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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the President of the United States. — Ivana Bacik. [13426/23]
2. 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]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the President of the United States. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15155/23]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the President of the United States. — Bríd Smith. [15158/23]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the President of the United States. — Seán Haughey. [15167/23]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the President of the United States. — Brendan Smith. [15168/23]
7. 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]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the President of the United States. — Peadar Tóibín. [15128/23]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the President of the United States. — Mick Barry. [15254/23]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent meeting with the President of the United States. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18061/23]
11. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the visit of US President Joe Biden to Ireland. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [18118/23]
12. 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]
13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14963/23]

14. 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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18. To ask the Taoiseach how often every Cabinet committee meets, with particular reference to the Committees on Health, Housing and Education. — Mick Barry. [16419/23]

19. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-Ordination will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [16725/23]

20. To ask the Taoiseach how often every Cabinet committee meets, with particular reference to the Committees on Health, Housing and Education. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18062/23]

21. 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]

22. 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]

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

24. 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. — Mick Barry. [16420/23]

25. 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. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [18008/23]

26. 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]

27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will outline the current situation in regard to the development of a national security strategy. — Mick Barry. [16421/23]

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

29. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [16726/23]

30. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [17706/23]

31. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will meet next. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [18117/23]

32. 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]

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the proposed child poverty unit in his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18063/23]

34. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the child poverty unit to be established within his Department; and when he expects it to first meet. — Mark Ward. [18083/23]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

35. To ask the Minister for Justice to make a statement on his plans to legislate with respect to attacks on emergency service personnel, including gardaí. — Pa Daly. [18053/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Justice in light of recent reports into the Irish Defence Forces and the London Metropolitan Police, if he will initiate a comprehensive review of institutional and cultural practices in An Garda Síochána and the Prison Service to ensure no such issues exist in these forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [18032/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Justice the laws that are in place to seize nitrous oxide canisters that are being misused; the penalties for those illegally distributing them; the number of confiscations by gardaí by year since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [18055/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date on the Government’s commitment to doubling the number of refuge spaces for victims of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence over the lifetime of the Third National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [17328/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

39. To ask the Minister for Justice the failure rate for employers applying for atypical work scheme permissions by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [18085/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Justice the personnel located in each of the Dublin Garda stations (and not to include regional personnel hosted in Tallaght); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [18077/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Justice if he can clarify, in cases where a Border Management Unit decides to refuse permission to an intending visitor to this State, and the visitor has all the appropriate documentation for such a visit, what rights to appeal or to question such decisions exists; how such refusals are recorded and documented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [17653/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Justice the action he is taking to increase the number of gardaí in the Cavan/Monaghan Division, currently at 380, which is 26 less gardaí than in 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [18120/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Justice his plans to tackle the increasing rate of violence against women being reported across the country. — Niamh Smyth. [18007/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of burglaries that were reported in Ireland in 2022; and to provide a county breakdown of the numbers. — Willie O'Dea. [18082/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 34 of 6 December 2022, the status of the independent review of part IV of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017, which was due for completion by end-2022; the reason for the delay; if the review has been completed to date; if she has received the final report to date; the expected timeline for the publication of the final report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [17287/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Justice what the delay is in regularising the status of those who applied under the regularisation of the long-term undocumented migrant scheme, which closed to applicants at the end of July 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18016/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Justice the discussions he and his Department has had with their counterparts in Northern Ireland in relation to North/South justice issues since he became Minister; the progress made in this period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17285/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Justice if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there has been a 345% increase in those leaving An Garda Síochána since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [17712/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Justice his plans to establish a dedicated public transport section of An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [18115/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps that are being taken to address delays in processing probate applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16891/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the development of the new Garda station planned for D13/D17. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [18112/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Justice the funding allocated to the prison service for mental health supports for both staff and the prison population; for an update on the prison service's initiative to capture information on mental health and addiction of individuals within prison services; if initiatives for increased care will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [18009/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps he is taking in response to the Joint Committee on Justice Report on Women's Shelters and Domestic Abuse Refugees recommendation that 'the commissioning of a comprehensive strategy for move-on or long-term accommodation for victims of domestic abuse needs to be developed and incorporated into future national housing strategies, this should include wraparound services including the provision of safe and transitional housing, emergency crisis housing, therapeutic supports, legal supports and welfare support'. — Holly Cairns. [17926/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of people who presented at Irish airports without a valid passport during each consecutive month since Covid restrictions were lifted; to outline the procedure in place to deal with such persons; and if such persons arrived from a country covered under the Dublin convention, as well as the number of people denied entry into Ireland under the Dublin convention since Covid restrictions were lifted. — Robert Troy. [18013/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Justice the plans for adequate resourcing of frontline gardaí in the context of the recent upsurge in criminal offences such as burglaries and assaults; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [18060/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Justice the up-to-date position on plans to impose conditions on firearm certificate holders, and his level of consultation with stakeholders on these proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [18080/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps his Department is taking to address the retention crisis in An Garda Síochána.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [17713/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 69 of 6 December 2022, his Department's policy position in relation to the number of registrars that should be employed across the State, recognising the importance of the position of the County Registrar both in expediting the functioning of our courts system and in safeguarding the democratic legitimacy of our elections process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [17854/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Justice if he can clarify the procedure in relation to decisions by the Border Management Unit to refuse permission to board for visitors intending to come into the State, specifically if the Garda National Immigration Bureau keeps a record of such refusals; the reason for such refusals; and if he will detail the number of such refusals in the last year. — Bríd Smith. [17652/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Justice the actions that he has taken to deal with the prolonged delays in the probate office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [18014/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Justice to address the issue of prison overcrowding; if he is satisfied to have sufficient medium and long-term prison capacity to deal with the increase in the population and any other factors which would lead to an increase in demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [18114/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will outline the provision of further resources to An Garda Síochána to provide a safer system of policing public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [18134/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Justice if he is considering legislating to allow families to avail of the digital right to be forgotten by erasing the social media profiles of a deceased person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16890/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Justice the up-to-date position on implementing the new policing model in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [18079/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline the way Community Crime Prevention Programmes are promoted and encouraged under the Rural Safety Plan 2022-2024 published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [17487/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Justice the engagement of his Department in relation to the forthcoming new Garda Capital Investment Plan 2023-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [17862/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Justice the timeline for defamation law reform. — Willie O'Dea. [18081/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prosecutions that have been brought under Coco's Law since it was enacted in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [18064/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Justice how many applications were received for the Garda trainee competition 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [17995/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Justice if his Department is on track to meet the target of 1,000 new gardaí this year, as provided for in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [17996/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Justice to indicate, given the extent and growth of drug trafficking throughout the country in urban and rural areas, including the trafficking of drugs amongst school children, if he has in mind any particular measures to confront criminal gangs involved in drug trafficking; the extent to which he intends to take particular steps in the near future given the seriousness of the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18056/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of staff he has on secondment to the Department of Foreign Affairs in Brussels to assist with Ireland's work at EU Council and its engagement with the EU Commission; the corresponding number of staff on secondment on 23 June 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16892/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress that has been made in establishing the trial 24/7 mental health de-escalation unit for Limerick that is due to be operated jointly with members of the HSE; if he will provide a commencement date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17866/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide the number of knives seized by gardaí in Cork city and county in each of the years 2016 to 2022 and to date in 2023; if he will provide the most recent update on forum on anti-social behaviour which is examining the issue of knife crime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [17888/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a list of all countries from which people are entitled to apply for international protection status to Ireland. — Brian Stanley. [15169/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will outline any plans to address, by legislation or otherwise, the situation whereby persons granted a work permit, based on their suitability to fill a position that an employer cannot otherwise fill, are subsequently refused a visa by his Department on the basis that they are not suitable for the post in question; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [9421/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Justice his plans to provide a greater policing presence for public transport including rail, bus and LUAS. — Paul McAuliffe. [17925/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Justice to discuss crime prevention resources for the Blackrock area of Cork city. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [18012/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on any progress made on advancing duty of care legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [18108/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Justice what progress he has made in progressing the offence of spiking as a stand-alone offence, consisting of administering a substance without consent for the purpose of facilitating a sexual offence, and punishable with a sentence of up to ten years imprisonment; if he will support the campaign to recognise the need to separate such an offence from that of poisoning. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [17927/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline the way animal crime is approached under the Rural Safety Plan 2022-2024 published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [17486/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline the next steps for the appointment of additional data commissioners; and to state what their principal focus will be. — Seán Haughey. [18075/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Justice if he can confirm a breakdown of the person or body who sits on the Carlow Refuge Development Advisory Group, and when he expects their recommendations; the person or body that is the lead organisation to develop the refuge; the person or body that has been identified as potential service providers; if a site has been located and any scoping work undertaken; if the refuge can be delivered in 2024 as previously committed too; if he will confirm when, if not 2024 he expects construction to begin on a Carlow refuge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [18037/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress made to date by him and his Department in considering the most recent report of the Independent Reporting Commission in relation to paramilitary activity, and the means by which it might be reduced and eliminated; when it is hoped to action the recommendations in the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17284/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps he is taking to stop convicted sex offenders from using the EU digital right to be forgotten to erase media reports of their convictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16888/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Justice if he is aware of long delays at the Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) (formerly Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service (INIS)) in response to citizenship applications, that this issue is one of great importance to thousands of individuals and their families and creates real consequential limitations on their lives in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [17607/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Justice if he is aware if autopsies are taking longer to be concluded in Dublin or elsewhere in recent years; and if so, what are the causes of what can be heart-wrenching delays for families of the deceased. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18015/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Justice the youth diversion projects that are in place in Cork; the programmes that have been funded over the past three years; the programmes that will be announced this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [17889/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has engaged with Governors of individual prisons on substituting short-term sentencing of four months or less to community service or another alternatives. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [18113/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a refuge for those fleeing domestic violence in County Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17922/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the establishment of community safety partnerships; if he will outline the resources expected to be allocated to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [18109/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Justice if he is aware that a person (details supplied) was sentenced to five years in jail in December 2022 and is currently in Limerick Prison for donating medical cannabis to people suffering pain; if he will change the law in this regard and release the person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [17671/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda personnel across the Dublin area by year from 2011 to date, broken down by region; the number of Garda stations across the Dublin area from 2011 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [18010/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Justice to discuss crime prevention resources for the Mahon area of Cork city. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [18011/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the review of the changes since 2018 in labour market access permission for international protection applicants; the status of the

accompanying qualitative study undertaken by his Department on the experiences of international protection applicants in accessing the labour market; the timeline for the publication of the final report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [17288/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of cybercrimes recorded in Ireland in 2022; and a breakdown of the type of cybercrimes recorded. — Seán Haughey. [18076/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which plans are afoot to increase the number of gardaí to an optimum level, given the obvious need for such measures in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18057/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps which he is taking to stop convicted sex offenders circumventing their monitoring through the use of a name change by deed poll; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16889/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will outline his Department's ongoing work to address concerns around the roll-out of community CCTV systems pertaining to a specific data controller being appointed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [18135/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Justice whether criminal legal aid is fit for purpose, given recent industrial action by criminal practice barristers. — James Lawless. [18065/23]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*101. To ask the Taoiseach what topics are to be put to referendum this year; the topics that are planned for referenda in the years ahead; and if tentative dates have been set for each. — Richard Bruton. [16333/23]

*102. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff within his Department who are based and working with the European Union in Brussels; their present roles and responsibilities; and the posts and responsibilities presently vacant; the corresponding figures on 23 June 2016. — Denis Naughten. [16568/23]

*103. To ask the Taoiseach the volume of snus imported into the State in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and the monetary value of the imports. — Louise O'Reilly. [17004/23]

*104. To ask the Taoiseach the amounts in grant aid or funding awarded by his Department, or through schemes administered by it, to an organisation (details supplied) in each year from 2010 to 2022; and the projected funding for 2023. — John Paul Phelan. [17698/23]

*105. To ask the Taoiseach the number of Departmental staff currently on sick or stress leave; and the number who took stress or sick leave in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17787/23]

*106. To ask the Taoiseach the number of allegations of bullying made by departmental staff against departmental staff in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will detail what actions are being taken by his Department to investigate the allegations or if they are being investigated. — Peadar Tóibín. [17805/23]

*107. To ask the Taoiseach the number of Departmental staff dismissed in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17823/23]

*108. 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. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18103/23]

*109. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the non-statutory public service modernisation, development and reform functions for which his Department is responsible. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18104/23]

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

*110. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is developing proposals on international security following the Russian invasion of Ukraine; his plans for a consultative forum to address Ireland's broader foreign policy, including our traditional policy of military neutrality; if members of the Houses of the Oireachtas will have a role in respect of this proposed forum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [16078/23]

*111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of Irish citizens living in illegal settlements built by Israel on Palestinian land in the West Bank and East Jerusalem; the number of Irish passports issued or renewed for Irish citizens living in these settlements in the past ten years, and the procedure for the issue of Irish passports in this instance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16436/23]

*112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if additional tougher sanctions will be issued by the EU on Iran due to its role in providing weapons and or ammunition to Russia for its war against Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16689/23]

*113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the assistance that his Department has given to a person (details supplied) an Irish citizen imprisoned in Iran since October 2022 without charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [16895/23]

*114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a child renewal passport (details supplied) can be expedited as it was lodged on 10 March 2023, and the family are hoping to travel on 5 April 2023. — Paul McAuliffe. [16947/23]

*115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 355 of 31 January 2023, his views on the need to use the International Criminal Court and International Court of Justice to investigate and, if necessary, prosecute reported crimes against humanity. — Ivana Bacik. [17023/23]

*116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passports that issued to first-time applicants in 2022 and to date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [17055/23]

*117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of foreign birth passport applications made in 2022 and to date in 2023; and the number foreign birth passports that issued in the corresponding timeframe. — Catherine Murphy. [17056/23]

*118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications made outside of this jurisdiction in 2022 and to date in 2023; and the number of passports that issued outside of this jurisdiction in the corresponding timeframe. — Catherine Murphy. [17057/23]

*119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide a schedule, by embassy and or consulate, in respect of passport applications and documents issued in 2022 and to date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [17058/23]

*120. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications in the system as of 10 April 2023; the number of these that are on hold pending receipt of additional information; and the number of passports overdue for issuing to the applicant. — Catherine Murphy. [17059/23]

*121. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applicants that had to resubmit photographs in 2022 and to date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [17060/23]

*122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the position regarding a passport application for a person (details supplied); if there is any possible alternative to the applicant having to supply a long-form birth certificate, given that the person has been granted Irish citizenship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [17072/23]

*123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the details of any reimbursement schemes for Irish citizens who paid for emergency repatriation flights to return home to Ireland upon the outbreak of Covid-19. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [17105/23]

*124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a decision has been made on a foreign births register application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17168/23]

*125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the case of an Irish citizen (details supplied) who is being detained abroad; if his Department has engaged with authorities in the country in which the Irish citizen is detained in relation to this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [17180/23]

*126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed and expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [17185/23]

*127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide data on the number of workers who engaged with the APS passport database system (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [17215/23]

*128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of Irish nationals living outside the State who received the centenarian bounty in each of the past four years, in tabular form. — Michael Ring. [17477/23]

*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue for a child (details supplied) in Dublin 11; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [17531/23]

*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on an application by a person (details supplied) for a passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [17614/23]

*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will condemn in the strongest terms Uganda's recent actions against the LGBT+ community; if the Irish Ambassador to Uganda has expressed Ireland's condemnation of this abuse of human rights to the Ugandan government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [17676/23]

*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he is taking in response to increased tensions in Jerusalem; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17701/23]

*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of Departmental staff currently on sick or stress leave; and the number who took stress or sick leave in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17779/23]

*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of allegations of bullying made by departmental staff against departmental staff in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will detail what actions are being taken by his Department to investigate the allegations, or if they are being investigated. — Peadar Tóibín. [17797/23]

*135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of Departmental staff dismissed in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17815/23]

*136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will clarify the requirements on prospective surrogate parents in terms of travel documents to bring their newborn children home (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [17845/23]

*137. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the case of a detained person (details supplied); if he will give his support for their immediate release; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [17880/23]

*138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he is taking in response to increased tensions in Jerusalem; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17959/23]

*139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will review the passport issued to a person (details supplied) who wishes to have their full name on their Irish passport; if a new passport including their full name can be issued to this person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [17999/23]

