and if a breakdown can be provided on travel costs, accommodation costs, country/state visited, number of departmental staff accompanying her, and the duration of the trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14749/23]

*440. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether a procedure/method exists whereby a person (details supplied) can care for her two elderly parents but also accrue credits towards her State pension given as she does not appear to qualify for the State pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14753/23]

*441. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) is still waiting on an appeal decision for carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14760/23]

*442. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing the school meals programme budget by 5%, 10%, 20% and 25%, respectively. — Louise O'Reilly. [14768/23]

*443. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is any mechanism by which a person who has been refused a full State pension (contributory) due to a deficit in contributions can supplement contributions after the fact to become eligible for a full pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [14791/23]

*444. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is any pathway for a person (details supplied) to apply for additional credits to receive a full contributory pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [14800/23]

*445. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for invalidity pension by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14825/23]

*446. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for invalidity pension by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14838/23]

*447. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if child benefit is payable to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14938/23]

*448. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she met her UK counterpart during her recent visit to London for St. Patrick's Day events. — Paul Donnelly. [14973/23]

*449. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if assistance via an exceptional needs payment can be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14996/23]

*450. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in relation to the closure of a centre (details supplied), the reason this happened when there were no cost issues; the reason the Citizens' Information Board did not buy the premises when the landlord wanted to sell or rent alternative premises; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [15007/23]

*451. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will arrange a meeting with the CEO and Chair of the Citizens' Information Board to discuss the closure of a centre (details supplied). — Chris Andrews. [15008/23]

*452. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the social protection supports and pension payments that a person (details supplied) can avail of. — Catherine Murphy. [15014/23]

*453. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she intends to provide a citizens information centre in Rathmines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [15019/23]

*454. To ask the Minister for Social Protection where the Dublin south citizens information service can be availed of by those living in Dublin 6 and 6W who need to avail of such services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [15020/23]

*455. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are any circumstances where a person can access community employment schemes, if they are not in receipt of a qualifying payment, and where there are vacancies on the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [15038/23]

*456. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the State pension entitlement of a person (details supplied) on a total contribution approach, having regard to all their paid and credited contributions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [15048/23]

*457. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an invalidity pension appeal, on behalf of a person (details supplied), will be expedited. — Robert Troy. [15054/23]

*458. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an appeal for disability allowance in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15055/23]

*459. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an illness benefit backdating appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15144/23]

*460. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for an assistant supervisor (details supplied) for a community scheme; when an outcome will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15148/23]

*461. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending the current fuel allowance beyond 10 April 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15191/23]

*462. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an appeal for a disability allowance in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15212/23]

*463. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) was not awarded a full State pension (contributory); the options available to them at this time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [15219/23]

*464. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if representatives from her Department have met with trade unions representing healthcare workers with long-Covid since June 2022 regarding their pay arrangement; if so, the dates of those meetings; if any of these meetings were cancelled by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [15231/23]

*465. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if it is possible for her Department to make contact with their counterparts in the UK with a view to determination of entitlement to a UK pension in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15257/23]

*466. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will acknowledge the importance of encouraging young people to participate in the democratic process by becoming a registered voter; if he is aware of some of the difficulties young people have in trying to become a registered voter for the first time (details supplied); if there are plans to streamline the process to make it more accessible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15262/23]

*467. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rate of social welfare payments currently being paid to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15266/23]

*468. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rate of carer's allowance payment currently being paid to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15267/23]

*469. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify entitlement to a State pension (non-contributory) for a person (details supplied); if this person should have received any of the cost-of-living supports which were put in place over the winter months; and if this person will be moved to an Irish pension during the course of 2023 following an agreement with the UK pensions service. — Robert Troy. [15285/23]

*470. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware how difficult it is to obtain a MyGovID account; and her plans to address this (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15286/23]

*471. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for asking persons completing an exceptional needs payment application to submit an engineer's report at their own expense, considering those applying for the payment do so as they cannot afford the item required, such as a fridge; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [15288/23]

*472. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who, following ten years of uninterrupted service, was made redundant and has been deemed ineligible for statutory redundancy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [15299/23]

*473. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); if the case will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15309/23]

*474. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a working family payment application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15311/23]

*475. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Kerry and would be eligible for a casual jobseeker's top-up; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15322/23]

*476. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a claimant (details supplied) can have their disability benefit restored given that their partner has returned to work and is no longer receiving their own disability benefit payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [15334/23]

*477. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to what extent oral hearings in respect of appeals against disallowance for various payments are up to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15441/23]

*478. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for domiciliary care allowance received by her Department in the past twelve months; the number of applications granted and refused in the same period; the number of decisions appealed and subsequently overturned on appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15442/23]

*479. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for the invalidity pension received by her Department in the past twelve months; the number of applications granted and refused in the same period; the number of decisions appealed and subsequently overturned on appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15443/23]

*480. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for disability allowance received by her Department in the past twelve months; the number of applications granted and refused in the same period; the number of decisions appealed and subsequently overturned on appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15444/23]

*481. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the possible cost of introducing prorated pensions for those who have made pension contributions but an insufficient amount to qualify for a pension in a single year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15445/23]

*482. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for the State pension (contributory) received by her Department in the past twelve months; the number of applications granted and refused in the same period; the number of decisions appealed and subsequently overturned on appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15446/23]

*483. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for the State pension (non-contributory) received by her Department in the past twelve months; the number of applications granted and refused in the same period; the number of decisions appealed and subsequently overturned on appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15447/23]

*484. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of persons currently in receipt of disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15448/23]

*485. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in the country currently registered aged over 100 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15449/23]

*486. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline the extent, if any, to which she intends to expand or extend various social welfare payments given the increased cost of living; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15450/23]

*487. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider easing the requirements for qualification for exceptional needs' payments, with particular reference to ongoing, unforeseen challenges affecting individuals and families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15451/23]

*488. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider easing the qualification requirements in respect of domiciliary care allowance, given the number of cases referred to appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15452/23]

*489. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the dates in April that the announced spring bonus payments are due to be paid to eligible social welfare recipients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [15463/23]

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

*490. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can advise what the budget was for disability residential care for the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15321/23]

*491. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children awaiting services with the Children's Disability Network Team in New Ross, County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [15384/23]

*492. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a new scheme will be introduced to replace the motorised transport grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14641/23]

*493. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of assessment of needs appointment for a person (details supplied) who is on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14642/23]

*494. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if funding will be allocated to the local authorities play and recreation grant fund for the refurbishment and development of playgrounds and play areas in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14669/23]

