



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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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 Housing took place. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11561/23]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11605/23]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [11608/23]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Gino Kenny. [11610/23]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [12946/23]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul McAuliffe. [13066/23]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12972/23]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update in respect of the Cabinet Committee on Housing. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13633/23]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [13432/23]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14962/23]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [15129/23]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the most recent meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Housing took place. — Gary Gannon. [14893/23]
13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Mick Barry. [15252/23]

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

15. 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]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29. 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]

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

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

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

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

34. 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]

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

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

37. 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]

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

39. 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]

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43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

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

49. 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]

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

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

\*50. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the largest investment amount in a company that Enterprise Ireland has written off in the past ten years. — Brian Stanley. [15532/23]

\*51. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Enterprise Ireland officials held any meetings with the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement in relation to its investment in AI firm, Altada. — Brian Stanley. [15533/23]

\*52. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if Enterprise Ireland appoints nominees to boards of companies in which it holds equity; the average number of boards that an Enterprise Ireland-nominee sits on; and the largest number of boards upon which any one Enterprise Ireland nominee sits (details supplied). — Brian Stanley. [15534/23]

\*53. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of private rented sector housing cuckoo funds, and the total value of same, that Enterprise Ireland has directly or indirectly invested in through its venture capital scheme in the past ten years. — Brian Stanley. [15535/23]

\*54. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the average seven-year survival rate of companies that Enterprise Ireland has invested in through its Start Up investment fund. — Brian Stanley. [15536/23]

\*55. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total investment value that Enterprise Ireland has made in renewable energy companies in the past ten years; and to outline what percentage of Enterprise Ireland's current total investment portfolio is in renewable energy. — Brian Stanley. [15537/23]

\*56. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what steps his Department is taking to assist Irish companies to avail of opportunities in the US by collaborating for projects under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. — Marian Harkin. [15566/23]

\*57. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what steps his Department is taking, in conjunction with the European Commission, to assist Irish companies to avail of opportunities in the US by collaborating for projects under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. — Marian Harkin. [15567/23]

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

\*58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of those connected to the microgeneration pilot scheme from 2009 to 2014 who are being paid as deemed export but are not exporting; and the number that are exporting and not being paid what they should (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [15548/23]

\*59. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress made towards the target of reducing demand for fossil gas by 15% as part of the RePowerEU plan; the reason the reduction in demand for fossil gas in the State was the smallest in the EU, only reducing demand by 0.3% compared to the EU average of 19%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15628/23]

\*60. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the percentage change in demand for gas in all sectors, including electricity generation, residential, and industrial and commercial, broken down by retail, construction, laundry, leisure, air travel, data centres, pharma, hospitals, and any other key sectors, for the year 2022, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15629/23]

\*61. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the grants available for an individual to install solar panels on farm buildings, in the case of the individual not being an active farmer and therefore not installing them for agricultural use, but rather to sell the electricity back to the grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15632/23]

\*62. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications given that Ireland ratified the Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities five years ago, his plans for providing that the Disabled Persons Organisations (DPOs) are prioritised in consultations and monitoring regarding the Sustainable Development Goals, as advised by the UN Committee on the CRPD – General Comment No. 7, paras. 9, 32, 92, and 94 (r). — Gino Kenny. [15644/23]

\*63. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will support the conservation of invasive pike in Lough Melvin SAC under the current Conservation of Pike Bye-Law No. 809 of 2006 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [15652/23]

\*64. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how many solar farms other than micro-generated solar energy are currently plugged into the National Grid. — Peadar Tóibín. [15681/23]

\*65. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how many homes have availed of the national home energy upgrade scheme in 2022 and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [15682/23]

\*66. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how many homes have availed of the free energy upgrades for those at risk of energy poverty in 2022 and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [15683/23]

\*67. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how many community energy grants have been delivered in 2022 and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [15684/23]

\*68. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how many homes have availed of the new home energy upgrade scheme in 2022 and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [15685/23]

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

\*69. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will establish an additional hourly service on the Cork-Kinsale 226 route that does not include the airport, to facilitate local passengers and commuters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15511/23]

\*70. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on whether transport hubs in towns across Ireland that allow for the integration of rail, bus, taxi and smarter travel facilities supported by RTPI signs for the public are a good idea. — Alan Kelly. [15542/23]

\*71. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding plans for increased rail connectivity for Dublin Port; if his Department has carried out any assessment to include greater freight rail connectivity in the Port 3FM project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [15569/23]

\*72. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the numerous breakdowns on 20 March 2023 on the Bus Éireann route 32 from Dublin to Letterkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [15598/23]

\*73. To ask the Minister for Transport if, in light of no response by the relevant personnel at Iarnród Éireann to repeated requests from this Deputy, he will instruct Iarnród Éireann to supply this Deputy with a copy of the 2008 agreement between Iarnród Éireann and Wexford County Council relating to a proposed new bridge over the railway line at Park Curcur, County Wexford, and also a copy of a new agreement on the same matter concluded in November 2023, both agreements reported in a newspaper (details supplied) on 23 November 2022 on foot of an official communiqué to that paper from Iarnród Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [15608/23]