*140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if construction works have commenced on a new Chancery Building in Abuja, Nigeria; and the estimated completion timeframe for this building. — Catherine Murphy. [18045/23]

*141. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the status of a passport renewal for a person (details supplied) as the applicant's date of travel is imminent and the timeframe has exceeded the ten-day turnaround for online passport renewals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [18106/23]

*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when an applicant (details supplied) can expect to hear from his Department on their application for citizenship. — Frankie Feighan. [18154/23]

*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on FBR applications (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [18156/23]

*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs how the Consultative Forum on International Security Policy will work; who the members of the forum will be; how 'expert' contributions will be selected by the forum; if contributions from the public will be accepted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [18245/23]

*145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of WTE staff by grade that are currently dealing with enquiries on the passport webchat service; and if this number will be increased especially for the upcoming summer peak season. — Darren O'Rourke. [18250/23]

*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs in relation to a person (details supplied) who has been incarcerated in Iran since October 2022, and who has been sentenced to six and a half years in prison, given the reports that his health is suffering and that he has had to endure very difficult conditions in prison, the actions the Government is taking to ensure his release; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [18261/23]

*147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the human rights and political situation in Peru; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [18297/23]

*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if passports applied for in January for children (details supplied) will issue in time for travel in early April; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [16058/23]

*149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the Government's position on an issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [16075/23]

*150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the passport for a child (details supplied) will issue on time for a school trip abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16090/23]

*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if passports for children (details supplied) applied for in January 2023 will issue in time for travel in early April; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [16092/23]

*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport renewal for a child (details supplied) will be processed in time for intended travel date of 1 April 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [16375/23]

*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of passport applications by a family (details supplied) given that the applications have exceeded the target issue date and date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [16401/23]

*154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the detention of an Irish citizen (details supplied) who has been held in Vakilabad prison in Mashhad, Iran since 3 October 2022; if he is engaging to assist in their release; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [16404/23]

*155. 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. [16413/23]

*156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the context of the commitment to set up an annual high-level political dialogue between the EU and the Palestinian Authority, what plans are in place to advance and implement this new strategy; the goals, targets and expected outcomes and how this new approach is expected to influence the routine discriminatory practices towards the Palestinian people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16437/23]

*157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has contacted the new leader of the Scottish National Party, Mr. Humza Yousaf, with a view to meeting with him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [16456/23]

*158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what work Ireland is doing to improve the condition of human rights in Pakistan, and to protect opposition leaders there from being unjustly arrested or harmed. — Robert Troy. [16461/23]

*159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on two applications for citizenship (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [16476/23]

*160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a foreign birth registration application will be processed for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [16532/23]

*161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of staff within his Department who are based and working with the European Union in Brussels; their present roles and responsibilities; the posts and responsibilities presently vacant; the corresponding figures on 23 June 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16560/23]

*162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16638/23]

*163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16639/23]

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

*164. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will clarify a matter regarding his Department's press statement regarding the review of the North South Interconnector (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16062/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the actions his Department has initiated to prevent littering; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16065/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the efforts his Department is making to support local authorities in preventing littering; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16066/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total number of homes that had retro fit work undertaken supported by SEAI grants under the various schemes operated, in each of the years 2015 to 2022, and to date in 2023; the number of homes that as result of SEAI support reached a B2 Ber rating in this period, in relation to recent figures which show over 27,000 homes retrofitted in 2022; and the energy rating achieved in those homes which did not reach the B2 rating, in tabular form. — Bríd Smith. [16082/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the roll-out of high-speed rural broadband in County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16096/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the financial support available for community organisations, such as charities and community centres, to get an energy audit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [16346/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware that the report by the Oireachtas Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine on Agriculture and the Solar Industry has made a recommendation that the planned consultation on direct lines is released as a matter of priority; if the consultation paper will be released by the end of Q4 2023, as promised in Climate Action Plan 2023; the reason it will not be delivered by Q1 of 2023 as originally promised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16347/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how it is possible for him to lay down, as a conditions of providing broadband services, under the EU Union regulatory regime wherein telecommunication services are commercial, liberalised and competitive, that a uniform charge is charged for broadband services by each company across the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [16407/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has plans to apply the energy credit to gas customers where the full credit amount is not used for electricity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16452/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has plans to retrospectively apply the energy credit to customers which use gas primarily for heating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16453/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the recently released 2023 report by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which calls for emissions to be reduced by half by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [16455/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps his Department is taking to stop the decline of trout and other fish stock in the River Inny, which has been hurt by recreational fishing and slowed the fishing tourism business along the river. — Robert Troy. [16458/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the competition that is present in the electricity market in Ireland; the components the ESB still has full control over; and his views on whether the current set-up of the electricity provision system is the best suited to encouraging robust competition in the market. — Robert Troy. [16540/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of staff within his Department who are based and working with the European Union in Brussels; their present roles and responsibilities; the posts and responsibilities presently vacant; the corresponding figures on 23 June 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16558/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide clarity and a timeframe with respect to when the issue of stabilised residual waste fines, which are going to landfill levy-free, will be dealt with; when the working group which has been tasked with examining the impact of the landfill levy exemption for stabilised waste will report on their findings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [16590/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the action being taken to curtail the importation and distribution of coal that does not meet the State's environmental standards, from Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16598/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the importation and distribution of coal that does not meet the State's environmental standards, from Northern Ireland, is being monitored by his Department; if he is aware of the impact said importation and distribution is having on the business of legitimate fuel distributors in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16599/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his Department's plans to provide local authorities with additional and improved supports/facilities with regards their enforcement of the Air Pollution Act 1987 (Solid Fuels) Regulations 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16600/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of breaches of the new solid fuel regulations that have been identified since its commencement last year, per county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16601/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if grants are available for businesses to install solar or PV panels. — Thomas Gould. [16645/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide his response to the recommended actions on cutting rates of pollution and reducing energy poverty contained in a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [16833/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications plans to introduce a non-profit district heating scheme here; and his plans to transition existing schemes to a non-profit model. — Ivana Bacik. [16976/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department maintains regulations for the operation of district heating schemes; and, if not, his plans to introduce such regulations. — Ivana Bacik. [16977/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the programme of pilot feasibility studies in relation to the technical potential of moving communal heating schemes fuelled by natural gas to a renewable source. — Ivana Bacik. [16978/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how many of the fisheries claimed by Inland Fisheries Ireland were the subject of the Irish Land Act 1903 and, if not, what statutory basis they have; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [16991/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications in the case of counties Mayo and Kerry to list the fisheries that Inland Fisheries Ireland does not claim but that were the subject of the Irish Land Act 1903; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [16992/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline the final costs incurred for attendance at an event (details supplied); and if he will outline how attendees travelled to the event on behalf of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [17138/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of purchase orders generated by Inland Fisheries Ireland in each of the years from 2010 to 2022 and to date in 2023. — Ivana Bacik. [17166/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the Inland Fisheries Ireland requirement that employees obtain and record quotes for the purchase of goods and services in excess of €250; the reason for this policy diverging from general procurement guidelines, which place this requirement at a threshold of €5,000; and the estimated cost in terms of staff hours and salaries for complying with this rule. — Ivana Bacik. [17167/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if any consideration has been given to implementing a deposit return scheme for single-use paper items, similar to the trial being conducted for plastic containers; the evidence used to inform his deliberations on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [17170/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has liaised with the Commission for Regulation of Utilities on the issue of energy companies reducing electricity and gas prices for their customers, given the significant fall in European wholesale gas prices over recent months; when it is expected such reductions will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [17203/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 172 of 7 March 2023, if he will provide the details of the main subcontractors involved in the delivery of the NBP; the extent of the oversight put in place by his Department to ensure that all subcontractors are compliant with the laws of the State and the terms of the main contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [17256/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what measures are in place to regulate the financial technology sector; what regulation is in place to ensure that robust security measures are used by financial technology services offered in Ireland to counteract scams and fraud; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [17278/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the forthcoming introduction of a 0% VAT rate on the supply and installation of solar panels; and how the VAT will be treated with respect to the current grant offering. — Darren O’Rourke. [17316/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications whether the changes announced in the Policy Statement on the Framework for Phase Two Offshore Wind will hinder the progress of offshore wind projects in Ireland. — Richard Bruton. [17331/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has considered introducing age-related grants for solar panels for houses of elderly people in a bid to combat both fuel poverty and climate change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [17352/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on how innovation and digitalisation is being used to tackle littering; if microchipping a percentage of disposable coffee cups is being considered as a way of identifying litterers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [17353/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the Commission for Regulation of Utilities has had any engagement with utility providers regarding a reduction in the prices they currently charge household customers, given the fall in wholesale energy prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17401/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide advice to households that have already significantly reduced their energy usage but who are still experiencing difficulty in meeting costs; if further supports are to be made available to

households in order to assist in meeting these costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17402/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department is concerned about the lack of competitiveness within the electricity market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [17475/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will clarify the reason there will be no broadband connection works for an area in County Offaly (details supplied) until 2025 under the NBP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [17514/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a process has been agreed by which full-time residents in mobile homes can access a much-needed electricity credit; if he can confirm that such a payment will be drawn down through the €10 million energy poverty fund to further support persons in, or at risk of, energy poverty to ensure that these vital credits are received by the thousands of full-time mobile-home residents that to date have been unable to access the Government credit, despite being one of the most vulnerable sections of society; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [17520/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications given that, on 31 March 2023 Galway City Council issued an alert regarding the potential spread of the invasive quagga mussel to the Corrib system, what management plans, public notifications and risk mitigations Inland Fisheries Ireland which operates under his aegis, has put in place to prevent the spread of quagga mussel to Lough Corrib SAC and the potential ecological impact on native salmonid fish species; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [17534/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a progress report on the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan; the number of properties connected to date; the number of properties connected in County Carlow; the number of properties pending surveyed in Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17548/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way a person who wishes to have their address changed or an error corrected that is listed on the Eircode website or system can do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17550/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of Departmental staff currently on sick or stress leave; and the number who took stress or sick leave in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17777/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of allegations of bullying made by departmental staff against departmental staff in each of the past five years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will detail what actions are being taken by his Department to investigate the allegations or if they are being investigated. — Peadar Tóibín. [17795/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of Departmental staff dismissed in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17813/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the rationale for the exclusion of homes constructed before 1940 from the fully funded energy upgrade scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [17872/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated number of homes excluded from the fully funded energy upgrade scheme due to the exclusion of homes constructed before 1940; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [17873/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if houses constructed before 1940 are precluded from all upgrade works eligible within the fully funded energy upgrade scheme, or just from the insulation element of the scheme; and if traditional and older buildings constructed from stone, random rubble and single-leaf brick walls are precluded from all upgrade works eligible within the scheme, or just from the insulation element of the scheme. — Ivana Bacik. [17874/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if internal wall insulation is covered under the fully funded energy upgrade scheme. — Ivana Bacik. [17875/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if homes constructed before 1940 are eligible for individual energy upgrade grants. — Ivana Bacik. [17876/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the individual energy upgrade grant scheme is governed by the NSAI's SR54 code of practice for retrofit; and if not, if he will make a statement on the NSAI standard which applies. — Ivana Bacik. [17877/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications as the line Minister responsible for implementation of the Postal and Telecommunications Services Act 1983, the number of ex-civil servants transferred to An Post on 1 January 1984 who are still employed by An Post; the number in receipt of pensions from the company; and the number who are entitled to preserved pensions from the company. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [17941/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking to develop a portal that enables households to use the information from their smart electricity meter to assist them in understanding their solar PV requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17954/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will ensure that an individual (details supplied) receives the electricity account credit. — Holly Cairns. [17955/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking to ensure that the State leaves the Energy Charter Treaty. — Holly Cairns. [17957/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to parliamentary Question No. 69 of 28 February 2023, when the ESRI is due to report on proposing a metric for measuring energy poverty that combines expenditure and energy efficiency and to propose metrics to measure changes in the trend of fuel poverty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [18131/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how the Commission for Regulation of Utilities is resourced to monitor, regulate and enforce payments as part of the microgeneration support scheme. — Darren O'Rourke. [18194/23]

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

*224. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of persons that applied for the post of Head of Transformation and Head of Strategic HR for the Defence Forces; and the number of these persons that were actually called for an interview for these positions, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [16936/23]

*225. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if clarification will be provided on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17016/23]

*226. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of naval ships that it is possible to put to sea at any one time at present due to staff shortages; whether it is intended to send a ship on duty abroad with either an EU mission or an UN mission; whether he is satisfied the remaining ships and available crew is adequate to secure Ireland's interest in our own territorial waters and economic zone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17283/23]

*227. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if it is proposed to follow up on any of the recommendations outlined in the final report of the independent review group of the Defence Forces specifically relating to terms of reference number 13, which refers to issues of an historical nature, and that do not relate to the treatment of women in the Defence Forces; if mechanisms will be put in place to facilitate restorative justice in respect of these other historical cases considered by the review group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [17294/23]

*228. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the causes for the delays in the induction of recruits and the processing of applications of new recruits in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [17383/23]

*229. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the breakdown of personnel, by rank, for the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps, in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [17670/23]

*230. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he can provide a copy of the contract for the five-year military medicine training programme, which also covers the three-year service commitment expected of individuals who complete this training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [17692/23]

*231. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of Departmental staff currently on sick or stress leave; and the number who took stress or sick leave in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17774/23]

*232. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of allegations of bullying made by departmental staff against departmental staff in each of the past five years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will detail what actions are being taken by his Department to investigate the allegations or if they are being investigated. — Peadar Tóibín. [17792/23]

*233. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of Departmental staff dismissed in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17810/23]

*234. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the level of budget expenditure Ireland incurred as a result of Ireland's membership of PESCO, in each of the years 2017 to 2022, respectively; and the proposed funding for 2023. — Neasa Hourigan. [17993/23]

*235. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of persons currently in training to become qualified air traffic controllers for the Air Corps; when each of these persons will qualify, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [18259/23]

*236. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of staff within his Department who are based and working with the European Union in Brussels; their present roles and responsibilities; the posts and responsibilities presently vacant; the corresponding figures on 23 June 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16555/23]