*495. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the pathways that are in place for adults to access an assessment for autism spectrum disorder through the HSE; his plans to increase capacity for adults seeking an ASD assessment through the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [14673/23]

*496. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are any plans to move refugees or asylum seekers into a setting (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14712/23]

*497. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of all procurement competitions, if any, in which companies (details supplied) won contracts from his Department since 2016. — Peadar Tóibín. [14718/23]

*498. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total costs of accommodation and travel expenses associated with his recent foreign trip, or foreign trips by Ministers for State at his Department, for St Patrick's Day; and if a breakdown can be provided on travel costs, accommodation costs, country/state visited, number of departmental staff accompanying him, and the duration of the trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14736/23]

*499. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to correspondence received from Tusla by an individual (details supplied) in County Donegal, if he will confirm whether the record referred to from the third paragraph in the letter has been deleted from the case notes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14794/23]

*500. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when his Department will facilitate Deputies in North Kildare to visit and examine the proposed site and facilities at Kill Equestrian centre in advance of its opening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [14808/23]

*501. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason the hydrotherapy pool facility at (details supplied) services in Cavan still remains closed despite assurances given nearly a year ago that it would be up and running within months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14822/23]

*502. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when it is anticipated that new creche facility in (details supplied) will be opened; when an inspection date is anticipated to take place given that this is a vital service for the local area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14848/23]

*503. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will clarify the requirements of disability service providers to have complaints procedures in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14868/23]

*504. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details on the number of family forums established as part of Progressing Disability Services; if each children's disability network team has or has not an operational family forum; the number of times family forums meet annually; the process by which the views expressed through each forum impact of policy and service delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14874/23]

*505. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the obligations of disability service providers for adults to operate family committees and forums for families to share their views on aspects of service provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14875/23]

*506. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on works to develop a new accommodation centre for international protection applicants in an Office of Public Works owned building in Shannon, County Clare; the number of persons he expects will be accommodated in this centre; when he expects it to become operational; what engagement he has had with other Government Departments in terms of building additional capacity in the realms of education, public healthcare and public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14908/23]

*507. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a response will be issued to a person (details supplied) who emailed his Department regarding issues with childcare in Galway. — Peadar Tóibín. [14913/23]

*508. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of the campaign to save the existing grounds of Bessborough House, the former mother and baby institution, from development; if he will ensure that there is a thorough forensic investigation on the grounds to establish the presence of a mass grave there; if he will ensure that a director of authorised intervention is appointed; and if he will he guarantee that the remaining grounds are preserved as parkland to serve the community in memory of the loss experienced by mothers and their children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14921/23]

*509. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department can provide a list or database of private medical professionals who can carry out an assessment of needs that the HSE approves of; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [14933/23]

*510. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason a child who is on a waiting list for speech and language assessment cannot also be on a waiting list to be assessed for potential autism spectrum disorder diagnosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [14934/23]

*511. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the Mother and Baby Homes Redress payment scheme will be put in place; how can a person go about receiving their payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [14935/23]

*512. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will examine a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [14937/23]

*513. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will support an urgent matter (details supplied). — Seán Canney. [14970/23]

*514. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of full-time staff by job title working in the Ombudsman for Children's Office as of 20 March 2023. — Paul Donnelly. [14974/23]

*515. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of social workers who are qualified to undertake joint interviews with gardaí, broken down by region. — Paul Donnelly. [14975/23]

*516. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on when a facility (details supplied) providing accommodation to Ukrainian refugees can expect to be paid outstanding invoices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [15140/23]

*517. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will consider allowing a creche (details supplied) in County Sligo to join the new

pilot scheme for the provision of hot meals to children in early learning and childcare settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [15214/23]

*518. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of individuals who have applied to State bodies (details supplied) under the Birth Information and Tracing Act 2022; the number still waiting for their records; the current timeline for when people can expect their records; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15239/23]

*519. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he acknowledges that the statutory time period of one month, extendable only to three months, under the Birth Information and Tracing Act 2022 concerning the provision of information to relevant person is routinely being breached; the actions he is taking in response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15240/23]

*520. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if, during Dáil Committee Stage debate on the Birth Information and Tracing Bill 2022, he asserted that Section 11(2)(b) of the Birth Information and Tracing Act 2022 would ensure provision to applicants of the equivalent of a GDPR schedule (details supplied); if he will direct the relevant State bodies to provide a schedule of records held to every applicant under the Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15241/23]

*521. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of individuals making applications under the Birth Information and Tracing Act 2022 who have been required to attend an information session, as defined in Section 17 of the Act, to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15242/23]

*522. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of his engagement with the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media concerning the compulsory provision of subtitles by all television stations and visually-based broadcast companies operating in Ireland. — Holly Cairns. [15243/23]

*523. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many children under the age of 18 years are awaiting speech and language therapy in County Mayo; the average waiting time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15279/23]

*524. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the average waiting time for development assessment of needs for children who present with signs of delayed development in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15280/23]

*525. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many people are employed through the HSE in occupational therapy, cognitive behaviour therapy and speech and language therapy in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15281/23]

*526. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many assessments of needs cases for children with disabilities have been outsourced to the national treatment purchase fund in 2020, 2021 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [15291/23]

*527. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the cost per person per night of the accommodation, food and so on, to be provided at a facility (details supplied); if he will outline that same cost vis-à-vis is that of a hotel setting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [15294/23]

*528. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is satisfied that the ventilation systems proposed for the facilities at a facility (details supplied) are at the required EU level of safety, and particularly given the pandemic of Covid-19 is, according to the WHO, still ongoing, the virus travelling practically unchecked around the world; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [15296/23]

*529. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is satisfied that the accommodation at a facility (details supplied) is suitable for families and their particular need for privacy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [15297/23]

*530. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when adequate cooking facilities will be available at a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [15298/23]

*531. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a payment to a service provider (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15332/23]

*532. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the role his Department has undertaken in consulting on, or drafting, the proposed Sale of Alcohol Bill. — Thomas Gould. [15372/23]

*533. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether his Department has drafted analysis of the proposed Sale of Alcohol Bill; and if he will publish same. — Thomas Gould. [15374/23]

*534. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 443 of 14 February 2023, and his deferred response of 10 March 2023 by way of email, if the contracted capacity of each individual centre will be provided as requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15389/23]

*535. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when grant approval will issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15422/23]

*536. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the practice in place to ensure that homeless international protection applicants have access to the daily expenses allowance and other material resources; his further views on the practice in place to ensure that international protection applicants resident at Citywest transit hub are paid the daily expense allowance; if these practices were introduced recently; if so, his views on the practices in place prior to these systems' introduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [15423/23]