\*74. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will clarify whether a proposed new bridge over the railway line at Park Curcur, County Wexford, is designed only for access to the development of 413 accommodation units for which planning permission exists, or if the design is meant also to facilitate a larger carriageway which would lead to a future new bridge over the River Slaney to Crosstown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [15609/23]

\*75. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to significant delays in the driver testing system; his plans to address the backlog; and the estimated time it will take to clear the backlog. — Catherine Murphy. [15626/23]

\*76. To ask the Minister for Transport if he and or the National Transport Authority plan to review top-up and annual Tax saver travel cards for bus, rail and light rail services; and if his



Department and or the NTA have surveyed the number of persons using public transport on the past three years to date and evaluated the number of journeys made using card and cash to pay for journeys. — Catherine Murphy. [15627/23]

\*77. To ask the Minister for Transport if he and his Departments will immediately comply with its obligations under the Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities by prioritising and distinguishing the Disabled Persons Organisations (DPOs) in all consultations affecting disabled people. — Gino Kenny. [15641/23]

\*78. To ask the Minister for Transport what the National Transport Authority plans to prioritise for the Disabled Persons Organisations (as per Article 4 (3) and General Comment No. 7 of the CRPD), to disability-proof all current projects and plans in compliance with the CRPD. — Gino Kenny. [15642/23]

\*79. To ask the Minister for Transport if an exemption can be made to arrange an early driving test due to unfortunate circumstances in respect of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15670/23]

\*80. To ask the Minister for Transport if an early driving test can be requested for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15671/23]

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

\*81. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of individual landlords and investment companies that are availing of tax relief for landlords; and if he will clarify if non-resident individuals and investment companies are eligible to avail of the tax relief. — Catherine Murphy. [15637/23]

\*82. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of seizures conducted by customs officials on illegally imported solid fuels in 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [15687/23]

\*83. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of funding that has been provided to the Revenue Commissioners in the years 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 to combat smuggling of solid fuels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [15688/23]

\*84. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update in tabular form on a county basis of the number of businesses in each county that have successfully applied for inclusion under the temporary business energy support scheme; the estimated value or worth of the support in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [15701/23]

*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.*

\*85. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will investigate an incident involving members of a fox hunt at Hore Abbey, a national monument managed by the National Monuments Service division of his Department (details supplied); if this constituted trespass; if any damage was caused to the site; and if he will take action to keep hunters away from national monument sites. — Paul Murphy. [15785/23]

\*86. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform what works can be done to prevent flooding in a property (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15742/23]

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

\*87. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding opportunities that are available for sports clubs to assist them in facilitating children and young people resident in direct provision centres participating in club activities, including funding for transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15510/23]

\*88. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there will be an announcement of a new sports capital round of funding in 2023. — Alan Kelly. [15544/23]

\*89. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps her Department is taking to increase the volume of tourism accommodation available in the Lough Derg region of Tipperary, Clare and Limerick. — Alan Kelly. [15545/23]

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

\*90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if temporary funding will be made available for remedial work on apartment defects to be commenced before the relevant legislation is introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [15659/23]

\*91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated number of people who would be eligible for the cost-rental scheme if the net income limit of €53,000 was to increase to €60,000 and to €80,000. — Richard Bruton. [15524/23]

\*92. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of increasing the maximum levels of household annual income ranging from €30,000 to €60,000 by 20%, with regard to the adaptation grants for older persons and people with a disability. — Richard Bruton. [15525/23]

\*93. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of raising the current maximum household income threshold of €60,000 to €70,000 with regard to the adaptation grants for older persons and people with a disability. — Richard Bruton. [15526/23]

\*94. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with regard to the adaptation grants for older persons and people with a disability the estimated cost of increasing the maximum grant amounts at each level by 20% based on current uptake rates. — Richard Bruton. [15527/23]

\*95. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what provision 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; if he will delay the lifting of the eviction ban until workable

solutions are found to this and other issues raised by opposition Deputies in the eviction ban debate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [15540/23]

\*96. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage why Tipperary County Council is unable to purchase a ground floor two-bedroom apartment at (details supplied) due to the annual management fees associated with the property and the building in which it is located; currently, this property is being sold by the owner and is currently rented for over ten years to an elderly gentleman in his 70s who is in receipt of HAP; the reason the local authority is not permitted to purchase this property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [15572/23]

\*97. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there will be additional staff allocated to the Residential Tenancies Board when the ban on evictions is lifted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [15596/23]

\*98. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average time it takes for an overholding case to make its way from the initial report to the Residential Tenancies Board through to the tribunal determination order; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [15597/23]

\*99. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of households nationally that are in receipt of a housing support such as HAP and RAS. — Catherine Murphy. [15634/23]

\*100. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide in tabular form the amount of funding applied for and allocated to Kerry County Council to refurbish voids in the past five years; the number of voids reported for each year; the number of voids returned to stock each year; the amount of void funding which went unspent each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15638/23]

\*101. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide in tabular form the number of houses vacant more than two, three, four and five years in each local authority area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15643/23]