*237. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his views on the upcoming statutory inquiry into gender-based violence, bullying and harassment in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [16602/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*238. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the public-state transport stakeholders group commitment from the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16076/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) can sit a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [16349/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Transport if an exception can be made for a person (details supplied) who has a driving test coming up but cannot get an NCT appointment which means that she cannot use her own car for the test. — Thomas Pringle. [16432/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has met with the Aircraft Noise Competent Authority regarding their review of the noise coming from the North Runway at Dublin Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [16444/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Transport the reasons a person's estimated week of invitation to apply for their driving test is being pushed out (details supplied); the reason for the delay in driving tests; his plans to reduce the lengthy wait-times experienced by those seeking to sit their driving test; when the wait-time can be expected to return to normal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16469/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 290 of 18 January 2023, when the 236A bus route will be operational. — Holly Cairns. [16515/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to provide resurfacing of the N71 at Ballylickey Bridge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [16516/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons waiting for a driver test in each centre nationwide; the average waiting time, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [16518/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that taxi drivers are presently only able to transfer their plates on the event of their death, not even upon retirement or in case of ill health; and his views on whether this is fair. — Robert Troy. [16535/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of staff within his Department who are based and working with the European Union in Brussels; their present roles and responsibilities; the posts and responsibilities presently vacant; the corresponding figures on 23 June 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16570/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on when the BusConnects phase for the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown area will be rolled out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16583/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of reports of a rise in illegal taxi operators in certain areas; if he has communicated with the National Transport Authority on the issue of illegal operators; if he will list the occasions within the past year that he has communicated with the NTA on this matter; if he has concerns at the approach being taken by the NTA to address the prevalence of illegal operators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [16584/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has requested the National Transport Authority to outline the action it has taken to address the prevalence of illegal taxi operators; his concerns on the impact that illegal operators can have on the livelihoods of legal operators in certain areas; the measures he has taken to request the NTA take steps to address this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [16585/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he has had with taxi drivers who rent their plates, rather than owning them. — Robert Troy. [16586/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that, for the purposes of insurance, taxi drivers must include the plate owner on their insurance policy, despite the fact that the owner does not drive the cab, greatly increasing the cost of insurance. — Robert Troy. [16587/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that rents for taxi plates have increased significantly due to a lack of supply. — Robert Troy. [16588/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Transport how a person (details supplied), who is a full-time teacher, which is deemed a frontline worker, can avail of an emergency driving test to ensure that they can continue working in their school; the options open to people in such a position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [16612/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 181 of 23 March 2023, if vehicles ordered prior to July 2023 but not received by customers until after this date due to supply chain delays will remain eligible for €5,000 relief; if specific provisions will be made to account for these supply issues in advance of the electric vehicle grant amount reducing to €3,500 in July; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [16640/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Transport if grants are available to businesses for the installation of EV chargers. — Thomas Gould. [16646/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is satisfied that the National Transport Authority have fulfilled their obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Disabled Persons (UNCRPD) to prioritise disabled persons organisations in any consultations they are holding; if he is further satisfied that the NTA consulted in a meaningful way with DPOs in relation to the rollout of Active Travel and BusConnects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [16676/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated full year cost of recruiting three additional WTE railway accident investigators for his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16690/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will respond to the correspondence attached (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [16794/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline plans for the further development of the rail network over the next five years; if his Department intends to increase investment in new stations and routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16828/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of installing an electronic timetable with real time arrival times at bus stops that currently only have a sign; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16909/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of installing a roofed shelter at bus stops that currently only have a sign; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16910/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is evidence that changing to E10 fuel can cause damage to pre-2011 cars and motorcycles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [18310/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will set out the mandatory accessibility requirements and or the provisions set in statute in respect of accessibility standards for public transport and public infrastructure projects, to include the planning, design and construction of cycle lanes, bus islands, pedestrian cross walks, pedestrian footpaths and pedestrian shared spaces. — Catherine Murphy. [16451/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will set out the current system for surveying and registering of Irish charter vessels and the conditions that they can operate under once receiving the necessary accreditation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16707/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the current Irish vessel charter system and give consideration following Brexit to allowing third country and, especially, previously British registered sea charter vessels registered in Ireland, for use in European countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16708/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Transport if, given the NCT waiting lists can be up to five months, he will consider extending all of this year's NCT tests to include a full year's coverage (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [16776/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Transport the options available to individuals who have been incorrectly charged for the use of public electric vehicle charging points; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [16832/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 233 of 7 March 2023, whether self-employed taxi drivers can specify “card not accepted” or “cash payment only”, and if this will ensure the customer cannot subsequently claim a legal right to pay by card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16848/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of a concern of the Irish biofuels sector at the implications for the industry of new regulations due to be brought into force by him; if he has had discussions with representatives of the biofuels sector, the farming sector and Irish meat processing sector in relation to these regulations; if these regulations mirror those being put in place in other EU member states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [16858/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Transport the process for applying for two types of bus stop (details supplied) for a particular bus stop; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16911/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Transport his Department's and Dublin Bus's plans to install two types of bus stop (details supplied) across the city and county over the coming year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16912/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Transport if he and Dublin Bus will consider installing two types of bus stop (details supplied) at Stop 2380, Cork Street, Ardee Street, servicing routes towards Dublin city, in the same fashion as the stop directly opposite going the opposite direction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16913/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Transport if Iarnród Éireann has plans to deploy undercover security personnel on both its platforms and onboard its trains. — Catherine Murphy. [16932/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has plans to visit the United States of America during the remainder of 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [16933/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) who has secured an apprenticeship in Listowel post-leaving certificate, for which a driving licence is a requirement can sit their test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [16984/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of cancellations in driving tests that occurred in counties Cavan and Monaghan over the following years 2021, 2022 and the first quarter of 2023; how many of the cancellations were offered to those on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16998/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to restore the Cork to Leeds air route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17000/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driving test for a person (details supplied) will be brought forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17002/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [17003/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will confirm the number of applications in total that have been received for the local hackney pilot programme since the closing date of 28 February 2023; if applications received include applications for each of the 21 areas in the pilot scheme; if consideration will be given to extending the programme to other rural areas going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17014/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider the concerns of the owners of older and classic vehicles regarding proposals to remove E5 petrol; if he will address these concerns when drafting new regulations under Part 5A of the National Oil Reserves Agency Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [17040/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Transport if disabled persons' organisations have been consulted in the roll-out of the Active Travel and BusConnects rollout; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17043/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Transport if disabled persons' organisations representing the visually impaired have been consulted in the roll-out of the Active Travel and BusConnects rollout; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17044/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the concerns posed to visually impaired persons at the new BusConnects bustop in Dundrum; what actions, if any, are being taken to mitigate them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17045/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people whose application for grant funding on the wheelchair accessible vehicles scheme has been successful and are awaiting payment of the grant; additionally, the average time it takes for the grant to be paid out to those whose application for grant funding has been successful; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [17046/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of costs incurred to date for the BusConnects Cork public consultations, by vendor and staff costs, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [17091/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Transport if a business case has been presented on the light rail proposal for Cork; and the cost of that project to date, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [17093/23]

*289. To ask the Minister for Transport if an Australian driving licence is valid for use in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [17098/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update in respect of the A5 road upgrade. — Catherine Murphy. [17125/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of EV chargers currently operating. — Sean Sherlock. [17128/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Transport the additional resources which will be given to each test centre to alleviate waiting list times; and the waiting time and number of applicants by age in each test centre, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [17129/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the regulation of e-scooters in the community. — Peter Burke. [17161/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to requests from community groups in Arklow, County Wicklow regarding the demand for a looped bus service for the town; the position regarding this type of service under Connecting Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [17188/23]

*295. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to requests from community groups in Wicklow town regarding the demand for a looped bus service for the town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [17190/23]

*296. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the Claregalway Inner Relief Road; if funding will be provided from his Department for a new Claregalway Inner Relief Road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [17239/23]

*297. To ask the Minister for Transport the budget line and parameters to secure a second bus depot in Cork city, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [17255/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Transport why taxi drivers legally have to offer card paying facilities, while this method of payment is optional for all other members of the business community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17321/23]

*299. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide figures on the average waiting time for an NCT in Dublin over the past three years. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [17324/23]

*300. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider officially extending the NCT validity by six months for all cars on a waiting list for an NCT until the backlog can be cleared and tests are more readily available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [17325/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Transport when he expects to publish the transport (miscellaneous) Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [17408/23]

*302. To ask the Minister for Transport what rules govern the use of drones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [17409/23]

*303. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to legislate for the use of scramblers and quads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [17410/23]

*304. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress that has been made in recruiting driver testers and recruiting NCT testers; if he is aware that those called for a test cannot now use a car which is waiting for its NCT; and if he has initiatives planned to ease the situation. — Richard Bruton. [17510/23]

*305. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update in respect of the Ardee bypass, which is a central project in the Government's National Development Plan; the targeted timelines for the commencement of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [17521/23]

*306. To ask the Minister for Transport if any discussions have taken place within his Department and/or Transport Infrastructure Ireland to look at the possibility of removing the M1 toll for heavy goods vehicles to significantly reduce congestion and pollution in Drogheda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [17528/23]

*307. To ask the Minister for Transport if any consideration has been given with respect to the possible reopening of the general rail line between Drogheda and Navan, given the infrastructure is in place, and with consideration to the planned expansion of the DART services to Drogheda by 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [17529/23]

*308. To ask the Minister for Transport when he expects the full publication of the All-Ireland Rail Review; if he will provide an update on the progression of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [17530/23]

*309. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the road safety strategy and the progress to date to reduce road traffic to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries by 2031; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17537/23]

*310. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the increase in fatalities on Irish roads in 2022 by 13%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17538/23]

*311. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the road safety strategy and the increase in fatalities on Irish roads; the steps, if any, being taken to ensure that the target of a 50% reduction in deaths and serious injuries is met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17539/23]

*312. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the road safety strategy; if he is aware of concerns that it is not working; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17540/23]

*313. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of concerns that the road safety strategy does not adequately address the rise in distracted driving; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17541/23]

*314. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Carlow town bus service; his plans to provide rural bus services between New Ross, County Wexford, and Saint Mullin's, Tinnahinch and Borris, County Carlow, and Arklow, County Wicklow to Carlow town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17557/23]

*315. To ask the Minister for Transport if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; if he will introduce additional measures to deal with this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [17572/23]

*316. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has received any business plans or proposals to reinstate Buttevant train station as part of active travel plans in the M20 project or other rail projects; and if so, the estimated cost of same. — Sean Sherlock. [17585/23]

*317. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the Road Safety Authority's review of road traffic collision data-sharing policies and procedures in light of GDPR requirements. — Ivana Bacik. [17620/23]

*318. To ask the Minister for Transport how many flights from Donegal Airport have been cancelled or not taken off; what reasons have been given; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17639/23]

*319. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the SEAI on-street public charge point scheme for local authorities; how much funding has been drawn down by each local authority; how many additional charging points have been added; how many additional charging points will be added in the coming months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [17746/23]

*320. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the rollout of on-street and public charge points for those who do not have a driveway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [17747/23]

*321. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the rollout of on-street and public charge points by Dublin City Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [17748/23]

*322. To ask the Minister for Transport if a person (details supplied) can get priority for their driving test given they depend on it for work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17751/23]

*323. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the long delays in receiving a date for a driving test (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [17755/23]

*324. To ask the Minister for Transport if he and or his officials have undertaken an analysis of the number of cars sold in the second-hand car market in 2022 and 2023; the number of change of ownership transactions that have taken place in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 in the context of the owners log being updated; and if his attention or that of his officials has been drawn to instances in which vehicle owners cannot sell their vehicle due to it not having an up to date NCT. — Catherine Murphy. [17763/23]

*325. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of Departmental staff currently on sick or stress leave; and the number who took stress or sick leave in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17789/23]

*326. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of allegations of bullying made by departmental staff against departmental staff in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will detail what actions are being taken by his Department to investigate the allegations, or if they are being investigated. — Peadar Tóibín. [17807/23]

*327. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of Departmental staff dismissed in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17825/23]

*328. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people currently waiting for a driving test at each test centre in the country, in tabular form; and the average waiting time in each centre, area and county. — Peadar Tóibín. [17826/23]

*329. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people currently waiting for NCT tests in each county in the country, in tabular form; and the average wait time in each area. — Peadar Tóibín. [17827/23]

*330. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to address the backlog in people waiting to take driving tests in Cork testing centres. — Holly Cairns. [17965/23]

*331. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will confirm the total number of driving testers which will be employed, including those announced to be recruited recently, by October 2023; and if he will provide a breakdown of how many testers, or full-time equivalent roles, will be assigned to each testing centre by October 2023. — Holly Cairns. [17966/23]

*332. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on cycling and walking projects in Dublin 9 and 11. — Paul McAuliffe. [17976/23]

*333. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of money spent on active travel in Dublin City Council from the year 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [17977/23]

*334. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on his plans for a pedestrian crossing or flyover at the roundabout at the M1-R104 intersection located in Santry, Dublin 9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [17978/23]

*335. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has concluded his consideration of the Derry City Airport's economic assessment and supporting materials for a Dublin/Derry air route submitted to his Department in December 2022; the progress he has made in delivering on the air connectivity review commitment under the New Decade, New Approach agreement since taking up office in 2020. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18024/23]

*336. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the inaccessibility of the Dublin Heuston to Cork Kent rail route to commuters working in Cork city, given that the earliest train on this line arrives at Kent station at 9.37am; the future plans to introduce an earlier service such as those offered on the Cork Kent to Dublin Heuston route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [18035/23]

*337. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding will be provided for the installation of a bus shelter at Dublin Bus stop No. 494. — Catherine Murphy. [18039/23]

*338. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [18095/23]

*339. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the projected percentage increase in capacity and frequency on the Northern Commuter line (Dundalk/Drogheda to Dublin) given the recent delivery of 41 ICR vehicles, the 95 DART+ carriages due for delivery in 2024; when these carriages will be in service, given the trains on this line are full to capacity especially at peak times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [18096/23]

*340. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the live bus tracking on the new Transport for Ireland app; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [18195/23]

*341. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the accuracy of the live bus tracking of Dublin Bus services throughout the city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [18196/23]

*342. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the provision of Real Time Passenger Information screens at bus stops; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [18197/23]

*343. To ask the Minister for Transport when Bus Éireann's Expressway Route 30/30X Donegal and Route 32/32X Letterkenny will become fully wheelchair accessible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [18338/23]

*344. To ask the Minister for Transport when all Bus Éireann's Expressway Routes will become fully wheelchair accessible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [18339/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*345. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason no appeals for primary medical care are being heard at present; when appeals will be heard again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16063/23]

*346. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of appeals, and the length of time the appeal is awaiting determination, to the disabled drivers' medical board of appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16087/23]

*347. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost of abolishing stamp duty for first-time buyers of homes of less than €500k and for homes of less than €1 million in a full year; to outline how the estimate was arrived at respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [16441/23]

*348. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on the review of ethics legislation currently being conducted by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [16446/23]

*349. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of staff within his Department who are based and working with the European Union in Brussels; their present roles and responsibilities; the posts and responsibilities presently vacant; the corresponding figures on 23 June 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16559/23]

*350. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are any plans to increase the rate per-litre of the fuel grant for disabled drivers given the current cost of fuel and the cost of living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [16614/23]

*351. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 244 and 245 of 28 March 2023, the breakdown of the debt warehoused across each division by sector, where possible. — Louise O'Reilly. [16626/23]

*352. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 244 and 245 of 28 March 2023, the breakdown of the debt warehoused across the medium enterprises division by sector. — Louise O'Reilly. [16627/23]

*353. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 244 and 245 of 28 March 2023, the default rate to date on debt warehousing by large cases and high wealth individuals. — Louise O'Reilly. [16628/23]

*354. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 244 and 245 of 28 March 2023, the default rate to date on debt warehousing across each division and subdivided by sector within each division, where possible. — Louise O'Reilly. [16629/23]

*355. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 244 and 245 of 28 March 2023, the repayment structure of warehoused tax debt from 2024. — Louise O'Reilly. [16630/23]

*356. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 244 and 245 of 28 March 2023, how many small and medium enterprises have repaid their warehoused tax debt to date; and the value of those repayments. — Louise O'Reilly. [16631/23]

*357. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [16632/23]

*358. To ask the Minister for Finance concerning the current rate of tax concessions associated with tax relief for health insurance premiums, the present tax relief available is equivalent to the lesser of the following: 20% of the policy's cost or 20% of €1,000 which is equivalent to a maximum €200 credit, given the increased cost of health insurance premiums and as this tax concession currently stands at the basic income tax rate of 20%, would he consider reinstating it to the higher rate of 40% tax relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16644/23]

*359. To ask the Minister for Finance if he met the Mayor of Toronto during his visit to Toronto for the recent St. Patrick's day events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16692/23]

*360. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps being taken to ensure that a bank (details supplied) recognise the croí cónaithe grant scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [16709/23]

*361. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a schedule indicating the number of revenue customs inspections conducted at each aerodrome location in the State including military sites since 1 January 2021 to date in 2023; the value of cash and items seized; the value of cash and items returned on appeal; and the amount collected in excise and duty inspected. — Catherine Murphy. [16800/23]

*362. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated additional revenue that would be raised from a 5% surcharge on all taxable income above €400,000. — Catherine Murphy. [16929/23]

*363. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated additional revenue that would be raised from increasing the rate of capital gains tax to 50% for persons earning over €375,000. — Catherine Murphy. [16930/23]

*364. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will confirm that there have been no members of the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal since the previous Board's resignation in November 2021, and that it has not been possible for people with disabilities who were denied a disabled drivers certificate to appeal that decision to a Medical Board of Appeals for the past 16 months; and the reason for the failure to appoint a new Medical Board of Appeal for such a long period; and the role of his Department in this appointment process. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16074/23]

*365. To ask the Minister for Finance if the disabled drivers' medical board of appeal has been re-established subsequent to the identification of candidates for the Board last July, or when it will be set up to deal with a backlog of appeals since the last board's resignation in November 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16086/23]

*366. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason for the ongoing lack of an appeals mechanism for the refusal of an application for a primary medical certificate; and if he will provide an update on progress since my previous question of 25 October 2022 to reinstate the disabled drivers' medical board of appeal at the National Rehabilitation Hospital, Dún Laoghaire. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16091/23]