*537. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason institutions (details supplied) were omitted from the mother-and-baby institutions payment

scheme, despite the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth advising that they should be included; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15426/23]

*538. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will investigate the reason people with disabilities who use mobility scooters are being refused travel on Bus Éireann buses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [15428/23]

*539. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason that a child's hours in a full-time creche needs to be recorded; if the subsidy will be affected if parents collect their children earlier from the creche; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [15459/23]

*540. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will engage with the survivors and their relatives of a former mother-and-baby home (details supplied) to pursue an appropriate intervention as allowed for under the Institutional Burials Act 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15493/23]

*541. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what funding opportunities are available for sports clubs to integrate children and young people resident in direct provision centres, including funding for transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15494/23]

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

*542. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of legal cases that related to staff HR issues that are currently ongoing in each of the Irish universities; the number of these that have been ongoing for five years or longer; and the number of these cases that relate to issues with female university staff. — Alan Kelly. [14637/23]

*543. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will confirm that funding under the mitigation against educational disadvantage fund will be made available this year for an important social project (details supplied); if he accepts that this project provides a valuable sports outlet and training for leaders and instructors to be self-sustaining over a period of years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [14702/23]

*544. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide details of all procurement competitions, if any, in which companies (details supplied) won contracts from his Department since 2016. — Peadar Tóibín. [14725/23]

*545. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total costs of accommodation and travel expenses associated with his recent foreign trip, or foreign trips by Ministers for State at his Department, for St Patrick's Day; and if a breakdown can be provided on travel costs, accommodation costs, country/state visited, number of departmental staff accompanying him, and the duration of the trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14743/23]

*546. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline progress in the refurbishment of a building (details supplied); when apprentices programmes will commence in this facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14959/23]

*547. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the dates in 2023 that he has visited Dublin City University; the purpose of each visit; and when he is next scheduled to visit DCU. — Paul Donnelly. [14989/23]

*548. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if assistance is available to a single parent who is studying part-time and is working part time; and if there is a payment that persons on low income, who are studying to improve their situation can avail of. — Robert Troy. [15010/23]

*549. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the financial supports that are available to a US student with an Irish passport who wishes to complete her third-level studies in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15034/23]

*550. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the position regarding any initiatives targeted at assisting Ukrainian refugees to convert their employment qualification certificates or academic degrees to be recognised in an Irish context, and other measures that would assist in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [15037/23]

*551. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the University of Limerick's proposed new veterinary school (details supplied); if he has received a report from the HEA expert panel concerning the relative capacities of UL for the provision of extra veterinary training places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [15226/23]

*552. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a prospective student (details supplied) who is resident in Ireland, and whose deceased step father was an Irish citizen, satisfies the nationality condition for eligibility for the 'free fees' scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [15258/23]

*553. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when students in MTU were told they need to work two years in the field after graduation for their qualification to be recognised. — Thomas Gould. [15327/23]

*554. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way graduates in 2024 and 2025 and in subsequent years are expected by MTU to gain two years' employment in the field before the grandparenting process closes in November 2025, if MTU Cork does not secure CORU approval. — Thomas Gould. [15328/23]

*555. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when he expects the election of the University of Limerick Governing Authority to take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15500/23]

*556. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when he expects the election of the NUI Senate to take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15501/23]

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

*557. To ask the Minister for Justice if consultation has been undertaken with the Ombudsman for Children in relation to the proposed Sale of Alcohol Bill. — Thomas Gould. [15373/23]

*558. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide details of all procurement competitions, if any, in which companies (details supplied) won contracts from his Department since 2016. — Peadar Tóibín. [14728/23]

*559. To ask the Minister for Justice the total costs of accommodation and travel expenses associated with his recent foreign trip, or foreign trips by Ministers for State at his Department, for St Patrick's Day; and if a breakdown can be provided on travel costs, accommodation costs, country/state visited, number of departmental staff accompanying him, and the duration of the trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14746/23]

*560. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will detail the criteria used in the appointment process in relation to the Firearms Expert Committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [14754/23]

*561. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the work of his Department concerning the disregard scheme for historical convictions in relation to gay and bisexual men; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [14755/23]

*562. To ask the Minister for Justice the current backlog of the number of marriage via appeals; and the timeframe by which an appeal (details supplied) would expect to be processed. — Peadar Tóibín. [14767/23]

*563. To ask the Minister for Justice if he and his Department will engage with and consult with a group (details supplied), with a view to reaching an agreement on the best way forward in the management of licensing of firearms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14803/23]

*564. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps that an applicant from Turkey needs to fulfil in order to obtain the right of residence in Ireland given that the applicant is married to an Irish citizen for 12 years and has been a regular visitor to Ireland on the basis of tourist visas while returning to Turkey within the prescribed dates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14806/23]

*565. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps he is taking to ensure that the Firearms Expert Committee engages with firearms owners' associations and hunting associations. — Holly Cairns. [14879/23]

*566. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason a naturalisation application by a person (details supplied) was deemed ineligible on certain grounds; the steps that can be taken to re-open this application and progress their case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14911/23]

*567. To ask the Minister for Justice the consultations and stakeholder engagements that are planned between the Firearms Expert Committee and the representative bodies for organisations involved in FURG (Firearms Users Representative Group) in regards to the current review of firearms licensing in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [14912/23]

*568. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Minister of State with responsibility for Law Reform will meet a group (details supplied) as a matter of urgency in order that the views and the real concerns of license holders can be fully taken into account. — Sorca Clarke. [14956/23]

*569. To ask the Minister for Justice in respect of a section of land at Mountjoy Prison which is to be excavated as part of a plan to locate and identify remains of buried prisoners executed at the prison, if consideration will be given to include attempts to locate the remains of a deceased prisoner (details supplied) whose relatives wish to have his remains returned to his native locality for family and Christian burial. — Charles Flanagan. [14965/23]

*570. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 520 of 14 February 2023, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this question answered. — Paul Donnelly. [14990/23]

*571. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 516 of 7 March 2023, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this question answered. — Paul Donnelly. [14991/23]

*572. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 461 on 24 January 2023, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this question answered. — Paul Donnelly. [14992/23]

*573. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of full-time voice recognition specialists employed by An Garda Síochána in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [14993/23]

*574. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times that An Garda Síochána has hired external jewellery valuers to carry out works on behalf of the force in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and the amount paid for such works. — Paul Donnelly. [14994/23]