\*102. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the average time it takes to refurbish voids in each local authority area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15646/23]

\*103. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he or his Department have given any policy consideration or conducted any analysis on the concept of the '15 Minute City'; if he supports the general policy principle behind the concept; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15679/23]

\*104. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Kerry County Council have listed a property (details supplied) as a void; if they have applied for funding to refurbish the property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15692/23]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of houses Kerry County Council have purchased or is in the process of purchasing under the tenant-in-situ scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15694/23]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many one-bedroomed homes have been constructed under the Housing first approach in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [15729/23]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what changes are been made to CIRC (Construction Industry Register Ireland) as some construction persons are saying they have been told this is voluntary and then told they must have it; if clarification can be given; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [15730/23]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the criteria on a payment plan for a first-time applicant while on a HAP payment; and his plans to ease the distress under the current cost-of-living crisis (details supplied). — Patricia Ryan. [15737/23]

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

\*109. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [15528/23]

\*110. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what steps are being taken by Irish Aid programmes in Uganda to advocate for the rights of members of the LGBTQ+ community in light of new laws which make identifying as LGBTQ+ an offense punishable by execution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15640/23]

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

\*111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence why some people who worked on the frontline during the Covid pandemic as a member of the Defence Force's doing vaccines and testing have not received their bonus payment to date (details supplied). — Patricia Ryan. [15736/23]

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

\*112. To ask the Minister for Education if she will list the schools in County Mayo contained within the 58 schools building projects under review within the school building programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15514/23]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a list of all schools that have received approval for capital investment of more than €1 million in 2021, 2022 and as of 23 March 2023. — Alan Kelly. [15543/23]

\*114. To ask the Minister for Education if a full-time home school and community liaison post could be provided to a DEIS school (details supplied) considering the expansion and diversity of the school enrolment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [15552/23]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline for the establishment of the new portal for parents in relation to the Summer Programme, where special schools are not running the programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [15570/23]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Education when a permanent site will be found for a school (details supplied) given the school has been open and operating since September 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15574/23]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Education what action she intends to take to address the anomaly whereby children can miss out on a school-bus place as they are deemed to be travelling to schools that are not their nearest, despite their parents having no choice but to send them further afield due to lack of provision of school-places locally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [15603/23]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will publish the details of all the actions it is undertaking to ensure sufficient numbers of school-buses and drivers on the school-transport scheme for the coming academic year, so that children are not left behind as is the case in north Kildare (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [15604/23]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 753 of 21 March 2023, if there is an official pupil-teacher ratio in place for reader classes for children with dyslexia; if individual schools have flexibility in respect of this pupil-teacher ratio; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [15606/23]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider reducing the number of sraith pictiúr on the leaving certificate Irish course in the spirit of lessening the pressure around the examinations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [15607/23]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Education if she would consider expanding the distance limit to the nearest school for the school transport scheme to within five kilometres (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [15613/23]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will ensure that the child-friendly booklet on the Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child will be made available in schools nationwide alongside awareness campaigns (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [15631/23]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 120 of 23 March 2023 if he will provide, in tabular form, the names of projects included in each lot under development, and planned for the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [15651/23]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the development of the proposed new school at Millerstown/Kilcock; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [15672/23]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Education what additional financial assistance has been provided to primary and post primary schools to help them with their rising energy and utility bills; if he will confirm whether her Department will issue a scheme for schools comparable to the temporary business energy support scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [15691/23]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline for the provision of a permanent building for a school (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [15704/23]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Education when her Department will commence the tendering process for 'lot 6' school works which includes a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [15722/23]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Education if an additional class teacher can be provided to a school (details supplied). — Patricia Ryan. [15723/23]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Education when the new policy paper for Irish-medium secondary education will be available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [15762/23]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will consider the building of an Irish-medium secondary school in Dublin 8, given that there are several bunscoileanna in the area but no gaelcholáistí; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [15763/23]

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

\*131. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of victims of domestic violence referred to social protection access housing supports in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [15636/23]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) is eligible to receive the carer's support grant. — Marian Harkin. [15541/23]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of households in receipt of rent supplement. — Catherine Murphy. [15635/23]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has an indicative date for the implementation of Section 6 of the of the Civil Registration (Amendment) Act 2014, specifically the recording of a father's name on a birth certificate. — Seán Crowe. [15689/23]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the options available to cover a pensioner (details supplied) with a medical card who is on disability and is not covered under the scheme. — Kathleen Funchion. [15720/23]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is considering extending the treatment benefit scheme to cover the cost of medical microblading for eyebrow replacement in those suffering hair loss due to illness, cancer treatment or alopecia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [15738/23]

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

\*137. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost of increasing the threshold for the maximum subsidy under the national childcare scheme from €26,000 annual income to €40,000 and to €45,000 and to €50,000 on a full-year basis. — Richard Bruton. [15515/23]