*367. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware that the report by the Oireachtas Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine's on Agriculture and the Solar Industry has made a recommendation that his Department conducts an appraisal as to the performance of the 50% limit on total land area used for the installation of solar panels limit with regard to CAT relief; if such a process has been undertaken; if so, the outcome; the reasoning behind the outcome of that process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16348/23]

*368. To ask the Minister for Finance whether Citibank has received financial support directly from the State for example through the TBESS or CRSS scheme, over the past twenty years and to outline, in tabular form, any support given on an annual basis. — Paul Murphy. [16373/23]

*369. To ask the Minister for Finance what support is available to new businesses that commenced business in the past 12 to 24 months under the business energy support scheme and that are facing very high energy bills; if there is no support, whether he intends amending the scheme to support these businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [16390/23]

*370. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to a proposal regarding restoring a tax concession (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [16672/23]

*371. To ask the Minister for Finance in relation to health insurance policies for older people, if (details supplied) has been considered. — Louise O'Reilly. [16850/23]

*372. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full year cost to reduce the second rate of USC from 2% to 1%, together with increasing the upper band limit for this proposed second rate of USC from €22,920 to €24,900. — Catherine Murphy. [16928/23]

*373. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of renters who have claimed the renters' credit this year. — Ivana Bacik. [16980/23]

*374. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the impact of the implementation of Pillar One and Two rules on the Exchequer; his plans to reduce any negative impacts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16982/23]

*375. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department perceives the EU directive on Pillar Two rules as being a risk to long-term tax stability and certainty in Ireland, if other EU Member States were to advocate for a minimum corporation tax rate that would be higher than 15% in the future; how the Exchequer will manage such a risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16983/23]

*376. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the expected recommencement of the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal since the last statement on 18 January, 2023; if the final two applicants have completed Garda vetting and been appointed to the Board; if the Board is up and running; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [16986/23]

*377. To ask the Minister for Finance the total excise receipts earned from tobacco products in 2021 and 2022. — Louise O'Reilly. [17037/23]

*378. To ask the Minister for Finance the annual increases in the retail price of the most popular price category for a pack of roll-your-own tobacco since 2011; the portion of the increase related to taxes; the portion of the increase due to price rises by the tobacco industry in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17038/23]

*379. To ask the Minister for Finance if mortgage applicants can be protected by rising interest rates following initial mortgage agreements (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [17065/23]

*380. To ask the Minister for Finance how many applications have been made to the living city initiative; how many successful claimants there have been under the initiative since the scheme was commenced on 5 May 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [17068/23]

*381. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the range of monies paid to successful claimants under the living city initiative to date; the average amount paid; the median sum paid under the initiative since its commencement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [17069/23]

*382. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of a help-to-buy scheme application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [17090/23]

*383. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps a person can take in cases in which there is fraudulent activity on their financial account (details supplied); how money lost can be pursued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [17106/23]

*384. To ask the Minister for Finance when the zero-rate for solar products will be in place; if it will be applied retrospectively to products purchased in 2023; if legislation is required to apply the rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [17134/23]

*385. To ask the Minister for Finance what regulations and policies covers the operation of ATMs in the State; what are the requirements for these to be made accessible to disabled people; who is responsible for regulating this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [17140/23]

*386. To ask the Minister for Finance what regulations and policies cover credit card terminals in the State; what are the requirements for these to be made accessible to disabled people; who is responsible for regulating this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [17141/23]

*387. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the progress being made to address cancer survivors' rights (details supplied) in order to secure financial services including mortgage protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [17186/23]

*388. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on engaging with the Minister for Agriculture, Food, and the Marine to offer an individual a boat which was been decommissioned under the Brexit voluntary permanent cessation scheme as compensation relating to a High Court ruling (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [17218/23]

*389. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the steps he is taking to ensure that State investments are protected from international market volatility. — Holly Cairns. [17219/23]

*390. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on an anomaly in the temporary business energy support scheme in which a charity that only qualified as a section 39 organisation cannot apply this year for support given it does not have a trading position and the inflation fund that was launched this year means it also loses out as it only got section 39 status this year (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [17254/23]

*391. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide the amount of income taxation raised on personal pensions over the last decade, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [17276/23]

*392. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is considering schemes to refund homeowners who have recently installed PV systems the VAT that they have paid, given they were unaware that the PV scheme would be amended and would not have known they could have waited to avail themselves of the 0% VAT rate. — Robert Troy. [17307/23]

*393. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the forthcoming introduction of a 0% VAT rate on the supply and installation of solar panels; and if this will apply to solar panels only or solar panels and batteries. — Darren O'Rourke. [17314/23]

*394. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the forthcoming introduction of a 0% VAT rate on the supply and installation of solar panels; how it will be implemented; and if there will be a 0% VAT on invoice. — Darren O'Rourke. [17315/23]

*395. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the forthcoming introduction of a 0% VAT rate on the supply and installation of solar panels; if he is aware of the concerns of the solar industry that installations will be postponed until the policy is rolled out; and what steps, if any, are being taken to mitigate them. — Darren O'Rourke. [17317/23]

*396. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider amending the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 to allow members of the public claim tax relief for physiotherapy appointments without the need for a doctor's referral; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [17360/23]

*397. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has carried out an analysis on terms of the estimated additional revenue that will be generated for the Exchequer in 2024 with the introduction of his corporation tax reforms based on Pillar Two of the OECD agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [17361/23]

*398. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is concerned at the exposure of the Irish financial system to the non-bank or 'shadow bank' sector; if he is satisfied that the Central Bank of Ireland has sufficient regulatory powers and supervisory functions over the 'shadow bank' sector actors located in Ireland; if he will provide details of the nature and level of engagement he and his officials have had with the Central Bank of Ireland on this issue in recent weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [17362/23]

*399. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of prize bonds prizes that are unclaimed or could not be claimed due to the person who held them being deceased, by county of residence last known and amount, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [17422/23]

*400. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the VAT rate on solar panels being reduced (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17458/23]

*401. To ask the Minister for Finance the timeline for the publication of the review of the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17561/23]

*402. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17562/23]

*403. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of the practice of a bank (details supplied); his views on whether this practice is correct; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17598/23]

*404. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide details of the announced measure to introduce a 0% VAT regime on solar panels; if the measure will be backdated to include past or ongoing projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17602/23]

*405. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons, expressed as a percentage of the total workforce, who were in the highest income tax bracket in Ireland in each of the years 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [17634/23]

*406. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will confirm whether or not active farmland is excluded from RZLT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [17680/23]

*407. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Departmental staff currently on sick or stress leave; and the number who took stress or sick leave in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17778/23]

*408. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of allegations of bullying made by departmental staff against departmental staff in each of the past five years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will detail what actions are being taken by his Department to investigate the allegations, or if they are being investigated. — Peadar Tóibín. [17796/23]

*409. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Departmental staff dismissed in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17814/23]

*410. To ask the Minister for Finance if capital gains tax is applied to the sales price of a pub licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [17914/23]

*411. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the situation facing chronically ill persons who are excluded from life insurance cover; and if he has plans to ensure that their families are compensated upon their death; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [17921/23]

*412. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are any plans to increase the small gift exemption for capital acquisition tax from €3,000 to €5,000; the potential cost of such a measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17930/23]

*413. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an estimate of the level of tax foregone should the age exemption tax relief be increased to €45,000.00 or €50,000.00, respectively; and if he will consider such a change in the context of Budget 2024. — John McGuinness. [17931/23]

*414. To ask the Minister for Finance when the classification for taxation purposes of loading shovels and silerators changed to the same taxation bracket as a commercial van, considering that this has resulted in the tax for these items increasing from €102 to €330 per year; the reason this decision was made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [17940/23]

*415. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to ensure that a State body (details supplied) engages productively with individuals concerning arrears, and avoids a confrontational approach. — Holly Cairns. [17958/23]

*416. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has spoken with his Canadian counterpart to-date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [18040/23]

*417. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will make a statement on recommendations No. 35 and No. 38 of the Report of the Citizens' Assembly on Biodiversity Loss. — Ivana Bacik. [18092/23]

*418. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on a primary medical certificate appeal by a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [18107/23]

*419. To ask the Minister for Finance what domestic actions he plans to take to reduce Ireland's VAT gap; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [18110/23]

*420. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated extra revenue that would accrue to the State if EU proposals on “VAT in the Digital Age” were enacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [18111/23]

*421. To ask the Minister for Finance to extend the exception from capital acquisitions tax for a spouse or civil partner to long-term cohabiting couples; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [18176/23]

*422. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the large hikes in mortgage rates without the corresponding increase in savings rates for banking customers; if he will take action to ensure banks are required to increase savings rates alongside mortgage rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [18185/23]

*423. To ask the Minister for Finance if a company (details supplied) was in possession of a banking licence when operating in May 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [18188/23]

*424. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the rise in interest rates in recent months; if he is aware of the concerns of savers who are disappointed that the interest rate given on deposit accounts is not increasing in line with interest rates rises on mortgage accounts; if he will raise this issue with the Central Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [18199/23]

*425. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Central Bank can direct a financial institution (details supplied) to increase interest rates on savings in line with increase rate increases on tracker mortgages. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [18265/23]

*426. To ask the Minister for Finance what, if any action he is considering to require financial institutions to increase interest rates paid on savings in line with the increases in mortgage interest rate increases associated with tracker mortgages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [18266/23]

*427. To ask the Minister for Finance the minimum notice period required to increase an interest rate on a tracker mortgage; and if it is correct protocol that a mortgage lender (details supplied) would give nine working days’ notice of an interest rate increase in the same month. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [18267/23]

*428. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of loans provided by an organisation (details supplied) to developers for social and private residential developments in each county since it was established in 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18335/23]

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.

*429. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update in relation to a scheme (details supplied); when this scheme initially commenced; the timeline for the progression of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [16054/23]

*430. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the environmental assessments have been completed for a scheme (details supplied); when a decision will be made to confirm the scheme; when work will actually commence on this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [16055/23]

*431. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the OPW Jamestown Road workshop, its current utilisation and future utilisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16089/23]

*432. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update with respect to a claim made by a business (details supplied) in County Cork to the OPW following flood damages in February 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [16505/23]

*433. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of staff within his Department who are based and working with the European Union in Brussels; their present roles and responsibilities; the posts and responsibilities presently vacant; the corresponding figures on 23 June 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16565/23]

*434. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to set out the guidelines or criteria that determine allocation and the allocation process of OPW lodges in the Phoenix Park for rental purposes. — Mary Lou McDonald. [16595/23]

*435. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to confirm how many persons are on the waiting list for OPW lodges in the Phoenix Park. — Mary Lou McDonald. [16596/23]

*436. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to confirm how many vacant OPW lodges there are in the OPW; and when they will be due to be allocated. — Mary Lou McDonald. [16597/23]

*437. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the mechanisms available to the public where they are of the opinion that the Public Appointments Service have not complied with statutory regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [16636/23]

*438. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the current status of the Blackpool flood relief scheme in Cork; if revised plans are being prepared; if a date has been agreed for further public consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [16652/23]

*439. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the current status of the Govtech Delivery Board, first suggested in 2019 in the National AI strategy such a board was identified as a key supporter of good practice in the public sector deployment of new technologies. — Louise O'Reilly. [16424/23]

*440. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if providing advice and a set of best practice guidelines on data protection be part of the role of the Govtech Delivery Board, given that, in the 2019 Cruinniú report that proposed the

Govtech body, the lack of expertise on GDPR in public sector bodies was identified as a barrier to deployment of new technologies. — Louise O'Reilly. [16426/23]

*441. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform given the skills gap in AI identified by the Future Skills report last year, if the monitoring and support of public sector projects which utilise AI will be part of the responsibility of the Govtech delivery Board. — Louise O'Reilly. [16428/23]

*442. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he is aware that Govtech boards in some states, for example Singapore, have a role in developing 'whole of government' technologies, and employ substantial technical resources to this end; and if this is perceived as part of the terms of reference of the Irish Govtech Delivery Board. — Louise O'Reilly. [16430/23]

*443. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the reason the National Lottery requires that small retailers, wishing to be agents of the lottery, put up a lifetime deposit rather than a deposit for only a number of years until they can gauge how business performs at their location. — Robert Troy. [16550/23]

*444. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform who has oversight responsibility for the Public Appointments Service, if his Department plans to review its performance and ensure that regulations are being implemented properly in the execution of its duties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [16635/23]

*445. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the current funding that would be required to extend the opening hours of the National Botanic Gardens until 8pm during the summer months. — Catherine Murphy. [16919/23]

*446. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 387 of 28 March 2023 to the Minister for Education, if he plans to introduce any reforms to civil and public service staff leave arrangements for parents who have had a child through surrogacy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [16958/23]

*447. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when the Public Service Transformation Framework will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17107/23]

*448. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline the causes of the underspend in cumulative net capital expenditure of €1.6 billion or 19.4% behind profile of €8.3 billion; if he can provide updated figures on both cumulative net capital expenditure and profile; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17108/23]

*449. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to outline plans and the timeframe to update the Public Spending Code to more fully incorporate climate impacts and indirect effects of policy decisions. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17109/23]

*450. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of WTEs employed in the public service in each year since 2006 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17110/23]

*451. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the gross Exchequer pay bill for each year since 2006 to date; and the gross Exchequer pay bill as a percentage of total Government expenditure for each year since 2006, in tabular form. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17111/23]

*452. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when the overarching framework for Public Service Transformation will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17112/23]

*453. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the total expenditure through public procurement in each of the years since 2006, broken down by capital works and goods and services, and by inside and outside of central Government spending; and the total amount of expenditure through public procurement as a percentage of total government spending since 2006, in tabular form. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17113/23]

*454. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when he intends to progress legislation establish the Office of Government Procurement on a statutory footing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17114/23]

*455. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide a full list of flood relief schemes managed by the OPW and the status of the schemes, in tabular form. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17115/23]

*456. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the OPW role in the provision of appropriate infrastructure at Rosslare in response to Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17116/23]

*457. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the Government Data Centre project being led by the OPW. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17117/23]

*458. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the Military Road project being led by the OPW. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17118/23]

*459. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide a list of all infrastructure programmes with an annual value in excess of €30 million and of five years or more duration, that in line with the Public Spending Code guidelines require ongoing monitoring and analysis from his Department, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17119/23]

*460. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide additional details on the ongoing review of certain aspect of the Public Spending Code to update the shadow pricing related to the climate targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17120/23]

*461. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide the underspend of each Department in each year since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17121/23]

*462. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline the total non-core expenditure that has not yet been allocated and remains in reserve; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17122/23]

*463. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if 2022 saw a decline in real terms in investment in public services due to high inflation levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17123/23]

*464. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the transfer of the OneLearning service from his Department/National Shared Services Office, along with a number of civil servants, to the Institute of Public Administration was carried out in accordance with public sector procurement rules, rules around State aid, and the terms of national agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [17143/23]

*465. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the closure of the international and research services of the IPA will lead to a discontinuation of the public sector trends reports; if this was agreed with his Department in advance; if the Institute of Public Administration's grant in aid was discussed in light of recent changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [17144/23]

*466. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if other agencies, public bodies, local authorities, State agencies or bodies funded by public funding will be required to deliver their training needs to the IPA; what commitments have been made as part of the new developments regarding OneLearning; what properties have been secured; what recruitment has taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [17145/23]

*467. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline how the SME Advisory Group purports to address the issues affecting SME participation in public procurement and to understand how representative bodies, that are not included on the group, can make submissions on operational matters that impact them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [17179/23]

*468. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of Departmental staff currently on sick or stress leave; and the number who took stress or sick leave in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17784/23]

*469. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of allegations of bullying made by departmental staff against departmental staff in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will detail what actions are being taken by his Department to investigate the allegations, or if they are being investigated. — Peadar Tóibín. [17802/23]

*470. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of Departmental staff dismissed in each of the past ten years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17820/23]

*471. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if consideration has been given to allowing members of the Prison Service recruited post-1995 to work a certain number of hours each week whilst retaining certain social welfare benefits, as other welfare recipients can do (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17975/23]

*472. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the timescale for the delivery of each of the components of the National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18146/23]

*473. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the status of repair works at a site (details supplied); and when it will reopen to the public. — Sean Sherlock. [18306/23]

*474. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the status of work, and if he has received any request or correspondence from a Local authority regarding a building (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [18307/23]