*575. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 515 of 7 March 2023, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this question answered. — Paul Donnelly. [14995/23]

*576. To ask the Minister for Justice what position Ireland has taken at a European Council-level on the European Commission proposals for new rules for the mutual recognition of parenthood between Member States; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15004/23]

*577. To ask the Minister for Justice the rationale for the setting up of the Firearms Expert Committee (FEC); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15029/23]

*578. To ask the Minister for Justice if consideration will be given to allowing persons outside of marriage or civil partnership who have residency in the North of Ireland to apply for Irish

citizenship through naturalisation based on their years living there, without the need to rely on a spouse or civil partner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [15056/23]

*579. To ask the Minister for Justice the timeline for the completion of all stages of the Gambling Regulation Bill 2022; when he expects the Bill to be enacted; when the key reforms contained in the legislation are expected to be commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [15083/23]

*580. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of dog attacks on livestock reported to An Garda Síochána in each of the years 2016 to date, by county or similar geographic unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15121/23]

*581. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason he has not included a national action plan to address female genital mutilation in the Third Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence, as called for by the National Steering Committee on FGM. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15213/23]

*582. To ask the Minister for Justice if his Department will carry out a full review of justice systems sentencing, particularly in relation to minimum sentences for domestic violence and sexual abuse cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [15232/23]

*583. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 1081 of 21 March 2023, if he will review the email address which was provided in his response; the reason the address (details supplied) is not listed in his Department's domino directory; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [15233/23]

*584. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will engage with a trade union (details supplied) concerning proposed changes to workers status under the Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15251/23]

*585. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount paid in total by the Legal Aid Board to solicitors in respect of their assignment to a client in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [15301/23]

*586. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedure that is in place for persons that wish to change the solicitor assigned to them by the Legal Aid Board; the number of complaints made on an annual basis to the Legal Aid Board in respect of solicitors by clients in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [15302/23]

*587. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will set out the way in which a solicitor is assigned to a client in the Legal Aid Board. — Catherine Murphy. [15303/23]

*588. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a schedule of the number of solicitors that are barred from providing services to the Legal Aid Board since 1 January 2019 to date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [15304/23]

*589. To ask the Minister for Justice if his attention has been drawn to a request from a group (details supplied) to engage with it in relation to the Firearms Expert Committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [15305/23]

*590. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15333/23]

*591. To ask the Minister for Justice if the firearms expert committee will consult with the firearms users representative group in respect of the review of firearms licensing in Ireland; if firearm stakeholders can be represented on the firearms expert committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [15355/23]

*592. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will furnish an update on a person's (details supplied) citizenship application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [15367/23]

*593. To ask the Minister for Justice the proposed timeline for progress of the Sale of Alcohol Bill. — Thomas Gould. [15379/23]

*594. To ask the Minister for Justice the consultation his Department undertook with alcohol-related harm advocacy groups and service providers ahead of the publication of the Sale of Alcohol Bill. — Thomas Gould. [15380/23]

*595. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has met with members of An Garda Síochána regarding the Sale of Alcohol Bill; the concerns raised by them at this/these meeting(s); and his plans to address same. — Thomas Gould. [15381/23]

*596. To ask the Minister for Justice whether he will publish public health risk assessments undertaken by any Government Department in preparation for the Sale of Alcohol Bill. — Thomas Gould. [15382/23]

*597. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will outline current and planned legislation to protect local shops and convenience store who are subjected to retail crime and theft; if he will outline measures he intends implementing following Garda figures released which reported thefts from shops had increased by 41% over the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15385/23]

*598. To ask the Minister for Justice if his Department will move to make the probate system as fast and efficient as possible, given the number of properties removed from availability for rental or purchase by probate delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [15416/23]

*599. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons granted stamp 4 permission to remain under the categories, by Ministerial discretion, under exceptional measure, by exceptional circumstance, and on the basis of an Irish born/citizen child, in tabular form; if he will provide the data for each of the years from 2017 to 2022 for people who came through the international protection process, and for those who did not come through the international protection process (details supplied). — Catherine Connolly. [15417/23]

*600. To ask the Minister for Justice the way in which international protection applicants can access legal aid when they apply for international protection; if he is aware of delays experienced by international protection applicants in accessing legal aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15418/23]

*601. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of cultural mediators employed at the International Protection Office; to outline their role and remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15419/23]

*602. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps he is taking to ensure that an organisation (details supplied) is consulted regarding matters of firearm regulation throughout the Firearms Expert Committee's review process, ensuring that its concerns regarding the firearms licensing process are heard. — Robert Troy. [15455/23]

*603. To ask the Minister for Justice if he spoke with the FBI Director during his recent visit to the United States for St. Patrick's Day. — Alan Kelly. [15481/23]

*604. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons arrested and charged with drug driving within the Tipperary Garda division in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [15482/23]

*605. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 518 of 7 March 2023, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this answered. — Alan Kelly. [15483/23]

*606. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will outline the role of microchipping animals in preventing the theft of companion animals; the number of Garda stations that have microchip scanners; the locations of these stations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15498/23]

*607. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of awareness campaigns run by his Department or An Garda Síochána concerning preventing the theft of companion animals, including details of how much was spent on these campaigns, and the media through which they were distributed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15499/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*608. To ask the Minister for Health if he is setting up a group within his Department to look at the issue of siloing within the HSE; and if this group will agree to meet with therapy professionals' representative organisations (details supplied). — Pauline Tully. [14480/23]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health if a child who is assessed privately for a speech and language disorder can seek access to HSE supports based on the opinions of a private medical professional; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [14931/23]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department can provide a list or database of private speech and language therapists that are approved by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [14932/23]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health the number of requests and monetary sums requested in respect of the ongoing completion of the National Children's Hospital in 2022, and to date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [15228/23]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware there is currently a wait of 12 months, or more, for an initial community occupational therapy appointment in an area (details supplied);