\*138. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated annual cost of increasing the upper income limit for the national childcare scheme of €60,000 to €80,000 and to €100,000. — Richard Bruton. [15516/23]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will implement legislation that makes it compulsory for all pools/gyms with pools to provide access days or times for those with low incomes and people with disabilities who are on welfare payments where they are offered a reduced rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [15538/23]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he intends to ratify the 2nd optional protocol on the UNCRC OPSC in 2023; and as it stands now, what are the specific legislative barriers that are preventing Ireland from ratifying the OPSC. — Joan Collins. [15605/23]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to ensure that the 116,000 EU missing children hotline number be on public display at airports and ports. — Joan Collins. [15611/23]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider a thorough forensic investigation of the existing grounds at the Bessborough mother-and-baby home site in Blackrock, County Cork, in order to establish whether there is a mass grave on the site. — Marian Harkin. [15614/23]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline in detail specific information (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [15639/23]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth with regard to the most recent United Nations Committee for the Rights of the Child Report on Ireland, if he will advise what measures the State will implement to ensure the elimination of discrimination towards children of Catholic priests, as recommended by the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [15650/23]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on IPAS's plans to use Dolcain House, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 for the provision of temporary accommodation for people seeking international protection in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15673/23]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware that payment to a commercial premises housing Ukrainian refugees (details supplied) has been outstanding for the past four months; if an indication can be given as to when payment will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15680/23]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he plans to fully implement HIQA inspections of IPAS-contracted properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [15703/23]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to bring legislation to protect the rights of vulnerable people to prevent them from been placed in care against their will; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [15724/23]

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

\*149. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on engagement between an organisation (details supplied) and his Department regarding pensions for staff in the technological university sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [15513/23]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the budgeted cost of the increase in the income threshold for the 50% student contribution grant from €55,240 to €62,000 per year, which is scheduled to come into effect this autumn. — Richard Bruton. [15517/23]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the budgeted cost of the €500 reduction in the student contribution charge for families earning between €62,000 and €100,000 per annum, and the estimated annual cost of doubling this reduction to €1,000. — Richard Bruton. [15518/23]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of increasing the postgraduate SUSI fee grant by €1,000 to €5,000 based on the current enrolment numbers. — Richard Bruton. [15519/23]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimate cost of increasing the lower income threshold for the full SUSI grant which is currently €24,500 to €30,000 and to €40,000 and to €45,000. — Richard Bruton. [15520/23]

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

\*154. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of family reunification applications under the terms of the International Protection Act 2015 received by his Department in 2022, by month received, in tabular form; if he will provide the number of decisions issued per month on family reunification for the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15502/23]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí that have retired before full service was completed, by rank and year, in 2020, 2021 and 2022 and as of 23 March 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [15546/23]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of trainee gardaí that began training in each of the years 2016 to 2022 inclusive; and the number that completed training and were given Garda powers in the same years, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [15547/23]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an EU Treaty Rights application in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15571/23]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Justice if Carlow will have a women's refuge in place as promised in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15577/23]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Justice in the case of a South African national who is living in Ireland for a third consecutive year on a Stamp 4 residency permit, who is married to an Irish citizen and who has two children with Irish citizenship, how they can apply for Irish citizenship



in order to get an Irish passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15578/23]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a schedule of brokers and or companies who acted as brokers for the IIP scheme to allow persons to invest in projects for visas, and the number outstanding to be processed. — Catherine Murphy. [15615/23]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of IPP applicants that donated to GAA-related projects over the course of the IIP scheme; and the number outstanding to be processed. — Catherine Murphy. [15616/23]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will set out the controls that are in place to ensure that all IIP applications are verified. — Catherine Murphy. [15617/23]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide in tabular form and by county the number of checkpoints conducted by An Garda Síochána to ascertain immigration status in each year from 2018 to date; the number of individuals found to be in breach of immigration requirements at these checkpoints; the actions taken in response to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15676/23]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Justice concerning the Firearms Expert Committee, if he has received the correspondence (details supplied) from an association regarding the Firearms Expert Committee's proposed recommendations and amendments for persons in receipt of a firearms licence; if he will meet with the organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [15699/23]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Justice his views on the establishment of the Firearms Expert Committee in his Department established in June of 2022, the focus and purpose of this Committee; the number of times it has met; the agenda items considered at each of its meetings; the expert witnesses invited to attend each of its meetings; the reason the Firearms Users Representative Group (FURG) and other representative bodies have been excluded from input to the committee to date; if this representative body will be invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [15700/23]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedure to be followed to regularise her status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15719/23]

*Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.*

\*167. To ask the Minister for Health why workers (details supplied) were excluded from the pandemic special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15649/23]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on plans to introduce publicly-funded IVF. — Emer Higgins. [15880/23]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the routes available to persons wishing to report alleged abuse in nursing homes. — Holly Cairns. [15503/23]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to tackle abuse in nursing homes. — Holly Cairns. [15504/23]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide greater clarity on how the publicly funded IVF treatment system will work including; how the funding will be distributed; how many cycles will a patient be able to avail of; if patients will only be able to avail of public treatment via a GP referral, or can they self-refer; if there will be age or BMI restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15505/23]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he has taken in response to recommendations contained in the Independent Rapid Review of Specific Issues in the CervicalCheck Screening Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15506/23]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address delays in individuals accessing public transgender healthcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15507/23]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that the national gender service engages with patient advocacy groups on matters relating to transgender healthcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15508/23]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost of increasing the current income limit for medical cards of €184 per week to the €304 threshold for the GP visit card. — Richard Bruton. [15521/23]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Health the amount budgeted for the planned increase in the income limit for the GP visit card for persons on a median household income of €46,000 or less. — Richard Bruton. [15522/23]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost of increasing the over-70s medical card income thresholds of €550 for a single person to €700 and of €1,050 for a couple to €1,400. — Richard Bruton. [15523/23]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Health whether he will consider lifting the ban on the use of former nursing homes accommodating Ukrainian families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [15539/23]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Health the reason terminally ill young children living in the south east are still being denied community paediatric palliative care services, therefore depriving them of the right to die at home; if immediate steps will be implemented to provide this critical treatment to young children in need of paediatric palliative care services; the reason home palliative care is still being denied to children in the south east; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [15549/23]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Health if the recommendations listed in the Bee Wee report 2020 for the clinical governance and operational arrangements for supporting a model of care for children with life limiting conditions towards the end of life is being implemented in the South East for paediatric palliative care services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [15550/23]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on his work to introduce free IVF treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15573/23]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Health the plans, if any, for a minor injuries unit in north County Kildare, with particular reference to rapid population growth in this area, that many GPs are not

taking on new patients, and the need to free up the local emergency department services for more urgent cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15576/23]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Health how many people availed of IVF treatment from private clinics across the country in 2022, and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [15579/23]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Health to indicate any outstanding psycho-oncology services posts at this moment in time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [15580/23]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding allocated to psycho-oncology services in 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [15581/23]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of expanding the BowelScreen age criteria bracket from 50 to 74 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [15582/23]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Health to indicate any measures being taken to ensure BowelScreen participation rates reach 60% compliance (2020 target date), as per the National Cancer Strategy targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [15583/23]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Health the total annual spend on BowelScreen in each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [15584/23]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Health the number of individuals who received an invitation to take part in the BowelScreen on a quarterly basis from Q1 2020 and to date in 2023; the percentage of individuals who accepted an invitation and subsequently attended a screening appointment in each of the specified months; and if he will provide that information in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [15585/23]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of expanding the BreastCheck age bracket from 45 to 74 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [15586/23]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Health the total annual spend on BreastCheck in each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [15587/23]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Health the number of individuals who received an invitation to take part in BreastCheck on a quarterly basis from Q1 2020 and to date in 2023; the percentage of individuals who accepted an invitation and subsequently attended a screening appointment in each of the specified months, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [15588/23]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to ensure CervicalCheck participation rates reach 80% compliance, as per the National Cancer Strategy targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [15589/23]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Health the number of individuals who received an invitation to take part in CervicalCheck on a quarterly basis from Q1 2020 and to date in 2023; the percentage of individuals who accepted an invitation and subsequently attended a screening appointment in each of the specified months; and if he will provide that information in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [15590/23]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Health the total annual spend on CervicalCheck in each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [15591/23]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Health the level of outstanding inpatient charges owed to the health service and the number of patients this relates to; if there will be debt forgiveness for this following the abolition of inpatient charges; if he will continue to employ the use of debt collectors against these patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15592/23]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that no dentist in Galway now accepts medical cards; and if he will outline what steps he is taking to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [15600/23]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a proposal from the Irish Pharmacy Union (details supplied); his views on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [15653/23]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Health the reason pharmacies are struggling to issue prescriptions for essential drugs for patients on long-term essential medication, i.e. valsartan and krka; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15660/23]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Health the actions that termination of pregnancy providers, including GPs and community providers, must take in instances where they suspect coercion in a request for a termination of pregnancy; the steps being taken to ensure that termination of pregnancy providers can identify possible instances of coercion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15674/23]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify what healthcare facilities in counties Carlow and Kilkenny are still waiting on the pandemic payment, as some staff in Camphill communities are still awaiting payment. — Kathleen Funchion. [15675/23]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Health if he will extend a scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15686/23]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the current average waiting times for urgent and routine paediatric neurologists' appointments in each of the seven hospital groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15690/23]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update and define the qualifying criteria for publicly funded IVF fertility treatment as outlined in the Government Programme; if people who pay for IVF treatment between now and September 2023 will be reimbursed for their costs starting in September 2023, given his stated plan to start providing interim public support for IVF treatment via private clinics in September 2023 and the urgency of receiving IVF treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [15693/23]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Health if he has engaged with the relevant stakeholders in relation to the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Justice Report on an Examination of the Present Approach to Sanctions for Possession of Certain Amounts of Drugs for Personal Use recommendation that ‘the practice of cultivation of currently illicit substances at a modest, non-profit level be examined in light of above recommendations in order to regulate such activity’; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [15702/23]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that the HSE provides a dedicated funding line to deliver the necessary health and mental health support required to assist homeless people with complex needs.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [15725/23]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Health how many advanced nurse practitioners that are available in older persons services in CHO7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [15726/23]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Health the reason sertaline is no longer available on medical card to the most vulnerable people with mental health needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [15727/23]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Health how people on medical cards can be charged extortionate amounts of money for generic medicines as they are told the original form is out of stock. — Patricia Ryan. [15728/23]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 403 and 404 of 8 February 2023, to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [15739/23]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Health how many children are currently waiting for urgent and routine paediatric neurologist appointments in the South and South West Hospital group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15743/23]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 348 of 9 March 2023, the effect the relocation of homebirth services from community operations to acute operations will have on rural women; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15780/23]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 348 of 9 March 2023, what ‘significant additional investment’ has been made to assist integration and the delivery of safe and high-quality care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15781/23]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 348 of 9 March 2023, what provision has been made for post-natal hubs in County Clare, and the wider CH03; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15782/23]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 577 of 7 March 2023, when the evidence-based synthesis will be completed by the Health Research Board; if he will provide a timeline of the expected conclusion of work; when the clinical review group will evaluate that evidence to then make an assessment if there is evidence to support the recommendation of the addition of any other clinical indications to the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15783/23]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 578 of 7 March 2023, if he will accept that Ireland has now the most restrictive regime in the EU27 in place, with respect to the medical cannabis access programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15784/23]