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

*475. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the exemptions from TUPE in circumstances (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [16080/23]

*476. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment whether any conditions related to environmental sustainability and meeting the goals outlined in the Climate Action Plan are placed on companies in order to receive financial support from the IDA. — Paul Murphy. [16374/23]

*477. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of staff within his Department who are based and working with the European Union in Brussels; their present roles and responsibilities; the posts and responsibilities presently vacant; the corresponding figures on 23 June 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16557/23]

*478. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if non-Irish healthcare assistants with level 7 or level 8 relevant equivalent qualifications will only be permitted to renew their employment permits if they complete the NFQ level 5 apprenticeship for the occupation of healthcare assistant, once this has been established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [16592/23]

*479. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he met the Australian Prime Minister during his recent visit to Australia for the St. Patrick's day events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16694/23]

*480. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment in relation to transfer of undertakings protection offered to workers who are changing employer as a result of such

transfers, if current legislation guarantees that such workers being transferred to a new employer shall suffer no diminution of their pay or conditions in the first year after such a transfer takes place; if he can further clarify if TUPE legislation has any implications in situations where a company has won a State tender/contract and is now transferring its work to a new company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [16719/23]

*481. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a worker who has opted out of a company pension and receives an increase in salary instead is entitled to retain the same salary with a new employer under TUPE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [16908/23]

*482. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment whether Citibank has received financial support from the Industrial Development Agency or other semi-State bodies over the past twenty years; and to outline, in tabular form, any support given on an annual basis. — Paul Murphy. [16372/23]

*483. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current status of the working group developing Trustworthy AI Principles and Guidelines, as outlined in a response to this office in December 2022; and when this body is to report. — Louise O'Reilly. [16422/23]

*484. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is aware that a company (details supplied) announced record profits; his views on whether a company that registered billions of euros of profit should not be able to cut employees without compensating them; if he will introduce legislation to safeguard workers facing such circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [16940/23]

*485. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason the regulations issued by the PSA have been altered to remove the previous clause in relation to adherence to EROs; if he will clarify his Departments legal strategy in relation to the current court case and legal action that has blocked the ERO in the security sector; if the State will, and is actively contesting the case by certain security companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [17197/23]

*486. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment where signed copies of negotiated company/union agreements are lodged (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17343/23]

*487. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the availability of fragrance-free options for detergents and cleaning products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [17354/23]

*488. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if individual farmers, fishermen and aquaculturists will be excluded from availing of the post-Brexit market growth and diversification grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [17741/23]

*489. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of Departmental staff currently on sick or stress leave; and the number who took stress or sick leave in each of the past five years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17776/23]

*490. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of allegations of bullying made by departmental staff against departmental staff in each of the past five years,

and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will detail what actions are being taken by his Department to investigate the allegations, or if they are being investigated. — Peadar Tóibín. [17794/23]

*491. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of Departmental staff dismissed in each of the past ten years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17812/23]

*492. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he will honour the terms of the employment regulation order for the security industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [18036/23]

*493. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the locations of trade missions in Quarters 2 and 3 2023 where he will participate, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [18046/23]

*494. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if consideration is being given to reducing the minimum salary for family reunification concerning non-EEA healthcare assistants under the general employment permit, in view of changes to the scheme in 2021 which set the annual minimum salary at €27,000 for healthcare assistants under the general employment permit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [18225/23]

*495. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of healthcare assistants who have been granted a general employment permit since changes in 2021 to the scheme which set the minimum salary at €27,000; the number of these workers which have the relevant level 5 qualifications required under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [18226/23]

*496. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment If Enterprise Ireland plans to have a trade mission to Germany in Quarter 2, this year. — Darren O'Rourke. [18258/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*497. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of the school building project for a school (details supplied); and when it is expected that the project will be completed. — Richard Bruton. [16328/23]

*498. To ask the Minister for Education the steps being taken to ensure that victims of historical abuse in non-Catholic day and boarding schools are included in the scoping inquiry into sex abuse in such schools, and in view of the concerns raised, that the inquiry will be incomplete unless extended to such schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [16408/23]

*499. To ask the Minister for Education what action the parents of a child such as a person (details supplied) should take to ensure their child has access to a place in a reading school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [16442/23]

*500. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools affected by her Department's decision to pause school building works going to tender or construction phase in Dublin 5, Dublin 13 and Dublin 17 respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [16445/23]

*501. To ask the Minister for Education how many teachers, across all categories of schools, have been employed by her Department in each of the past four years. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [16526/23]

*502. To ask the Minister for Education how many teaching positions, across all categories of schools, have been sanctioned by her Department in each of the past four years. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [16527/23]

*503. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 358 of 28 March 2023, the actions that are being taken now to ensure capacity for the next school year in north Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [16696/23]

*504. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter in relation to accommodation for a school (details supplied); if the prefabs will be allowed to go ahead so that the school has the needed extra space on site for September and not elsewhere; if she will find a solution that gives the school and children the space they are entitled to in the future and if the Government will follow through on its promises to children with additional needs in mainstream schools. — Joan Collins. [16715/23]

*505. To ask the Minister for Education how many private schools there are in the State; if she will provide a list of them; and how many have provided special classes for children with disabilities and autism. — Joan Collins. [16749/23]

*506. To ask the Minister for Education what options are available to the family of a student (details supplied) who has withdrawn from school and is refusing to attend due to difficulties they have faced in the school, but who has applied to enrol in a new school and has been denied a place in that school. — Louise O'Reilly. [16809/23]

*507. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department is considering aligning the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages for primary and secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [16827/23]

*508. To ask the Minister for Education what measures are in place to assist teachers in the south Clondalkin area to support high-risk students given the waiting lists for CAMHS are so long; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [16846/23]

*509. To ask the Minister for Education what options and funding streams are available to a school that wishes to start a school library and stock it with books. — Louise O'Reilly. [16849/23]

*510. To ask the Minister for Education if a response will issue to correspondence (details supplied). — Jim O'Callaghan. [16855/23]

*511. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department plans to publish rights-based guidance on restraint and the elimination of seclusion that will protect children and young people from harm and comply with and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and the UN Convention on the Rights of People with disabilities (UNCRPD); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [16864/23]

*512. To ask the Minister for Education the reason she has halted the long-promised development of school buildings (details supplied) which already has planning permission in

place and a contractor ready to go; if she will explain the implications for the school and another school; the examination that took place of the implications for students and potential students as a result of this decision before it was made, particularly those with additional educational needs; the additional supports that will be put in place to support these students throughout the delay; and when she expects the development to recommence given the commitment by An Taoiseach that the delayed projects will recommence in 2023. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16906/23]

*513. To ask the Minister for Education If she met the Governor of Pennsylvania during her recent visit to Philadelphia for St. Patrick's Day. — Catherine Murphy. [16920/23]

*514. To ask the Minister for Education if she will bring swimming lessons and driving lessons into second level education in (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [16938/23]

*515. To ask the Minister for Education if the eligibility of a person (details supplied) for the supplementary panel for primary teaching will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16955/23]

*516. To ask the Minister for Education the efforts being made by her Department to ensure special school placements are available to all children who require them; and if she will provide advice for parents who cannot secure a place for their child for the coming school year. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16962/23]

*517. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) will be provided with a place in a special school or class suited to their specified educational needs; and what assistance can be provided to the person's parents in navigating the application process to special schools and mainstream schools with special classes. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16963/23]

*518. To ask the Minister for Education if a decision on an application by a school (details supplied) could be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [16965/23]

*519. To ask the Minister for Education how the parents of a pupil (details supplied) can be evaluated and access a suitable supported place in a mainstream school as a transfer from his existing place is a special school. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [16975/23]

*520. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the building of the second phase of a school (details supplied) due to commence works in September 2023 and for completion by September 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [17007/23]

*521. To ask the Minister for Education if she will explain why a school (details supplied) has received communication from her Department that funding allocated to the school in 2021 to obtain two SEN classrooms and prefabbed rental accommodation is being completely revoked; if the decision to revoke funding to this school will be reviewed given the circumstances outlined in the attached documents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [17008/23]

*522. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update regarding extensions to two national schools (details supplied) in County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17011/23]

*523. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update with respect to a student in County Cork who is receiving school transport under the scheme for children with special educational needs (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [17012/23]

*524. To ask the Minister for Education the reasons the free schoolbook scheme has not been extended to private national schools; if she will consider reviewing this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [17074/23]

*525. To ask the Minister for Education the breakdown of schools by region or the number of schools that have received or introduced free period products or funding for similar initiatives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [17083/23]

*526. To ask the Minister for Education if she can clarify whether a school (details supplied) is among the schools affected by the stalled school building programme; if the approval letter from her Department for the proposed works at the school will be issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [17135/23]

*527. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) will be approved DEIS status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [17137/23]

*528. To ask the Minister for Education the reasons for the delay in the progression of the permanent building for a school (details supplied), before and since inflationary issues have arisen. — Gary Gannon. [17147/23]

*529. To ask the Minister for Education the date on which a school (details supplied) will move from temporary accommodation. — Gary Gannon. [17148/23]

*530. To ask the Minister for Education the support measures in place for schools or neighboring schools, impacted by the hold on 58 school building projects; if such extenuating circumstances impact re-allocation of teachers and/or prefabs; and which schools have been impacted in this way. — Gary Gannon. [17149/23]

*531. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a decision has been taken to suppress a ninth teaching post for a school (details supplied), given that it is a developing school and projected enrolment numbers exceed both the required 215 and 231 pupils required to be eligible for an additional post. — Gary Gannon. [17150/23]

*532. To ask the Minister for Education the rationale for reversing the decision to allow a school (details supplied) permission to put in place a second block of prefabs for the 2023-2024 term. — Gary Gannon. [17151/23]

*533. To ask the Minister for Education if teaching experience could be treated similarly to industry experience for the calculation of incremental credits (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [17165/23]

*534. To ask the Minister for Education the details regarding resources for educational welfare officers allocated to County Wicklow; if all posts are currently filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [17205/23]

*535. To ask the Minister for Education if an application under the school building programme, submitted by a school, (details supplied), can be fast-tracked to take account of the increase in the number of students enrolled for the 2023/2024 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [17242/23]

*536. To ask the Minister for Education if she will assess and address the needs of a school, (details supplied), for an indoor sports/multipurpose facility, changing rooms and general-purpose area to accommodate the increase in numbers enrolled for the 2023/2024 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [17243/23]

*537. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider the allocation of temporary accommodation for a school (details supplied) to ensure the safe, orderly and efficient provision of physical education and extracurricular activities to accommodate the increase in numbers enrolled for the 2023/2024 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [17244/23]

*538. To ask the Minister for Education is she aware that a child (details supplied) has not secured a secondary school place in Kilkenny. — Kathleen Funchion. [17250/23]

*539. To ask the Minister for Education when additional full-time educational assistants can be appointed to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [17259/23]

*540. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding four temporary pre-fab classroom units for a school (details supplied); if they will be in place in advance of the coming school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [17312/23]

*541. To ask the Minister for Education the actions her Department will take to ensure all children awarded summer provision are provided with a place given there are still a number of schools not signing up to the scheme despite the lifting of staffing barriers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [17332/23]

*542. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 112 of 29 March 2023 where information was withheld, as a public representative for the Mayo constituency if he will confirm the relevant (details supplied) that school building projects that are currently on hold or paused due to capital funding pressures. — Alan Dillon. [17341/23]

*543. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the free primary schoolbooks scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [17344/23]

*544. To ask the Minister for Education what progress is being made to build a school in Clongriffin (details supplied), given the very high demand for school places in the area and given that the site that is reserved for a school is reserved only until 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [17364/23]

*545. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the new school building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [17384/23]

*546. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the new school building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [17385/23]

*547. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the extension to the school building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [17386/23]

*548. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the new site and new school building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [17387/23]

*549. To ask the Minister for Education the date the Leaving Certificate results for 2023 will be issued to students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17390/23]

*550. To ask the Minister for Education if all efforts are being made to accommodate person (details supplied) in their local school, whose parents are making every effort to secure them a primary school place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17398/23]

*551. To ask the Minister for Education whether she has considered a proposal submitted by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [17429/23]

*552. To ask the Minister for Education if she will detail the contact her Department has had with a school (details supplied) regarding an additional accommodation scheme application; if she will provide an update and give assurance in relation to the accommodation needed at this school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [17440/23]

*553. To ask the Minister for Education to detail the data that was collected in regard to the recently introduced approach to completing the report on educational needs in schools which was conducted with a number of schools around the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17445/23]

*554. To ask the Minister for Education the avenues that are open to a parent whose child has undergone a report on educational needs but is unsatisfied with the report findings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17446/23]

*555. To ask the Minister for Education how the NCSE define ‘appropriately qualified’ in relation to a person nominated to carry out a report on the educational needs of a child; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17447/23]

*556. To ask the Minister for Education if additional administrative resources have been made available to schools to undertake reports on educational needs or if this task will be added to the work of teachers, special educational teachers or special needs assistants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17448/23]

*557. To ask the Minister for Education if a new school build (details supplied) can be fast tracked given the growing school population and the fact that there is no indoor sports/multipurpose facility to provide PE and extra-curricular activities which are currently unavailable for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [17449/23]

*558. To ask the Minister for Education if temporary accommodation could be provided to a school (details supplied) where it has been approved for a new build but currently has no indoor sports/multipurpose facility to provide PE and extra-curricular activities to students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [17450/23]

*559. To ask the Minister for Education for a statement on the survey being conducted on primary schools about afterschool facilities, including the timings for the study and which geographic areas are being targeted as part of the survey; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [17455/23]

*560. To ask the Minister for Education if she will list the schools in the Killester, Raheny and Clontarf area at primary and at secondary level; if she will indicate the denomination of each school; if they admit boys or girls; the pupil capacity of the school; the present level of enrolment; and if she has plans to provide more school places in the catchment. — Richard Bruton. [17490/23]

*561. To ask the Minister for Education if she will list the schools in the Drumcondra, Marino and Dublin 1 area at primary and at secondary level; if she will indicate the denomination of each school; if they admit boys or girls; the pupil capacity of the school; the present level of enrolment; and if she has plans to provide more school places in the catchment. — Richard Bruton. [17491/23]

*562. To ask the Minister for Education if she will list the schools in the Beaumont, Coolock and Dublin 5 area at primary and at secondary level; if she will indicate the denomination of each school; if they admit boys or girls; the pupil capacity of the school; the present level of enrolment; and if she has plans to provide more school places in the catchment. — Richard Bruton. [17492/23]

*563. To ask the Minister for Education if she will list the schools in the Darndale and Dublin 17 area at primary and at secondary level; if she will indicate the denomination of each school; if they admit boys or girls; the pupil capacity of the school; the present level of enrolment; and if she has plans to provide more school places in the catchment. — Richard Bruton. [17493/23]

*564. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the minor requests to be made for exams (details supplied), and the digital papers pilot in particular, which would greatly enhance accessibility for visually impaired students; and if she will contact the State Examinations Commission regarding these requests. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [17512/23]

*565. To ask the Minister for Education to address the inadequate levels of special needs supports being extended to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [17519/23]

*566. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary and secondary schools that have undertaken an energy retrofit as part of the national energy efficient retrofit pathfinder scheme since it commenced in 2017; the number of schools that will take part in the scheme in 2022, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17564/23]

*567. To ask the Minister for Education the level of funding allocated for the national energy efficient retrofit pathfinder scheme for primary and secondary schools under the National

Development Plan 2021-2030; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17565/23]

*568. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the implementation of the new pay deal for school secretaries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17566/23]

*569. To ask the Minister for Education is she aware that a child (details supplied) is unable to secure a secondary school place in Kilkenny; if she can confirm what assistance her Department is providing to ensure that the child secures a secondary school place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [17579/23]

*570. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware there are a number of students (details supplied) in Kilkenny that have not got a secondary school place yet. — Kathleen Funchion. [17609/23]

*571. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline for when construction will start on additional accommodation at a school (details supplied) in County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [17611/23]

*572. To ask the Minister for Education if she has plans to undertake a consultation on the medical and social models of service provision to autistic pupils; and if she has plans to undertake a consultation on the use of identity-first and person-first language in materials produced by her Department. — Ivana Bacik. [17636/23]