and the action the HSE are taking to ensure appointments for this service are available in a shorter, more reasonable timeframe. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14643/23]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the National Clinical Programme for ADHD in adults; how many ADHD clinics have been opened; when the Programme is set to be fully implemented; the length of the waiting lists in the operational clinics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [14672/23]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health the number of rental baby monitor units for deaf parents his Department owns; the cost of each unit; the make and models of the units; and if a cost-based analysis has been undertaken to examine if it would be more productive for his Department to buy the units as opposed to leasing them. — Paul Donnelly. [14677/23]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health the number of retail outlets registered to sell tobacco on the National Register of Tobacco retailers in 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14687/23]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated revenue that would be raised annually if an annual €500 tobacco retailer licence fee per retail outlet was introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14688/23]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health the level of funding provided for tobacco cessation services from 2011 to 2022, and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14689/23]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a campaign by an alliance of organisations seeking an increase in the legal age of sale of all forms of tobacco, including e-cigarettes, from 18 to 21 years of age, commonly known as tobacco 21; if he is in favour of Ireland introducing tobacco 21 as a policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14690/23]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated revenue that would be raised annually if an annual €50 electronic cigarette retailer licence fee per retail outlet was introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14692/23]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department have in place or intend to put in place regulations to prohibit the sale of e-cigarettes from mobile phone shops including shops selling mobile phones second hand along with phone cases; if inspections are carried out on these premises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14694/23]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost of smoking to the State in terms of health spending; if his Department will be conducting an updated 2023 report assessing the economic cost of smoking, following on from the 2016 ICF international report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14696/23]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a timeframe on an application by a person (details supplied) for registration with the Irish Medical Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14699/23]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health if the condition fibromyalgia has been recognised as a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [14704/23]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women waiting for an appointment for the endometriosis clinic in the Coombe Hospital; the average waiting time at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14706/23]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to any differential in survival rates for cancer between persons who were diagnosed in a public versus private hospital or clinic; and if a breakdown can be provided based on cancer type and survival rates in years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14708/23]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health if the mother-and-baby inpatient perinatal mental health unit will be in place in Q4 of 2024, as outlined in Sharing the Vision; if a site has been chosen; when it is expected to open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14709/23]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has made accommodation for the provision of a new 10-bed inpatient adult eating disorder service; if a location has been found; when it will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14710/23]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date on securing accommodation for the 3 priority areas of Limerick, Galway and Cork for perinatal services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14711/23]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1156 of 18 January 2023, if further details can be provided on bed-capacity analysis for Galway University Hospital; in terms of the figure of 222, what this addition would bring the capacity to; and if details can be provided on the requirement for an extra 24 beds in Portiuncula hospital; and if he will clarify whether or not this takes into account the new 50-bed block currently under construction. — Peadar Tóibín. [14715/23]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of all procurement competitions, if any, in which companies (details supplied) won contracts from his Department since 2016. — Peadar Tóibín. [14726/23]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health the total costs of accommodation and travel expenses associated with his recent foreign trip, or foreign trips by Ministers for State at his Department, for St Patrick's Day; and if a breakdown can be provided on travel costs, accommodation costs, country/state visited, number of departmental staff accompanying him, and the duration of the trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14744/23]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the review and revision of Breastfeeding in a Healthy Ireland: the HSE Breastfeeding Action Plan 2016 – 2021; if a new plan will be developed for the period from 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14771/23]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide funding for a five-year hypertension awareness and behaviour change campaign led by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14772/23]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health what funding has been allocated to the national stroke strategy so that its recommendations are implemented in full. — Louise O'Reilly. [14773/23]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health what funding has been made available for the national stroke strategy; what the funding is being used for; what actions are being implemented in 2023 as part of the national stroke strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14774/23]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds for stroke patients in Ireland; the deficit that exists for the population on the basis of recommendations contained in the UK's National Clinical Guidelines for Stroke on the care to be provided for persons who have suffered a stroke; the estimated cost of meeting the staffing requirements for a single bed in a stroke unit; the estimated cost required to meet the increase in the incidence of strokes; the additional staffing needed for the development of acute stroke unit bed capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14775/23]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health the number of stroke units that operate below the recommended nurse and or staffing level; the estimated cost of putting the recommended staff levels in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14776/23]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospitals with access to clinical psychology as part of stroke unit care; the estimated cost and staffing associated with ensuring that this service is available to all stroke units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14777/23]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated costs associated with the further development of the early supported discharge of people who have suffered a stroke; the current staffing deficits in existing teams that are below the level recommended by the national stroke programme; the estimated costs to ensure that staffing deficits are addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14778/23]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health what plans have been established to fund the implementation of the new cardiac rehabilitation model of care. — Louise O'Reilly. [14779/23]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health the costs of ensuring adequate national capacity to deliver cardiac rehabilitation to all patients for whom it is recommended, ensuring that staffing and resources are protected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14780/23]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to make available under the drug payment scheme or medical card scheme the drug NP thyroid, which is used to treat thyroid conditions and autoimmune diseases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [14782/23]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health the longest time that a child who is classified as urgent, semi-urgent and non-urgent is waiting for an MRI scan in UHG; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [14783/23]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of whole-time equivalent (WTE) positions at University Hospital Limerick and within the UL Hospitals Group on 31 January 2020 and on 31 January 2023 by profession, in tabular form, to include consultants, non-consultant hospital doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals such as pharmacists, occupational therapists, radiographers, physiotherapists, accountants and administration