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

\*217. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a GLAS payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15529/23]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he can advise if ACRES will reopen later in 2023 for applications, and if someone did not submit an ACRES application in 2022 and is not on the scheme this year, can they still apply if opened again later in the year and be accepted if they meet the criteria of the scheme for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15568/23]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when payment will issue to a farmer (details supplied) for the fodder scheme which was lodged on 28 July 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [15612/23]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if cats, including feral cats, are protected in Ireland; if he is aware that members of gun clubs are allegedly shooting cats; and the action he will take to stop this killing of cats. — Paul Murphy. [15618/23]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 760 of 31 January 2023, the total number of horse deaths associated with racing in 2022 and to date in 2023, to include not only horses killed at racecourses but also horses used in racing and later killed elsewhere, with a breakdown of the reasons for the killings. — Paul Murphy. [15619/23]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 862 of 28 September 2021, if any live pigs have been exported from Ireland to China; and if, given the related animal cruelty concerns, he will scrap the plan to export pigs to China. — Paul Murphy. [15620/23]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of pigs slaughtered in Ireland in 2022; the methods of slaughter used; the number that were slaughtered by gassing; and if will consider banning the latter given the distress and suffering it causes to pigs in the final minutes of their lives. — Paul Murphy. [15621/23]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will investigate an incident at Curraheen Park track on 18 March 2023 (details supplied), involving a malfunction of the traps; if any greyhounds suffered injuries in the incident; and if the greyhounds were removed from the traps and checked for injuries before the restart of the race. — Paul Murphy. [15622/23]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a decision has been taken by Greyhound Racing Ireland to permanently close Youghal track (details supplied); and if he is aware that the average per-race attendance last year by paying members of the public was just 16, and that the track was the worst in the country in 2022 for the total number of greyhounds killed at race meetings. — Paul Murphy. [15623/23]



\*226. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the work undertaken by his Department to ensure that farmers are aware of the new land eligibility rules, in particular that landscape features such as hedgerows are eligible for payment and that beneficial features such as scrub may occupy up to 50% of a parcel, without impacting the eligibility of parcel. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15647/23]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is a matter of concern that hedgerow habitats continues to be observed being removed from farmland from the country; and if his Department have considered communicating directly to farmers via letter or text message; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15648/23]

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

\*228. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 713 of 28 February 2023, if her attention has been drawn to the fact that paid planning permission, sometimes in the region of hundreds of euros, is needed to erect a headstone on a grave; if any consideration will be given to waiving the fee for grieving families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [15530/23]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the plans her Department has to conduct a review the Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010; the plans that are in place to prepare an amendment Bill to the Act, should it be required to update the legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [15633/23]

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I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 30 MÁRTA, 2023  
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY,  
FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 30 MARCH, 2023**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to the Order of Business/Questions on Promised Legislation debate of 21 March 2023, if he will outline the way that young adults with disabilities, in particular those with intellectual disabilities, can access additional personal assistance support specifically to travel to training centres and workshops in a post-second-level setting; the funding streams that can be used for this purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [15772/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures his Department is taking to inform all public bodies of their immediate obligations under the convention to prioritise disabled persons' organisations in all consultations affecting disabled people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15766/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the improvements his Department has implemented to improve payments to hotels offering accommodation to refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15666/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of staff that will be impacted by new wage agreements in early years' education. — Sean Sherlock. [15717/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of tourist accommodation centres and hotels that are currently under contract with the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth are expected to revert to the tourism trade for this year's tourist season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [8565/23]

6. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current vacancies within the children's disability network teams in CHO9, Dublin; the number of posts assigned to this team; the current status of the vacant posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [15745/23]

7. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on his plans for improving gender equality. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12862/23]

8. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he expects paid domestic violence leave to come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15654/23]

9. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will confirm the number of complaints made to Tusla's 'Tell Us' complaints portal in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; what the most common complaint was; how these complaints were dealt with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [15393/23]

10. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will review the funding criteria for family resource centres in particular centres (details supplied) in Ballynacargy and Athlone, County Westmeath, whose funding has remained largely the same since they first opened despite a significant expansion of services being provided. — Robert Troy. [14842/23]

11. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will revisit his emergency accommodation policy published on 24 January that announced a pause in provision of emergency shelter to international protection adults arriving to Citywest; the number of international protection adults who are currently without accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15764/23]

12. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of childcare providers that have exited the ECCE scheme since 2022. — Sean Sherlock. [15716/23]

13. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the use of ward of court process when vulnerable persons are transferred to long-term nursing home care. — Robert Troy. [6614/23]

14. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way his Department is providing assistance to young adults with disabilities, in particular those with intellectual disabilities, to travel to training centres and workshops; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [15771/23]



15. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware that advocates for domestic violence sufferers are very critical of his failure to offer full pay to victims while out on leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15767/23]

16. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures he has undertaken to ratify the Optional Protocol of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15777/23]

17. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to provide respite services for disabled people and children with disabilities, and their families in County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [15564/23]

18. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he monitors the extent to which local authorities are applying the criteria of need for childcare places in the issuing of conditions surrounding new developments. — Richard Bruton. [14947/23]

19. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the assessment of needs waiting lists for occupational and speech therapy; the measures his Department is taking to tackle these waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [15661/23]

20. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has identified the need for new supply in early childhood education and childcare; and if he has developed any proposals for capital support in areas of shortage. — Richard Bruton. [14946/23]

21. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the definition of youth work in the Youth Work Act 2001 will be updated to reflect the additional roles, responsibilities and significance that youth workers have within their communities; if he has engaged with youth workers in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [15789/23]

22. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 85 of 9 February 2023, the status of the review of projected timelines for the implementation of the White Paper to end Direct Provision and to establish a new international protection support service; his plans to publish the outcomes of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15740/23]

23. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children who died, either while in State care or while known to child protection services, in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [14889/23]

24. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of his engagements with survivor and relative groups concerning potential interventions at the sites of former mother-and-baby homes. — Holly Cairns. [15562/23]

25. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the Programme for Government commitment to end direct provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15741/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the children's disability services in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [15707/23]

27. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason for the delay in payments to those providing accommodation for asylum seekers; his plans to ensure that these payments going forward are made in a prompt manner to ensure that these providers do not decide to remove the provision of their accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [15774/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions being taken to resolve the staffing crisis in children's disability services in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [15708/23]

29. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if pay scales for youth workers will be reviewed and updated to reflect their counterparts within the public sector; if youth work will be recognised as a profession; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [15790/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on progress being made to address the backlog of applications through the tracing.ie portal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [15394/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the plans to ensure that child protection statements provided by organisations are adhered to and implemented to the correct standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [15100/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if it is proposed to introduce a grant scheme to assist in the provision of large-scale pre-school accommodation and the upgrading of existing accommodation, as existing grant levels will not be sufficient to ensure adequate childcare accommodation in the coming years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15755/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to provide capital funding to family resource centres. — Holly Cairns. [15565/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures his Department is taking to improve monitoring and oversight of disability services; if there are plans to introduce a statutory authority to audit disability standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [15662/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are any plans to introduce a disability awareness card in conjunction with the European Disability Card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15655/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there will be an increase in his Department's core funding to support the childcare sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15665/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has engaged with childminders regarding their concerns about increased regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [15557/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the targeted domestic and international recruitment campaigns that are in place to hire staff for the children’s disability network teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [15558/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to address staffing shortages among children’s disability network teams in County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [15563/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress being made to regularise childminders into Government supports. — Sean Sherlock. [15718/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children in CHO9, Dublin, currently awaiting an assessment of need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [15746/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what supports he will put in place for people with disabilities facing eviction after the lifting of the eviction ban this week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15765/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the plans his Department has to instruct local authorities on using their sensitivity and discretion on any reporting of families to Tusla if the lifting of the eviction ban comes into force, with outstanding parents affected already being hugely concerned for the welfare of their children, with the added stress of fearing a report being made on a procedural basis, simply due to a prospective inability to find suitable accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [14645/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions his Department is taking to combat child trafficking in the State. — Peadar Tóibín. [14888/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the level of capital funding available to his Department this year for the upgrading of existing childcare facilities and the provision of new childcare accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15754/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what stage the recruitment and training of new staff for a premises (details supplied) is at in order to progress to a seven-day service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15553/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason that funding was not put in place to retain a respite centre (details supplied), as currently there is no provision of separate respite for children and adults; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [15773/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will examine additional payments for foster carers in order to recruit more foster carers into the system. — Sean Sherlock. [15715/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions his Department is taking to support those still in direct provision that have been naturalised to exit the system and integrated into society. — Brian Stanley. [15170/23]