*573. To ask the Minister for Education if she acknowledges that in communities that have been identified as suffering deep and embodied trauma (details supplied), there is a need to go beyond general health and well-being practices and to also acknowledge that teachers working in such communities would benefit from expert support in integrating trauma informed and recovery practices into the school community. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [17663/23]

*574. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department is planning to support schools identified as having high levels of socially generated trauma in the school community, to integrate trauma-informed and recovery practices into their pedagogies and behaviour management approaches; and the teacher supports and teacher professional development opportunities she has identified to deliver such support. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [17664/23]

*575. To ask the Minister for Education the minimum number of eligible students required to establish a new bus service in a primary school that is not currently served by school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [17669/23]

*576. To ask the Minister for Education when additional accommodation will be provided for a school (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17672/23]

*577. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will work to progress the issuing of a Schedule of Accommodation for a school (details supplied) in its new building development as soon as possible, in order that it can proceed to the next phase of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [17683/23]

*578. To ask the Minister for Education if she will expedite the provision of instructions to a school (details supplied) advising them of their current construction projects so that they might proceed to the tender stage. — Robert Troy. [17686/23]

*579. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of an application submitted by a school (details supplied) which is in dire need of construction to accommodate increased enrolment, improve school conditions and ease its patronage transfer under the pilot scheme for school reconfiguration for diversity. — Robert Troy. [17688/23]

*580. To ask the Minister for Education if she made the decision to include a book (details supplied) on the Junior Cycle Relationships and Sexuality Education 1 reading list for children as young as 12 years of age; and if not, which section within her Department made the decision. — Peadar Tóibín. [17700/23]

*581. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application for additional school accommodation for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17718/23]

*582. To ask the Minister for Education if the board of management of a school (details supplied) will be entitled to rent additional space in order to accommodate the students in the school in a safe manner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17756/23]

*583. To ask the Minister for Education given the profound difficulties experienced with the school transport system in 2022, the changes she plans to introduce for primary, post primary, children with special education needs and the special transport grant for the upcoming 2023/2024 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [17765/23]

*584. To ask the Minister for Education the number of Departmental staff currently on sick or stress leave; and the number who took stress or sick leave in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [17775/23]

*585. To ask the Minister for Education the number of allegations of bullying made by departmental staff against departmental staff in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if she will detail what actions are being taken by her Department to investigate the allegations or if they are being investigated. — Peadar Tóibín. [17793/23]

*586. To ask the Minister for Education the number of Departmental staff dismissed in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17811/23]

*587. To ask the Minister for Education if she will conduct a review of all recommended book reading lists for primary and post primary schools to ensure that they are age-appropriate and do not contain age inappropriate graphic sexual imagery and language; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [17834/23]

*588. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 416 of 28 March 2023, the steps her Department can take to address the anomaly that has arisen in relation to a PhD postgraduate allowance, which meant that in September 2013 PhD students could not both retire to claim their award and also stay in service to fulfil the new timeframe of the pre-

existing and changing regulations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [17839/23]

*589. To ask the Minister for Education if the development of a school (details supplied) is going ahead; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [17885/23]

*590. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the new-school-build for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [17967/23]

*591. To ask the Minister for Education the level of engagement between her Department and Dublin City Council in relation to a new primary school for the Meakstown area of Dublin 11; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [17972/23]

*592. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for a new school in the Dublin 9 and Dublin 11 area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [17973/23]

*593. To ask the Minister for Education the number of school building projects currently in progress across the various stages of planning, design, tender and construction by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17979/23]

*594. To ask the Minister for Education if a new school (details supplied) build project will now proceed to construction. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18003/23]

*595. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [18004/23]

*596. To ask the Minister for Education to explain why leaving certificate language oral exams take place at Easter; if the impact on students was taken into account when this change was made; and if she intends to review this decision. — Eoin Ó Broin. [18026/23]

*597. To ask the Minister for Education the secondary subjects with the highest number of vacant teacher posts, such as metalwork, woodwork, Spanish, computer science and so on, from one to ten, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [18099/23]

*598. To ask the Minister for Education if she will assist a child (details supplied) in obtaining a school place in Kilkenny. — Kathleen Funchion. [18116/23]

*599. To ask the Minister for Education what arrangements have been put in place in relation to applying late for school transport for pupils who have not been accepted into any school to date because of the enormous pressure on schools in the Galway city area, which her Department is aware of and working on, as the closing date for applications for school transport is at the end of this month; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18147/23]

*600. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a schedule of accommodation for a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [18148/23]

*601. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the application for a new school building of a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [18149/23]

*602. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the application for additional buildings of a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [18150/23]

*603. To ask the Minister for Education when a child (details supplied) will get their appointment with the National Educational Psychological Service. — Alan Kelly. [18152/23]

*604. To ask the Minister for Education when a child (details supplied) will get a place appropriate to their growing needs. — Alan Kelly. [18153/23]

*605. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to require all schools to use generic uniforms and to give students the option to wear trousers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [18175/23]

*606. To ask the Minister for Education for a breakdown of the 92 new special classes nationally; if any of these places will be allocated to Kilkenny; the schools in Kilkenny will they be allocated to; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [18186/23]

*607. To ask the Minister for Education if special arrangements will be made for students sitting the Leaving Certificate in 2023 and 2024 given the difficulties they faced in respect of their post-primary education in general due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [18189/23]

*608. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the delay in providing ASD classes in two schools (details supplied); if she will intervene to ensure that the ASD classes will be provided in both schools for September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [18190/23]

*609. To ask the Minister for Education why second-level students (details supplied) are not provided with access to school transport services to access schools in Drogheda where the majority have enrolled in secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18192/23]

*610. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a school canteen (details supplied) has not yet opened since Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18236/23]

*611. To ask the Minister for Education the number of second level teachers qualified per subject per year in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [18237/23]

*612. To ask the Minister for Education the number of teachers on different types of leave that is, job share, maternity break, career break and so on in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [18239/23]

*613. To ask the Minister for Education if additional assistance can be provided to a rural DEIS primary school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [18240/23]

*614. To ask the Minister for Education the support that will be provided to a school (details supplied) whose enrolment has increased by 20%; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [18241/23]

*615. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will take the Explorium - National Sport and Science Centre into public ownership and re-open the educational facility, making it available to students free of charge; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [18242/23]

*616. To ask the Minister for Education if a build programme for a school (details supplied) is back on track; and the indicative timeframes for all works to be completed. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18290/23]

*617. To ask the Minister for Education to list the primary schools in the Dublin 8, 10, 12 and 20 areas, their patronage, the number of pupils attended and the current capacity of each school, the plans for development, the number of teachers and the pupil-teacher ratio for each school. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18291/23]

*618. To ask the Minister for Education given that there is no educate together secondary school in Dublin 8, the reason pupils coming out of educate together primary schools are not included in the catchment area for the nearest school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18292/23]

*619. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will be made on works to allow schools (details supplied) in Ballyfermot to be in a single campus, given the current disjointed school set-up; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18293/23]

*620. To ask the Minister for Education the funding that will be in place for the 2023/2024 academic year for bursaries for the education of trainee educational psychologists who have already commenced their training in the present academic year; if these bursaries are conditional on successful applicants working for NEPS for three years after qualification; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18331/23]

*621. To ask the Minister for Education if the Education Training Board has completed its 2018 report on pluralism and patronage in schools; when that report is set to be released; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [18334/23]

*622. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on an additional school accommodation scheme application from a school (details supplied); if additional accommodation will be provided to this school in view of the circumstances outlined; if she will clarify that funding is available for such projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [18340/23]

*623. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a second-level school place for a child (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [18350/23]

*624. To ask the Minister for Education the status of building works applications, additional accommodation scheme and a summer works scheme 2020, in respect of a school (details supplied); when she expects to approve the projects for the next phase; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16077/23]

*625. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the progress of development works including an ASA scheme and a SWS 2020 scheme at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [16329/23]

*626. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied); if additional emergency accommodation will be provided to this school in view of the circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16361/23]

*627. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the re-location of a school (details supplied); if she is aware that the NCSE evaluation was finalised in March 2022, and the school's current lease is due to expire in September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [16365/23]

*628. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a school (details supplied) has not received permission to commence building works on the school; the reason is it taking so long to start the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16366/23]

*629. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider establishing an EU at school initiative which would involve secondary school students in transition year being informed about the European Union and its structures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16370/23]

*630. To ask the Minister for Education whether a school (details supplied) has developed an ASD unit within the new school building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [16381/23]

*631. To ask the Minister for Education whether a school (details supplied) has developed an ASD unit within the new school building. — John Lahart. [16382/23]

*632. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the impact of her Department's decision to stall a much-needed second prefab block installation at Riverview ETNS; if she will acknowledge that children with additional needs are being particularly impacted as a result of building delays with the ability to provide small group teaching and other necessary interventions being severely curtailed (details supplied); if she will reconsider the stalling of the second prefab block installation and take steps to deliver what was sanctioned as a matter of priority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [16383/23]

*633. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the school building works at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16386/23]

*634. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a report written by a person (details supplied) in relation to religious ethos in schools coming into conflict with a teacher's belief; if the recommendations of the report are being considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [16392/23]

*635. To ask the Minister for Education if it is the policy position of her Department that home-schooling can cause social isolation by limiting the ability of children to socialise; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16398/23]

*636. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of difficulties experienced by an organisation (details supplied) in County Cork in recruiting transport chaperones/escorts for children with disabilities to attend their day care services; what measures are being taken to address these recruitment issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15554/23]

*637. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide clarity on proposed funding for an extra classroom in a school (details supplied) for which they have been waiting for nearly three years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [16414/23]

*638. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a breakdown by gender of the pupils entering or leaving the Killester, Raheny and Clontarf school catchment area for secondary schooling for the 2016-2020 academic years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [16415/23]

*639. To ask the Minister for Education if every action is being taken to ensure a child (details supplied) will have a school place in September 2023 given the school they have applied to is oversubscribed but the school is their local school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16450/23]

*640. To ask the Minister for Education if a school place for September 2023 can be facilitated and confirmed in the case of the daughter of a person (details supplied), who has applied to seven secondary schools to no avail, who recently moved from County Offaly to County Kildare, who is worried that they will have no place in September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16454/23]

*641. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on building works at a school (details supplied). — Denise Mitchell. [16457/23]

*642. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools in counties Longford and Westmeath that have had school buildings/refurbishment/extension works approved; and the number of those approved works that are delayed at present, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [16477/23]

*643. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a list of all the schools on the school building programme which have recently been put on hold for all counties, including the stage at which the building project is currently at, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [16488/23]

*644. To ask the Minister for Education if there is any intention on the part of her Department to seek changes to the Children’s First Act 2015 to include special needs assistants and classroom assistants as mandated persons under the Act; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [16494/23]

*645. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the case of a student (details supplied) who has a dual diagnosis of Down syndrome and autism spectrum disorder, who has received eight rejection letters for special education schools and special education units within mainstream schools for September 2023; if she will make contact with this student and their family in order to find a solution; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [16504/23]

*646. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 657 of 21 March 2023, if she will again review the case of the person in view of the fact that there will now be a significant increase on their skill-set in the special needs department due to the amalgamation of three schools into one. — Catherine Murphy. [16534/23]

*647. To ask the Minister for Education the number of staff within her Department who are based and working with the European Union in Brussels; their present roles and responsibilities; the posts and responsibilities presently vacant; the corresponding figures on 23 June 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16556/23]

*648. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline a timeframe for her Department to address and repair the serious deficiencies in a school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [16606/23]

*649. To ask the Minister for Education if the temporary accommodation sanctioned for a school (details supplied) is on track to be in place for the new school year in September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [16609/23]

*650. To ask the Minister for Education if a person with a Masters of Education from the United States, where they worked at university level teaching adults, and therefore did not hold a teaching licence, can have their qualification recognised in Ireland; and what course would a person need to complete in order to teach in Irish schools. — Claire Kerrane. [16622/23]

*651. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) can expect to receive approval on a tender and progress its build project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [16647/23]

*652. To ask the Minister for Education when her Department's payroll section will provide requested information urgently required for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [16661/23]

*653. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the provision of accommodation for a school in County Wexford (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [16677/23]

*654. To ask the Minister for Education if a secondary school place will be accommodated for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16753/23]

*655. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the demand that will be placed on national schools in Rush, County Dublin; if provision has been made to increase national school places in the short to medium-term; if she will provide specific information by school on the number of places that will be available for the next ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16754/23]

*656. To ask the Minister for Education if all efforts are being made to facilitate a full-time ASD secondary school place in Leixlip/Lucan for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16755/23]

*657. To ask the Minister for Education to present an update on the plans for the future accommodation needs of (details supplied); if she will appreciate the serious concerns of the school community in respect; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [16767/23]

*658. To ask the Minister for Education when works on a school (details supplied) will take place. — Patrick Costello. [16768/23]

*659. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on a new school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [16770/23]

*660. To ask the Minister for Education if she will make arrangements to restore supervised school transport for a pupil (details supplied) in County Cork attending a special school. — Michael Creed. [16778/23]

*661. To ask the Minister for Education if Section 67 of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004 has been commenced; if not, when it is expected that it will be commenced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [16822/23]

*662. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied). — Denise Mitchell. [16823/23]

*663. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to encourage teachers and SNAs to participate in the summer programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [16830/23]

*664. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to ensure that enough schools participate in the summer programme to ensure that all eligible children can avail of this support, including any plans for her Department to directly run regional programmes. — Holly Cairns. [16831/23]

*665. To ask the Minister for Education when DEIS bands will next be reviewed. — Emer Higgins. [16839/23]

*666. To ask the Minister for Education to review the use of Eircodes as a method of assigning DEIS status to schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [16840/23]

*667. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a holistic view of special education needs within her Department ensuring that the building unit team and the NCSE liaise with one another; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [16843/23]

*668. To ask the Minister for Education how many additional post primary SEN places will be available in the Clondalkin area from September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [16844/23]

*669. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 551 of 21 June 2022, if she will again request the NCSE to respond to the query (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [16859/23]

*670. To ask the Minister for Education if the eligibility of a person (details supplied) for the supplementary panel will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16944/23]

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

*671. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what funding is available for a proposed project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [16500/23]

*672. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of staff within her Department who are based and working with the European Union in Brussels; their present roles and responsibilities; the posts and responsibilities presently vacant; the corresponding figures on 23 June 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16569/23]

*673. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will meet with representatives from a group (details supplied) regarding insurance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16605/23]

*674. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the development of online safety codes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16624/23]

*675. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will respond to significant concerns raised by a club (details supplied) in respect of its energy bill, which has increased four-fold; the supports in place to assist such a voluntary body; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [16868/23]

*676. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of applicants for the previous three rounds of the sports capital programme that were granted funding but did not draw down the grant; the number of grants that were partially drawn down and the number of grants that were fully drawn down; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [16942/23]

*677. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide a breakdown by each county of the number of successful and unsuccessful eligible applicants for the basic income for the arts by pilot scheme, a breakdown by county of the numbers selected for the control group and the methods used by her Department to promote and publicise the scheme throughout the entire country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [16954/23]

*678. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the current status of applications submitted under the Large-Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund; when the next allocation will be made under this fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16988/23]

*679. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the Sports Capital Programme will be reopened for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16989/23]

*680. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceisteanna Pharlaiminte Uimhir 84 den 20 Meitheamh 2017 agus Uimhir 77 den 14 Samhain 2017 cé mhéad foirgneamh de chuid Údarás na Gaeltachta atá folamh; cé chomh fada agus atá siad folamh; cén áit ina bhfuil siad; cad iad na pleananna atá ag an Údarás maidir leo;

cén dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir leis na foirgnimh fholmha agus go háirithe foirgnimh atá fós folamh; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [17005/23]

*681. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the details of all undeveloped lands in the ownership of Údarás na Gaeltachta, by county, in tabular form; the length of time the lands have been in the ownership of Údarás na Gaeltachta; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [17006/23]

*682. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 146 of 30 March 2023, if she will outline the issues the EU Commission set out in its response to the submission of the Short-term Tourist Letting Bill which triggered an extended standstill period until 22 December 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [17183/23]

*683. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide further details on the basic income for the arts scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17382/23]

*684. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the recent proposals submitted by a political party (details supplied) in respect of including Down and Armagh in Ireland's Ancient East Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [17473/23]