personnel; if he will provide the number of said personnel employed via agencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [14786/23]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health the number of doctors and nurses employed at University Hospital Limerick and within the UL Hospitals Group engaged in administrative roles who no longer involve direct medical care on 31 January 2020 and on 31 January 2023. — Michael McNamara. [14787/23]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of any tree-removal contracts worth in excess of €5,000 awarded by CHO4 HSE services since 1 January 2018, in tabular form, namely, the value of the contract awarded in each instance; the number of trees removed in each instance and the location of these works; if a tendering process applied to each of these works; if he will provide details on this where that was the case; the reason a tendering process may not have applied in particular instances; the name of any independent arborist that was commissioned by the HSE in CHO4 to assess trees as part of these works; the name of the managers awarding the contract in each instance; and the name of the successful company. — Neasa Hourigan. [14788/23]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health when the Covid-19 recognition payment will be paid to a qualified person (details supplied) who has supplied their information as requested in November 2022. — Mary Lou McDonald. [14792/23]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that a wheelchair will be urgently provided to a patient (details supplied) who is receiving palliative care treatment in their home from their elderly partner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14793/23]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) cannot access funding for dialectical behaviour therapy treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14807/23]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health what measures are in place to reduce audiology lists in Limerick for those under the age of 4 years and those over the age of 4 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [14809/23]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health what plans are in place to reduce waiting times for children to receive speech and language therapy in Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [14810/23]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home care hours delivered, by CHO, by month, in 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [14811/23]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home care hours provided directly by the HSE in 2019-2022, by CHO by year; the number provided by voluntary providers on behalf of the HSE; and the number provided by private providers on behalf of the HSE. — David Cullinane. [14812/23]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health the number of surgical hubs which will be established; the number of surgical hubs already established; the cost, staffing requirements and capacity of surgical hubs already established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [14813/23]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health the mean, median, and maximum wait time on NTPF-reported waiting lists, by speciality and by location for February 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [14814/23]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on NTPF-reported waiting lists, by specialty and by location for February 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form; and the mean, median, and maximum wait time. — David Cullinane. [14815/23]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people aged over 65 and over 75 years on NTPF-reported waiting lists, by specialty and by location for February 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form; and the mean, median, and maximum wait time. — David Cullinane. [14816/23]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health if he has listened to and consulted with the trans community in relation to their healthcare needs and the provision of that care currently; if he will consider reviewing the National Gender Service in terms of international best practice and how it is currently working from the trans community's perspective; if he will listen to the trans community's call for an informed consent model that is led by GPs in local communities and respond accordingly; if he will consult with the trans community, in addition to consulting with medical professionals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14817/23]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health the plan for the use of the €5 million funding announced in Budget 2023 to address backlogs in the HSE public dental service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [14818/23]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health if a decision has been made by his Department and the HSE that no additional dentists or dental team members will be hired under the €5 million funding announced in Budget 2023 to address backlogs in the HSE public dental service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [14819/23]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health if a mechanism will be established to enable workers who have not yet received their pandemic bonus payment to claim the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [14821/23]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has to wait until June 2023 for an operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14833/23]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm a hospital's (details supplied) policy regarding medical students' involvement in patient care. — Michael Ring. [14836/23]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14839/23]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not received the pandemic bonus payment; the options available to them to secure the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [14866/23]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health if a person with a disability (details supplied) can apply for a computer with accessible software under the technical aids grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14867/23]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to make the medical assessment unit in Bantry General Hospital a 24-hours-a-day service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14869/23]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to provide appropriate levels of staff in the SouthDoc facilities in Castletownbere, Bantry, Skibbereen, Dunmanway, Clonakilty and Bandon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14870/23]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that all the details on the SouthDoc website are up-to-date and correct. — Holly Cairns. [14871/23]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health the respite services in each LHO of CHO4 for persons with disabilities and their families; the number of respite facilities available; the capacity of each facility to care for individuals who need one-to-one care; the number of people who have used these facilities annually in 2021 and 2022, inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14872/23]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline his plans for the development of respite services in each LHO of CHO4 for persons with disabilities and their families, including the increase in staffing levels, the facilities that are planned or where works are underway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14873/23]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a surgery appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14897/23]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place to include nurses studying and training under a sponsorship scheme in the travel and subsistence scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [14909/23]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health the dates that meetings were scheduled, since June 2022, between his Department and trade unions representing healthcare workers with long Covid to discuss pay issues relating to this medical condition; the dates of such meetings his Department and trade unions on long Covid and healthcare workers that were cancelled by his Department since June 2022; the reason(s) for these cancellations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [14910/23]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an appointment for Sligo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14919/23]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health if a medical appointment for a person (details supplied) in County Clare will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [14920/23]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14922/23]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health if versatis patches will be reinstated for medical card or long-term illness patients with multiple sclerosis as it is only available on schemes if the patient had shingles. — Dara Calleary. [14940/23]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health have made efforts since 2017 in procuring versatis at a better rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [14941/23]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health the reason home care assistants (details supplied) in north Kerry are being asked to submit their sick pay and travel expenses online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14950/23]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to reduce the waiting list at the University Hospital Limerick diabetes outpatients clinic; the number of people currently on the waiting list; and if he will also provide the number of staff by role to include consultants assigned to the clinic. — Catherine Murphy. [14951/23]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to develop a national register in respect of diabetes; and the date on which the national diabetes strategy was amended and or updated. — Catherine Murphy. [14952/23]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify who is eligible to access chronic disease hubs. — Catherine Murphy. [14953/23]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health when the Budget 2023 announcement that GP visit cards will be extended to children aged six and seven years will be met in view that the announced target of having it in place the end of 2022 has been missed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [14954/23]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive a date for surgery at St. James's Hospital, Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14960/23]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE vacant nursing posts at the National Forensic Mental Health Service; the estimated full-year cost of filling these vacancies; and when these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [14979/23]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of revenue generated through parking charges within public car parking within Rotunda Maternity Hospital in the 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [14980/23]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE vacancies by job title in the HSE National Antimicrobial Resistant Team; the full-year cost of filling each of the vacancies; and when will these vacancies be filled, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [14981/23]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health the name of companies in CHO7 and CHO9 that currently have a contract with the HSE to install stairlifts, downstairs toilets and so on in a person's own house following a recommendation from an occupational therapist. — Paul Donnelly. [14982/23]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of recruiting additional one WTE information scientists with a MSc in genetic counselling and additional one WTE information scientist with a MSc in clinical neuroscience for the HSE national rare diseases office. — Paul Donnelly. [14983/23]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a full list of podiatrists, including addresses, that are accepting new medical card holders aged over 65 within CHO9, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [14984/23]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE accident and emergency nurses at Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased. — Paul Donnelly. [14985/23]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health when a retired nurse (details supplied) who worked at Ennis General Hospital can expect to receive her increased weekly pension as per the €1.6 billion public sector pay deal agreed in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14999/23]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who, following a diagnosis of lung cancer at St. James's Hospital, Dublin was referred for a second biopsy and has yet to receive any communication regarding an appointment date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [15003/23]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment at the Temple Street Hospital can be expedited for a child (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15015/23]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment at the Children's Hospital in Crumlin can be expedited for a child (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15016/23]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment at the Children's Hospital in Crumlin can be expedited for a child (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15017/23]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment at the Temple Street Hospital can be expedited for a child (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15018/23]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health the regulations that are in place for vaping products; if there is any intention of further regulating these products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15030/23]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE will not provide information to a group (details supplied), in view of the very serious implications for the group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [15031/23]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will provide information to a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [15032/23]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health when a group (details supplied) in County Mayo will receive the monies due to them; if this matter will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [15033/23]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health if a person with dementia, who is in receipt of maximum 22.5 hrs home help per week, could also avail of the dementia home support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [15036/23]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to introducing a redress scheme for people who have been impacted by being overcharged for nursing home care for their loved ones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15051/23]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the review of the National Carers' Strategy, promised under the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15110/23]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health if it the responsibility of staff of a nursing home to provide a third party (details supplied) with copies of their payslips to facilitate the pandemic bonus payment or if this function should be carried out by their employer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15111/23]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 650 of 14 February 2023, and the written reply from the HSE dated 20 February 2023, his views on whether any amendments are needed to the legal position as outlined by the HSE in its letter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15141/23]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health when his Department's review of the rationale for the disclosure of counselling notes as part of court proceedings including a victim/survivor perspective commenced in July 2022 will be completed. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15215/23]