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

50. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has engaged with the Department of Justice regarding the national review of State supports for PhD researchers in relation to visa and immigration status of non-EEA PhD researchers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15747/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department will address an anomaly where recently approved applications under the undocumented scheme are precluded from the SUSI grant support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [15551/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of non-EU students taking up medical places in universities in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [7503/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the plans his Department has to celebrate the European Year of Skills this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [15560/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which it is expected to match the skill requirement of industry with the skills and qualifications of those exiting education in the current year, based on previous years' experience; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15657/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the work of the National Skills Council; what the Council's proposed workplan is for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15656/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on departmental plans to address inequities that may emerge between State-funded PhD researchers and other PhD researchers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15748/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures he is taking to support the number of college entrants to speech and language courses in the disability and mental health sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15668/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the ongoing PhD review; if it will include wider stakeholder engagement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [15594/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on any problems being reported surrounding the online safe pass renewals; his further views on past success rates on the in-house safe pass renewal courses versus the current pass rates on the online system now in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15555/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is confident that apprenticeship training will help meet the targets of the national retrofitting scheme; if he will provide an update on a recent report on the Analysis of Skills for Residential Construction and Retrofitting; 2023 to 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [15593/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the Budget for the near zero energy building training centres of excellence; if that budget has been drawn down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [10516/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the provision of student accommodation in Carlow; if his Department has plans to expand the offering of accommodation to students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [15710/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide for a veterinary school to be situated at the University of Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15779/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide details for a new veterinary college; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [15705/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he has taken to ensure that regional universities and technological universities and institutions will be equipped to train the offshore renewable energy workforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15778/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the Government undertakes any analysis of the number of people from the Traveller community who enter third-level education per year; and if so, if he will provide data on same. — Peadar Tóibín. [15230/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the national review of State supports for PhD researchers; if he will commit to continuing the examination of the working status of PhD researchers, including consultation with all stakeholders and an examination of international comparators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [15757/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way his Department is providing assistance to young adults with disabilities, in particular

those with intellectual disabilities, to travel to training centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [15761/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the integration of Carlow College into St. Patrick's; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [15709/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which he and his Department continue to ensure a steady stream of graduates to meet the demand in education, health and engineering, given the demands likely to emerge now and in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15698/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science given the recent recognition by the Minister for Health that Ireland needs to approximately double the number of healthcare professionals it is training, what steps are being taken to deliver this increased provision of healthcare education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [15732/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will commit to the abolition of all third-level and postgraduate fees in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15749/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he intends to allocate the necessary funds in Budget 2024 to meet the demands of an organisation (details supplied) for a living wage for all PhD researchers, regardless of funding source; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15751/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on veterinary provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [15731/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the participation to date by the public service and the multinational sector in traditional apprenticeships and new apprenticeships; and the initiatives planned to promote greater participation. — Richard Bruton. [14944/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 66 of 14 February 2023, if he will provide a status update on the proposed new further education college in Galway city; the status of the development of the preliminary business case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15752/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the actions he has taken, in conjunction with the HSE and the Higher Education Authority, to identify capacity gaps within children's disability network teams and provide additional places on third-level courses to fill these gaps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [15775/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprenticeships registered to date in 2023; his plans to promote apprenticeship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [15744/23]



79. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if additional places in further education will be provided in 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15760/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has data on the take-up of learning opportunities by people after their first job in higher education programmes, and further education programmes; and the initiatives planned to promote greater participation. — Richard Bruton. [14945/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures being put in place to assist students who are facing huge pressures in living costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15667/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of medical places available in universities in Ireland; if there are plans to increase this; the number of places on these courses are taken by non-EU students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [7504/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if student fees will be maintained at the level of €2,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [15734/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way he is tackling the skills shortages in the workforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [15664/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which provision continues to be made for increasing the supply of graduates at technical level in sufficient numbers to meet the demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15697/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the position regarding Ireland's application to join the CERN programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [15706/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide details of any engagement he has had with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine with a view to further expanding apprenticeships in the agricultural sector, for example, in the wool sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15753/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the up-to-date position and timelines for the redevelopment of the former Pretty Polly site in Killarney as an education centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15786/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on any progress made to resolve the terms and conditions of employment of personal assistants who work in some education and training boards; if he will provide a timeline for when the issue is expected to be resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [15102/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of the issues raised by the chief financial officer at University College Cork surrounding the funding of third-level universities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15556/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the level of capital funding available to his Department in 2023; the general areas which will benefit from such investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15759/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there are plans to introduce the teaching of human skills, also known as soft skills, into further and higher education courses in the State, as employers increasingly seek them from graduates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [15669/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of persons that availed of the third-level access course in each year since it was established. — Peadar Tóibín. [15229/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the ongoing engagement his Department and the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform regarding the position of adult tutors in the Education and Training Boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [15663/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the up-to-date position and timelines for the construction of the new STEM building at Munster Technological University, Tralee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15787/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline his plans to ensure access to public service pensions for research staff in all higher education institutions across the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [15735/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the ongoing PhD review; if he will consider bringing forward emergency measures to help PhD researchers deal with the cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [15733/23]