*685. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide details on any discussions which have taken place to date within her Department in respect of the proposed large-scale municipal stadium for north Drogheda, further to the recent commencement of phase 1 of the Port Access Northern Cross Route; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [17523/23]

*686. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if he will seek details on any strategic plans to increase tennis participation in Ireland's largest town, Drogheda; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [17532/23]

*687. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has made representations to ticket sales and distribution companies on fees charged to customers for sporting, music and other cultural events; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [17635/23]

*688. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media given that over 90% of the short-term rental business is transacted online, the reason the sanctions that can be issued against the online platform is so small in comparison to the sanctions that can be imposed on the individual - the online platforms (referred to in the legislation as ISS - information service system) are subject to €5,000 fine maximum, whereas the individual is subject to penalties of up to €50,000 or imprisonment of up to five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [17760/23]

*689. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of Departmental staff currently on sick or stress leave; and the number who took stress or sick leave in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17788/23]

*690. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of allegations of bullying made by departmental staff against departmental staff in each of the past five years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if she will detail what actions are being taken by her Department to investigate the allegations or if they are being investigated. — Peadar Tóibín. [17806/23]

*691. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of Departmental staff dismissed in each of the past ten years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17824/23]

*692. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the budget that has been specifically ring fenced for the implementation of the recommendations set out in the Sustainable Enterprise - Creative Economy Report in March 2022, by the Western Development Commission, given the identification of her Department as the primary entity responsible for driving creative enterprise in the west; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [17871/23]

*693. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the next round of sports capital applications will open for clubs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [17974/23]

*694. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén uair a íocfar deontas (sonraí tugtha) le duine i nDáilcheantar Ghaillimh Thiar; údar na moille leis seo; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18001/23]

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

*695. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the misclassification of pension entitlements for workers in local authorities; and if he can provide an update and a timeline for resolution. — Louise O'Reilly. [16047/23]

*696. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the updated position regarding a project (details supplied) in County Mayo; the stage this project is at; the funding that has been drawn down to date for this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [16048/23]

*697. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when works will be completed on a project (details supplied) in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [16049/23]

*698. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if grants are in place from his Department for the repair and restoration for wrought iron gates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [16050/23]

*699. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of instances in each local authority in each of the past five years in which residential zoned land was later rezoned on the recommendation of the Office of the Planning Regulator; and the number of cases in which he issued a draft Ministerial direction to overrule any such decision undertaken by a local authority; his reason for doing so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [16051/23]

*700. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities have any flexibility when applying the underaccommodation rule in assessing tenant purchase applications. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16088/23]

*701. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many housing units were supplied to the State in the past ten years through NARPS; the average length of each of these tenancies; the average cost to the State for the rental of each of these units; and if there are any agreements with NARPS for extension of leases in the future on these properties. — Peadar Tóibín. [16319/23]

*702. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount spent by the State in each of the past five years on properties rented by local authorities for the social housing list. — Peadar Tóibín. [16356/23]

*703. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the report published by an organisation (details supplied) in relation to bringing vacant and derelict properties back into residential use; if he intends to review and ultimately action any of the recommendations contained therein; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [16362/23]

*704. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the cost in relation to the requirement for both a passport and a birth certificate when applying for housing will be examined (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [16412/23]

*705. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a detailed breakdown of the number of vacant housing officers in each local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16460/23]

*706. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what decision-making led to declaring certain species on the open season list as being under threat; and what part the National Association of Regional Game Councils' (NARGC) data on bag returns played in that process, if any. — Robert Troy. [16468/23]

*707. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown of the number of applications to the croí cónaithe towns scheme; the number of applications awarded, both refurbishment and dereliction grants; the average value of the grant awarded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16470/23]

*708. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown of the number of applications to the croí cónaithe cities scheme; the number of applications awarded, both refurbishment and dereliction grants; the average value of the grant awarded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16471/23]

*709. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown by local authority of the number of CPOs of vacant properties completed, ongoing and under consideration, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16472/23]

*710. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown by local authority of the amounts collected under the vacant site levy, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16473/23]

*711. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many Approved Housing Bodies are currently in operation in Ireland at present; what is their combined number of housing units; and the combined amount of these that are fixed assets in euros. — Peadar Tóibín. [16479/23]

*712. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the State maintains any rights or agreements with the Approved Housing Bodies when the term of the mortgage is up. — Peadar Tóibín. [16480/23]

*713. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many approved housing bodies have signed up to the code of practice that the State introduced. — Peadar Tóibín. [16481/23]

*714. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many legal disputes the State has engaged in as a result of an approved housing body going out of business, or any other reason to dispute houses held in their care; and what if any, the legal costs associated with these are. — Peadar Tóibín. [16484/23]

*715. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average amount given by the State to an approved housing body in support to secure a unit. — Peadar Tóibín. [16485/23]

*716. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the cost to the State per annum of housing delivered by way of a lease agreement (details supplied); the breakdown of the number of new builds that Meath County Council built directly and the number of these units that were approved housing body builds; of the approved housing body builds, the amount this cost the State in both funding for the projects, and in lease payments or supplements paid by Meath County Council for the units; and if these homes are registered in the Land Registry as being fully-owned by either Meath County Council or the State. — Peadar Tóibín. [16490/23]

*717. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a local authority tenant hoping to purchase their home under the tenant incremental purchase scheme 2016 does not qualify to purchase under the ten-year housing supports criterion but qualifies under financial requirements, if time spent in receipt of Rent supplement, as this is also a housing needs support, can be considered to qualify them under this new criterion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [16493/23]

*718. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to increase the housing assistance payment in response to rising rental costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [16514/23]

*719. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding any proposed amendments to Part 9 Judicial Reviews under the current draft of the Planning and Development Bill; how they differ from the existing rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [16541/23]

*720. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff within his Department who are based and working with the European Union in Brussels; their present roles and responsibilities; the posts and responsibilities presently vacant; the corresponding figures on 23 June 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16563/23]

*721. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022–2027 Implementation Plan will be published; the reason for the delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [16662/23]

*722. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022 – 2027 Implementation Plan will be published; the reason for delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16679/23]

*723. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he met with Atlanta Fire Department Chief Fire Officer during his visit to Atlanta for the recent St. Patrick's day events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16691/23]

*724. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what financial, personal assistant, administrative or other supports are available for persons with disabilities before, during and after an election campaign and perhaps elected office at local Government level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16704/23]

*725. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps being taken to ensure that a bank (details supplied) recognise the croí cónaithe grant scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [16710/23]

*726. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022 – 2027 Implementation Plan will be published; the reason for delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [16713/23]

*727. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm the total spend on the housing assistance programme and the rental accommodation scheme for 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16727/23]

*728. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm the total spend via the social housing current expenditure programme in 2022 broken down by lease type including: AHB/CALF, mortgage to rent, Part V, private long term lease, private enhanced lease, and any other type of lease providing expenditure for each category of least type and the total number of leases funded in each category. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16728/23]

*729. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm the total number of new mortgage to rent homes delivered in 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16729/23]

*730. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm the total number of new repair and lease homes delivered in 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16730/23]

*731. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm the total number of new buy and renew homes delivered in 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16731/23]

*732. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of adaptation grants processed in Cork in each of the past five years for social housing, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [16741/23]

*733. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of adaptation grants processed in Cork in each of the last five years for private housing, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [16742/23]

*734. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of people currently approved but awaiting an adaptation grant in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [16743/23]

*735. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the increase in adaptation grant allocation for social housing given construction inflation by local authority, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [16744/23]

*736. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether local authorities can apply for funding to build extensions to social housing due to overcrowding. — Thomas Gould. [16745/23]

*737. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the 100 homes due for retrofitting in Churchfield, Cork and the addresses of these homes. — Thomas Gould. [16746/23]

*738. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount that was spent on the affordable rental scheme in the 2022 calendar year; if he would provide the locations where this scheme is active; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16751/23]

*739. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the promised constitutional referendum to keep Irish Water in public ownership will be held in November along with the gender equality referendum and if not, why not. — Paul Murphy. [16760/23]

*740. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many homes built by local authorities since 8 February 2020 are fully carbon neutral; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [16762/23]

*741. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a tenant with a notice to quit who is looking to avail of the tenant-in-situ scheme, who is living in a HAP property in one council area but is on another council's housing list and the landlord wants to sell the home to the council; which council should the landlord contact and can the council buy the property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [16763/23]

*742. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022 – 2027 Implementation Plan will be published; the reason for delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [16787/23]

*743. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 233 of 13 July 2022, if his Department is considering any changes to the tenant (incremental) purchase scheme to allow part V local authority properties to be purchased by tenants-in-situ; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [16824/23]

*744. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason landowners have to pay the 3% tax on lands that are being actively farmed and whose lands have no residential access or access to services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17173/23]

*745. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will make a statement on recommendations No. 22 and No. 13 of the Report of the Citizens' Assembly on Biodiversity Loss. — Ivana Bacik. [18093/23]

*746. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if steps are being taken to increase the staffing budget for local authorities to enable them to react in a timely manner to the increased demand for housing schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [18311/23]

*747. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the process, in cases in which the NTQ period of a person has lapsed but the council is still processing the expression of interest from the landlord to sell the home to the council, if the tenant still has to vacate the property; if so, if the council will cease the process of acquiring the home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [16070/23]

*748. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of houses registered in the name of each local authority as full owners in Ireland with the land registry in each year for the past 15 years, by local authority, and amounts added each year. — Peadar Tóibín. [16085/23]

*749. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if any further recommendations will be put in place to make sure that approved housing bodies are not in competition with one another (details supplied); and if the State has carried out research in relation to same. — Peadar Tóibín. [16327/23]

*750. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding an explanatory memo to be provided to the Oireachtas Committee on Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to the Planning and Development Bill 2022, broken down by section; the timeline for its completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [16363/23]

*751. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to set out in tabular form a list of all notices of intention to direct local authorities under Section 31 of the Planning and Development Act to amend their draft development plan or other plans with a brief summary of the direction; and to further to set out in tabular form all cases where a recommendation of the Office of the Planning Regulator for such a draft direction was not accepted by him, again providing a summary in each case including the issue, location and rationale. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16396/23]

*752. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of croí cónaithe town grants drawn down to date and to explain why data for drawdowns is not included in the quarterly updates published by his Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16400/23]

*753. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if houses in control of Approved Housing Bodies are entitled to receive the HAP payment. — Peadar Tóibín. [16491/23]

*754. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what percentage of Irish land is designated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16543/23]

*755. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of revisions that have been made to designated land in Ireland; the number of new hectares that have been designated each time, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16544/23]

*756. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the percentage of land in each county that is designated, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16547/23]

*757. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a person who owns a derelict house and wishes to avail of the vacant property refurbishment grant, and as a result of the structure being damaged beyond repair, demolishes the house, is eligible for the vacant property refurbishment grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [16608/23]

*758. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are any exceptions for council tenants wishing to purchase their home from the council where they have been refused under Part V rules; if this could be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [16621/23]

*759. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant home grant applications received, approved, partially drawn down, and fully drawn down in each county since the scheme was launched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16634/23]

*760. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to question No. 296 of 7 March 2023, if he will provide a further breakdown within of both allocations and outturns of each sub programme within each programme heading, i.e. within Programme A Housing include all sub programmes from Local Authority Housing to Other Services, for each of the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16724/23]

*761. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what agency of Government or his Department is responsible for the eradication of Japanese knotweed in particular around private property whereby persons living in adjoining private properties express concerns for the spread of the knotweed when it is allowed to expand and grow and not dealt with like local authorities do when it grows along public roads and local authority property; and if any prosecutions or actions have been taken with persons who have planted, dispersed or allowed or caused to disperse or grow Japanese knotweed. — Frankie Feighan. [16757/23]

*762. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homes which have been purchased through the tenant in situ scheme to date, broken down by local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [16838/23]

*763. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can recommend how a person renting a room in landlord-occupied or non-landlord occupied (details supplied) can seek justice in relation to this matter; if he agrees that there needs to be more protections in place

for those in this situation and if he will make a statement in relation to this. — Paul Murphy. [16867/23]

*764. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the social welfare payments included in the income assessments both for eligibility for and awarding of the amount offered in a authority mortgage; and if the disability allowance is included in the income eligibility assessment and in determining the amount offered where an applicant is successful. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [16886/23]

*765. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022 – 2027 Implementation Plan will be published; the reason for delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [16898/23]

*766. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022 – 2027 Implementation Plan will be published; the reason for delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16907/23]

*767. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to introduce new planning legislation in relation to short-term lettings; his views on the current position in respect of planning for this type of rental property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [16939/23]

*768. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that Transport Infrastructure Ireland has confirmed to this Deputy in writing that it has no responsibility for implementing noise action plans on major roads and that this is a matter for the relevant local authority; his plans to provide such funding, given local authorities have no funding allocation to implement these plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [16957/23]

*769. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details as to what provision there is in the Budget allocated to the LGMA for the running of the Retained Fire Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [16959/23]

*770. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when it was decided to locate Uisce Éireann's new national laboratory in Limerick; the formal appraisal that was carried out on locations for this laboratory; if other locations considered for this previously; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [16960/23]

*771. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is satisfied that there is capacity for single homeless persons in State-funded emergency accommodation. — Ivana Bacik. [16979/23]

*772. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the projected funding for Marine Protected Areas in 2023 and 2024; if any funding has been allocated or spent to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [17009/23]

*773. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline his plans to effectively manage, monitor and enforce marine-protected areas as they increase from the current 8.3% spatial coverage to 30% coverage of Irish waters by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [17021/23]

*774. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether the current spend on marine protected areas is sufficient to meet monitoring and enforcement needs; his plans to increase funding to ensure effective management matches Ireland's commitment to protect 30% of its waters by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [17022/23]

*775. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding that was made available to each local authority for the Homeless HAP Place Finder Service; when funding was made available to local authorities for the Homeless HAP Place Finder Service; if all local authority areas have a Homeless HAP Place Finder Service available; if a local authority does not currently have a Homeless HAP Place Finder Service in place, if funding is available to the local authority to help with any deposit or advance rental payments needed to get accommodation under the HAP scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17027/23]

*776. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the lack of national funding allocated to local authorities to implement existing Noise Action Plans that includes recommendations on noise mitigation measures; if this is under consideration by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [17030/23]

*777. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify whether it will be open to owners of a vacant property or future renters/occupiers of a vacant property or both of the aforementioned categories of applicants to apply for the croí cónaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant after 1 May 2023, pursuant to the changes recently announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [17061/23]

*778. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify whether it will be open to the owner of a vacant property or the future renters/occupiers of a vacant property to apply for the croí cónaithe vacant property refurbishment grant in respect of each unit in a vacant property being refurbished for use as more than one residential dwelling after 1 May 2023, pursuant to the changes recently announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [17062/23]

*779. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify whether will be open to the owner a property, occupied as a retail unit on the ground floor with the upper storeys vacant to apply for the croí cónaithe vacant property refurbishment grant to refurbish the upper storeys to rent out as a dwelling or dwellings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [17063/23]

*780. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify what evidence other than being included on the derelict sites register will be accepted from applicants for the croí cónaithe vacant property refurbishment grant, seeking an additional top-up grant of up to €20,000 in respect of a property that is derelict; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [17064/23]

*781. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 150 of 30 March 2023, if he will outline in detail any changes to provisions in the draft Planning and Development Bill 2022 pertaining to public rights of way compared to the provisions in the current Planning and Development Act 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [17086/23]

*782. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to a previous Parliamentary Question, if his Department will urgently correspond with an organisation (details supplied) regarding two derelict properties which are owned at Sarsfield Square, Athlone, County Westmeath. — Robert Troy. [17088/23]

*783. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan will be published; the reason for delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17101/23]

*784. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects to publish the revised rural housing guidelines in the context of a review of the 2005 Planning guidelines on sustainable rural housing; and if he will confirm that such guidelines will comply with the ECJ ruling in the Flemish decree case. — Charles Flanagan. [17104/23]

*785. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the defective builds scheme is now available to be applied for someone living in Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [17127/23]

*786. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what funding is available for a voluntary housing association (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [17142/23]

*787. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of hares captured from the wild for the 2022-2023 season; and how many times they were used during capture. — Gary Gannon. [17153/23]