*709. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the current HSE infrastructure relating to maternity healthcare services, in north Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [15216/23]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women referred to the Rotunda Hospital from north County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [15217/23]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health the number of postnatal women referred from the Rotunda Hospital to the district health nurse in north County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [15218/23]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the pandemic bonus has not been paid to a person (details supplied); if provision has been made for pay increases for Section 39 workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [15220/23]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not received the home help package they were awarded; when home care support will start as offered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15225/23]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting list for 8-16 year olds in CHO8, per test centre, age, and the length of time on the list, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [15237/23]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to make the injury unit in Bantry General Hospital a 24 hrs a day service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15249/23]

*716. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the waiting times for women to access public gynaecological services, with particular reference to women diagnosed with adenomyosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15250/23]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in counties Roscommon and Galway currently awaiting public eye examinations; the current waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15255/23]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify whether retrospective declarations of parentage can be dealt with prior to the establishment of an Assisted Human Reproduction Regulator under the provisions of the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Bill 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [15260/23]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive an appointment for a procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15269/23]

*720. To ask the Minister for Health if the IHREC submission (details supplied) requesting a human rights-based inquiry into residential care during Covid 19 has been reviewed; and if so, his views on the submission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15275/23]

*721. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a child (details supplied) cannot have a procedure carried out by the HSE school dentist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [15276/23]

*722. To ask the Minister for Health if supports will be provided to the operators of the Tuam meals on wheels service, County Galway to prevent its closure at the end of the March 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [15284/23]

*723. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that the proposed facilities at a facility (details supplied) are suitable for traumatised people fleeing war and the additional trauma of fathers or husbands fighting on the front lines and long, hazardous journeys; if his Department will publish the expert advice sought and received on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [15295/23]

*724. To ask the Minister for Health when a full medical card will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); if the matter can be reviewed urgently, given the medical circumstances of the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15308/23]

*725. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time to access an appointment in a long-Covid clinic; how many people are currently waiting for an appointment; the current staffing in these clinics; the action will he take to reduce these waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [15317/23]

*726. To ask the Minister for Health when retired nurses will receive their two overdue pay rises as per the building momentum pay deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [15323/23]

*727. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a schedule by CHO area of the number of primary school patients in the backlog and or have not had their in-school eye, hearing and dental checks. — Catherine Murphy. [15331/23]

*728. To ask the Minister for Health if possible links between coercion to have an abortion and telemedicine abortion has been examined by his Department or any agency on behalf of his Department; if not, if any relevant research has been commissioned on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15336/23]

*729. To ask the Minister for Health when the deliberative process assessing the findings of the review into telemedicine abortion will be completed and its conclusions announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15337/23]

*730. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a full list of all medical professions that require a clinical placement as part of their education and qualification in the respective field; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [15338/23]

*731. To ask the Minister for Health to provide in tabular form the number of clinical placements places in each medical profession; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [15339/23]

*732. To ask the Minister for Health the actions that have been taken to increase the number of clinical placements in the healthcare system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [15340/23]

*733. To ask the Minister for Health when the BreastCheck programme for 52- and 53- year-olds who were never called for their initial BreastCheck appointments, due to Covid restrictions at the time, will be rescheduled; the processes that are in place to address this backlog; the information that has been communicated to this cohort to update them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [15341/23]

*734. To ask the Minister for Health when the necessary staffing levels will be approved to allow for the MRI scanner at Midland Regional Hospital Mullingar to become fully operational; the timelines for the commencement of this service; the budget that has been approved for this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [15342/23]

*735. To ask the Minister for Health the role his Department has undertaken in consulting on, or drafting, the proposed Sale of Alcohol Bill. — Thomas Gould. [15375/23]

*736. To ask the Minister for Health whether his Department has undertaken a risk assessment of proposed alcohol sale changes in the Sale of Alcohol Bill. — Thomas Gould. [15376/23]

*737. To ask the Minister for Health the harm reduction framework under which his Department has assessed the proposed Sale of Alcohol Bill. — Thomas Gould. [15377/23]

*738. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the provision of a primary care centre in New Ross, County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [15383/23]

*739. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the services that can be accessed via the treatment abroad scheme for children facing unacceptably long waits for assessment of need and early intervention; which therapies that are covered; if there are any particular qualifying criteria that parents of these children have to satisfy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [15387/23]

*740. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine the case of a child (details supplied) and advise if the early intervention, for which this child will wait a minimum of 37 months, can be accessed through the treatment abroad scheme, or if there are any other options available in this State for this child to access services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [15388/23]

*741. To ask the Minister for Health if financial assistance is available to medical card holders who require ArtAssist treatment in their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15424/23]

*742. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm whether he has met with transgender representative groups in respect of consultation with regards to transgender health care in Ireland; if so, if he will confirm what engagement has taken place; what engagement he intends on undertaking with these groups in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [15460/23]

*743. To ask the Minister for Health when the urgent transfer of a patient (details supplied) from Letterkenny University Hospital to the Mater Hospital will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15461/23]

*744. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals that are currently operating the Da Vinci surgical system; and if there are plans to expand the robotics programme in hospitals. — Alan Kelly. [15485/23]

*745. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant transplant surgeons based at each hospital that is part of the South, South-West Hospital Group in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [15486/23]

*746. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant trauma and orthopaedic surgeons based at University Hospital Limerick in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [15487/23]

*747. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals that currently have a helipad within their grounds and that is in use, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [15488/23]

*748. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant psychiatrists based in each primary care centre within CHOs 3 and 5 in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [15489/23]

*749. To ask the Minister for Health if he visited The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto during his recent visit to Canada for St. Patrick's Day events. — Alan Kelly. [15490/23]

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

*750. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are plans to provide public access to the Land Commission records that are held in storage in Portlaoise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [15223/23]

*751. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has any concerns about the loss of revenue incurred by Rásaíocht Con Éireann arising from the fact that an organisation (details supplied) maintains control of the stud book for racing greyhounds, a loss of revenue estimated to be around €1 million a year; if he has any plans to introduce the legislation necessary to allow Rásaíocht Con Éireann set up its own dedicated stud book, as promised in its Strategic Plan 2018-2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [14648/23]

*752. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of greyhound care homes with a dedicated, unique visitor room funded by Rásaíocht Con Éireann that are currently in operation; the total capacity of such care homes; the location of these care homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [14649/23]

*753. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a written statement with an update on his plans to ban fishing vessels of a certain size from fishing within the Irish 6nm limit. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14653/23]

*754. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm that the following super trawlers (details supplied) all owned by the Dutch corporation, have recently been fishing in the Irish EEZ with quota allocated under the Common Fisheries Policy; the amount of pelagic quota that these vessels have been allocated both within the Irish EEZ and throughout the waters across Europe, under the jurisdiction of the Common Fisheries Policy. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14654/23]

*755. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the protocols or criteria required for him to meet with stakeholder groups within the agricultural sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [14682/23]

*756. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department are accepting forestry form two applications which are now vital in keeping private forestry companies viable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [14683/23]

*757. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the planting of any trees on Bord Na Móna peat lands will continue in the next forestry programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [14684/23]

*758. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of all procurement competitions, if any, in which companies (details supplied) won contracts from his Department since 2016. — Peadar Tóibín. [14717/23]

*759. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total costs of accommodation and travel expenses associated with his recent foreign trip, or foreign trips by Ministers for State at his Department, for St Patrick’s Day; and if a breakdown can be provided on travel costs, accommodation costs, country/state visited, number of departmental staff accompanying him, and the duration of the trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14735/23]

*760. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a fisheries issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14759/23]

*761. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated cost of abolishing the parental levy on the school milk scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14770/23]

*762. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the programmes funded and to be funded under the Brexit adjustment reserve to support fisheries and coastal communities from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14797/23]

*763. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the work of the Suckler Brand Development Oversight Group, including the composition of the group and its remit; the number of times it has met; and the amount of money spent to date with a breakdown of how it was spent. — Holly Cairns. [14853/23]

*764. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a rescue package can be put in place for the sheep sector through the Brexit Reserve Fund, given the difficulties currently being faced by sheep farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14916/23]

*765. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if additional funds can be included in the sheep improvement scheme to increase the current payment of €12 per ewe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14917/23]

*766. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the basis, criteria and rationale for the disbursement of funds to animal welfare organisations; the reason there is a disparity in the amounts received between different organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15011/23]

*767. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of prosecutions taken per annum for failure to comply with the Microchipping of Dogs Regulations 2015, for the years 2016 to 2022, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15024/23]

*768. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if statistics are being kept regarding the number of licensed pet sellers selling dogs online that are breeds on the restrictive dog breeds list; and if not, if he will consider collecting those statistics. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15027/23]

*769. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the final payment for the hen-harrier scheme will be made; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15035/23]

*770. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the expenditure his Department and agencies under his Department's remit have incurred on car, van, commercial vehicle rental or lease in each of the years 2020 to date in 2023; and if he will outline in tabular form the make and model of each vehicle, the cost of rental per quarter and the name of the entity from which each vehicle is rented or leased. — Sean Sherlock. [15045/23]

*771. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a farmer would be eligible for the national reserve and young farmers scheme on leased land on which a previous lessee had availed of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15106/23]

*772. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on the progress implementing the actions of the Review of Organic Food Sector and Strategy for its Development 2019 – 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15107/23]

*773. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the allocation to and value of monies paid from the organic processing investment grant scheme in each of the years 2018 to 2023 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15108/23]

*774. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applicants that received funding from the organic processing investment grant scheme in each of the years 2018 to 2023 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15109/23]

*775. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of an incident (details supplied); the actions taken to ensure animal welfare provisions are adhered to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15112/23]

*776. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of an incident (details supplied); the actions taken to ensure animal welfare provisions are adhered to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15113/23]

*777. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he intends to claw-back on entitlements for non-active farmers who are currently leasing them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15114/23]

*778. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for proposed delays in the payments related to certain schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15117/23]

*779. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider deferring an implementation date by one year (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15123/23]

*780. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1543 of 21 March 2023, if he will clarify why there is a discrepancy in the list of factories named when compared to a similar reply received on the same issue in November 2021 (details supplied). — Carol Nolan. [15211/23]

*781. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will reverse the decision to issue areas of natural constraint payments one month later than usual which impacts on the viability of small farmers dependent on these payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15238/23]

*782. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how many boat owners have accepted a voluntary decommissioning offer from BIM; if the figure increased from 20 and if so,

by how much; how many of those are owners of inshore boats; how many of those are owners of offshore boats; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [15274/23]

*783. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1565 of 21 March 2023, if he will clarify the situation regarding farmers whose herd breakdown predates 1 February but who have yet to receive any compensation; whether they will be entitled to the revised compensation rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [15310/23]

*784. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of concerns regarding the lack of alternative products following the proposed banning of a product (details supplied) at the end of April 2023; if he is aware of the consequences of this in respect of displacement of the product in the market place by imported product; and if in the circumstances, if he will consider delaying the introduction of the ban on this product until April 2024 to enable the market to catch up with the new regulations on alternative product. — Michael Creed. [15312/23]

*785. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine on what grounds a person's (details supplied) horses were seized; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [15348/23]

*786. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine about the safety of the insecticide, acetamiprid, in relation to its use near bee colonies; and if there are any regulations covering same (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [15354/23]

*787. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will defer the ban on the use of creosote in fencing until measures for alternative treatments are in place, including his Department's approval of copper oil-based treatment products and the availability of same to business in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15492/23]

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

*788. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide details of all procurement competitions, if any, in which companies (details supplied) won contracts from her Department since 2016. — Peadar Tóibín. [14730/23]

*789. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total costs of accommodation and travel expenses associated with her recent foreign trip, or foreign trips by Ministers for State at her Department, for St Patrick's Day; and if a breakdown can be provided on travel costs, accommodation costs, country/state visited, number of departmental staff accompanying her, and the duration of the trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14748/23]

*790. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a dog-breeding establishment is required to list the type of breeds of dogs that it is breeding; and if not, the reason therefor. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15022/23]

*791. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of dog-breeding establishments that are breeding dogs on the restrictive breeds list. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15023/23]

*792. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will instruct local authorities to record the reason for surrender at the dog pound under the Control of Dogs Act 1986; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15025/23]

*793. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the Control Of Dogs Act 1986 statistics will be recorded digitally by local authorities; and when her Department's annual dog control statistics will be available on a central digital database. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15026/23]

*794. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of dog attacks on livestock in each of the years 2017 to 2022 and to date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15116/23]

*795. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress made with Galway County Council in relation to the transfer of the land, on which the airstrip in Inishbofin is built, to her Department; the reason for the hold up with this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15335/23]

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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the recent meeting of the European Council which he attended; the issues discussed; and the conclusions reached. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15438/23]