*788. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of hares pinned, injured and killed during the 2022-2023 season. — Gary Gannon. [17154/23]

*789. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the additional funding that has been made available to local authorities to ensure that their vacant homes officers are full-time; the amount of additional funding that was made available; the local authorities that have availed of the funding; and to provide a list of local authorities that have full-time vacant home officers. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17164/23]

*790. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding housing estates in urban areas that are not connected to the sewerage network; if any grant funding is being considered in this case; if existing rural programmes could be expanded to include any housing estate with a longstanding communal septic tank set up; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [17182/23]

*791. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position in relation to the proposed scheme for defective apartments and remediation works needed; the timescale for implementation of this scheme; if residents of such apartments who face immediate demands for levies from management companies to fund needed safety works will be fully compensated for any outlay they face in the coming weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [17196/23]

*792. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps his Department is taking to promote the ready to build scheme; the support if any, that his Department extends to local authorities to make the scheme a success; if he has any data on the

total number of applicants to the ready to buy scheme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [17251/23]

*793. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to ‘refer the issue of the environment, including water, and its place in the Constitution to a relevant Joint Oireachtas Committee for consideration.’. — Holly Cairns. [17264/23]

*794. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on running a referendum on the public ownership of water concurrently with the announced referendum on Article 41.2 of the Constitution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17265/23]

*795. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether it is intended, under the CAF scheme of funding housing associations to purchase or develop housing, to provide extra founding per unit and a higher specification for housing associations that exclusively provide housing for severely intellectually or physically disabled people in line with HIQA requirements of accommodation for such people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17297/23]

*796. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the responsibilities for each director of service for housing in each local authority, in tabular form; his views on whether each directors sole responsibility should be housing given the size of the housing challenge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [17300/23]

*797. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider including a price escalation clause in turn-key housing developments to take account of time lags of up to six to nine months in price agreements and, to give councils more discretion and flexibility in giving the green light to housing projects (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [17302/23]

*798. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the status of Irish Water’s plans as regards treating wastewater with ultraviolet light or equivalent technology to prevent the discharge of contaminated water into Dublin Bay. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [17336/23]

*799. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on what future infrastructure investment is needed to protect Dublin coastal and river water quality; and the measures he is taking to ensure those investments are made in a timely fashion to protect the rivers and seas from increases in wastewater generated by population growth and increases in housing numbers. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [17337/23]

*800. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the poor results from water quality testing in Dublin Bay; the measures his Department has taken to remedy the situation; the work that is being undertaken by his Departments to protect the bathing water quality in Dublin Bay and across the Dublin coastline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [17339/23]

*801. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the incremental tenants purchase scheme and the Housing (Sale of Local Authority Houses) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 to allow those who were eligible prior to 1 February 2022 with

less than ten years in receipt of social housing supports to apply for the scheme; if joint tenants, one of which has less than ten years in receipt of social housing support, can be eligible; if he can allow local authorities some scope to set their own policies in relation to tenant purchase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [17347/23]

*802. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he plans to abolish the build-to-rent apartment standards. — Neasa Hourigan. [17350/23]

*803. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline his engagement with the Minister for Finance to reduce the costs for accountancy services for small owner-occupier companies formed under obligations in the Multi-unit Developments Act 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17356/23]

*804. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to protect student renters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17357/23]

*805. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications for the repair and leasing scheme (details supplied) that did not proceed due to a lack of housing demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [17377/23]

*806. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if councils can approach landlords to sell as part of his plans to expand the tenant-in-situ scheme; and what valuation will be paid on a home. — Sean Sherlock. [17388/23]

*807. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 172 of 30 March 2023, if rent allowance, which was replaced by the housing assistance payment, will be considered as a social housing support for the tenant-purchase scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17391/23]

*808. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is satisfied that the current regulatory oversight and testing of quarries across this State is adequately resourced and sufficiently rigorous to prevent more defective concrete blocks being manufactured and further distress caused to victims. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [17399/23]

*809. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he agrees that it is not satisfactory for one semi-detached home with defective concrete blocks to be demolished while the adjoining semi-detached home remains standing due to the eligibility criteria of the Government remediation schemes; and if he and his Department are seeking to prevent this approach. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [17400/23]

*810. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide the latest available data on the number of vacant properties by county, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [17403/23]

*811. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the options for families in real terms as they are faced with eviction (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [17454/23]

*812. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether officials in his Department contacted Cork City Council with preliminary RTB data prior to its publication. — Thomas Gould. [17456/23]

*813. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether officials in his Department contacted any local authority with preliminary RTB data prior to its publication. — Thomas Gould. [17457/23]

*814. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the process for allocating cost-rental properties managed by approved housing associations, in particular given concerns raised by the general public in Donabate regarding a number of cost-rental properties managed by a company (details supplied), which have already been allocated without any local people being afforded an opportunity to apply for same; how he proposes to ensure fairness and transparency in any future cost-rental applications process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [17467/23]

*815. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline in detail the new vacant property legislation; the amount payable for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17488/23]

*816. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a copy of the acquisition plans submitted to his Department by each of the local authorities. — Francis Noel Duffy. [17526/23]

*817. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [17527/23]

*818. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage given that, on 31 March 2023 Galway City Council issued an alert regarding the potential spread of the invasive quagga mussel to the Corrib system, what management plans, public notifications and risk mitigations the National Parks and Wildlife Service has put in place to prevent the spread of quagga mussel to Lough Corrib SAC and the potential ecological impact on native species/habitats; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [17533/23]

*819. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify if houses in complexes with apartments are exempt from paying management company fees due to legislation passed in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [17545/23]

*820. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022 – 2027 Implementation Plan will be published; the reason for delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17571/23]

*821. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will respond to concerns regarding the energy efficiency retrofit programme being carried out by a local authority (details supplied); if he will liaise with the local authority to explore ways in which individual homes that are in urgent need of insulation works can be prioritised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [17590/23]

*822. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Department funding could be increased for a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [17591/23]

*823. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when assessing income from earnings for access to a local authority social housing waiting list, if local authorities have the discretion to disregard one-off overtime earnings in any given year; if not, if such thresholds have no flexibility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [17648/23]

*824. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify current income thresholds from earnings in relation to social housing waiting lists; when these thresholds became operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [17649/23]

*825. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amounts in grant aid or funding awarded by his Department, or through schemes administered by it, to an organisation (details supplied) in each year from 2010 to 2022; and the projected funding for 2023. — John Paul Phelan. [17693/23]

*826. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the criteria to qualify for the croí cónaithe scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17699/23]

*827. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide his response to the report from the Citizen's Assembly on Biodiversity and Loss; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17703/23]

*828. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide his response to calls for a public body (details supplied) to establish a dedicated investigation unit to identify unregistered, privately rented properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17704/23]

*829. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for a centralised platform/website to advertise all the various cost rental schemes open for applicants nationally; the reason the Government decided that daft.ie was the appropriate platform to advertise cost rental schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [17715/23]

*830. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan will be published; the reason for delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [17716/23]

*831. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown, per county of the amounts paid to each local authority for the Housing Aid For Older Persons grant for the years 2019-2022. — Paul McAuliffe. [17726/23]

*832. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown, per county, of the amounts paid to each local authority for the disabled persons grant for the years 2019-2022. — Paul McAuliffe. [17727/23]

*833. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the number and cost of extensions constructed for council tenants for each local authority for the years 2019-2022. — Paul McAuliffe. [17728/23]

*834. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a copy of the most recent unit cost ceilings and averages for social housing new builds and acquisitions by local authorities. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17729/23]

*835. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration will be given to providing additional funding to the RTB in order to fund an active investigations unit, in order that the organisation may strengthen investigations into non-compliant landlords in the private market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17761/23]

*836. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify the status of a report submitted to him by the Planning Regulator/An Bord Pleanála regarding the wind energy policy adopted by Kilkenny County Council; and if he will outline the next steps in the process and an indicative timeframe for a decision. — John McGuinness. [17762/23]

*837. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Departmental staff currently on sick or stress leave; and the number who took stress or sick leave in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17782/23]

*838. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of allegations of bullying made by departmental staff against departmental staff in each of the past five years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will detail what actions are being taken by his Department to investigate the allegations, or if they are being investigated. — Peadar Tóibín. [17800/23]

*839. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Departmental staff dismissed in each of the past ten years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17818/23]

*840. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of homes constructed by Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies in 2022, by county. — Brian Stanley. [17847/23]

*841. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of homes purchased by Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies in 2022, by county. — Brian Stanley. [17848/23]

*842. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to set out in detail the funding granted to each voluntary housing organisation for the erection or acquisition of residential units for each of the past five years; the number of units erected or acquired, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17857/23]

*843. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan will be published; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [17861/23]

*844. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can provide an update on a proposal submitted to his Department relating to an amendment to the nursing home

support scheme (details supplied) that would enable fair deal service users to make their vacant home temporarily available to an approved housing body for use as short-term or transitional homeless housing; whether this could provide more targeted relief and suitable accommodation for homeless families than existing measures which allow fair deal service users to rent out their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [17884/23]

*845. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of people employed by the National Building Control Office in each year since it was established, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17934/23]

*846. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff at the National Building Control Office dedicated to market surveillance of construction products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17935/23]

*847. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has any plans to establish a single authority overseeing quarries within the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17936/23]

*848. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total amount of outstanding development contributions and levies owed to Mayo County Council for each year for which data is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17937/23]

*849. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding Section 254 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2021, what right of appeal will exist under the Draft Planning and Development Bill 2022 in relation to telecom and communication masts, which presently appear to be planning-exempt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [17970/23]

*850. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 541 of 18 January 2023, if he will amend the terms and conditions of the tenant purchase scheme to include income from the rural social scheme when purchasing a rural local authority house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17984/23]

*851. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with respect to the new communications masts that are becoming apparent around Waterford city, what safeguards are being built into the planning Acts to ensure that there are no negative health effects on people located in the areas adjacent to these masts. — Matt Shanahan. [17997/23]

*852. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the €121.3 million funding for Dublin’s north inner city announced in 2021. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18002/23]

*853. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will make a statement on recommendation No. 143 of the Report of the Citizens’ Assembly on Biodiversity Loss; and the amendments he intends to produce to give effect to the recommendation through the Planning and Development Bill 2022. — Ivana Bacik. [18090/23]

*854. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to regulate electronic advertising panels; and if he will make a statement on recommendation No. 148 of the Report of the Citizens' Assembly on Biodiversity Loss. — Ivana Bacik. [18091/23]

*855. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of new local authority homes added to the social housing stock by county since 27 June 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [18121/23]

*856. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when it is expected the baseline Funding Allocation Review of local authority funding will be completed; whether it is intended to make decisions on it in 2023 for implementation in full in 2024; whether from 2024 on, Department funding of local authorities will be based totally on open, transparent and published criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18130/23]

*857. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to ensure that all landlords are registered with the Residential Tenancies Board. — Holly Cairns. [18177/23]

*858. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is satisfied with the preparations to date by local authorities to implement the residential zoned land tax in 2024; if his Department is being briefed on applications to date for exemptions; if he will continue to monitor the implementation of this proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [18221/23]

*859. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether a person may appeal or seek an exception to the policy of a clear financial record for a minimum duration of two years under the Fresh Start principle with regard to a local authority home loan application where the person has exited bankruptcy in June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [18247/23]

*860. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he proposes to further extend the scope of the defective concrete blocks scheme to include additional residential properties that an individual may have leased to tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [18264/23]

*861. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what measures are being taken to increase emergency accommodation in the Cork South-West constituency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [18312/23]

*862. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects that homeowners will be able to make applications for redress to the revamped defective concrete block scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [18349/23]

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

*863. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the waiting times for the processing of applications for carer's allowance and carer's benefit; the number of applications waiting at present, per county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16093/23]

*864. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the waiting times for the processing of applications for disability allowance; the number of applications waiting at present, per county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16094/23]

*865. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) has been left waiting several months for a decision from the appeals offices regarding their application for disability allowance; and her views on whether this is an adequate level of service from her Department. — Martin Browne. [16355/23]

*866. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of a carer's allowance claim by a person (details supplied); when a decision will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [16393/23]

*867. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if pension contributions paid by those in employment over the age of 66 years will be taken into consideration when calculating pensions, in the event of them not having a sufficient number earned prior to reaching 66 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [16435/23]

*868. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will detail her Department's eligibility criteria for assessing a child with a neurodivergent condition whose parents have applied for domiciliary care allowance; her Department's eligibility criteria for assessing a person with a neurodivergent condition who has applied for disability allowance; her Department's eligibility criteria for the carer's allowance if applying to be a carer for a person with a neurodivergent condition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [16482/23]

*869. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will detail her Department's eligibility criteria for assessing a child with a psychosocial condition whose parents have applied for domiciliary care allowance; her Department's eligibility criteria for assessing a person with a psychosocial condition who has applied for disability allowance; her Department's eligibility criteria for the carer's allowance if applying to be a carer for a person with a psychosocial condition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [16483/23]

*870. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will amend the operational guidelines of Jobseeker's allowance relating to allow all those under 25 years to access the full payment rate of €220 if they are living independently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16502/23]

*871. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of staff within her Department who are based and working with the European Union in Brussels; their present roles and responsibilities; the posts and responsibilities presently vacant; the corresponding figures on 23 June 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16567/23]

*872. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress that has been made on each of the recommendations of the Report on Labour Activation by the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Employment Affairs and Social Protection in the 32nd Dáil/25th Seanad, which relate to one-parent families (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [16603/23]

*873. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what advancement has been made in providing a pension in relation to carers (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16604/23]

*874. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people referred to JobPath since 2015, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [16615/23]

*875. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of payments made to Turas Nua and Seetec, and the corresponding amount paid to both since 2015, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [16616/23]

*876. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people currently engaged with JobPath. — Claire Kerrane. [16617/23]

*877. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people who have gained employment sustained for 52 weeks on JobPath, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [16618/23]

*878. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are income supports for 65-year-olds who wish to continue working part-time hours, five days per week until they reach pension age of 66 years. — Claire Kerrane. [16619/23]

*879. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if notice to cease a carer's allowance payment for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can be stayed until requested information is provided by another Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [16667/23]

*880. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will expedite an invalidity appeal on behalf of a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [16670/23]

*881. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she plans to pay the full basic supplementary welfare allowance to asylum seekers who are not in direct provision and if she plans to give asylum-seeking children access to child benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [16701/23]

*882. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the rate of illness benefit for a person (details supplied) can be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16723/23]

*883. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary No. 289 of 23 March 2023, assuming a person who is working a full-time job in a four-day week has surpassed the three-day waiting period to qualify for illness benefit, if there are guidelines in place to ensure that any calculations made to the payment of their benefit are on the basis of a four-day working week, rather than a five-day working week (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16766/23]

*884. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision is expected on a disability allowance application (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [16777/23]

*885. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a reply will issue to correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [16791/23]

*886. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a reply to a letter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [16792/23]

*887. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has informed GPs not to issue medical certs for those individuals seeking such certificates for social welfare reasons. — Sean Sherlock. [16821/23]

*888. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to conduct a review of the implementation of the hot school meals programme to ensure it is receiving optimum uptake from students and schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [16841/23]

*889. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the Social Welfare Appeals Office will make a decision on a domiciliary care allowance appeal (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [16853/23]

*890. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to a previous Parliamentary Question, if she will provide an update on an application for a State pension (contributory) in the name of a person (details supplied); and if her Department has had any response from the Netherlands regarding their pension contributions there; and there is a timeframe agreed between countries for the resolution of such issues. — John McGuinness. [16856/23]

*891. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide the recent RSM Ireland review of the free school meals programme with the rapid rise in the cost of electricity, fuel and food; her plans to increase the maximum rate of payment per child per day for the free school meals programme from the current rates of breakfast/snack €0.60, lunch €1.40, dinner €1.90 and hot meal €2.90 to enable schools to source suppliers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [16863/23]

*892. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will issue in relation to an appeal submitted by a person (details supplied) in June 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [16896/23]

*893. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an update and/or decision will issue on the parent benefit appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [16899/23]

*894. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of WTE staff by grade working in the special investigations unit of her Department as of 30 March 2023; and if she will provide same figures as of 1 January 2021, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [16935/23]

*895. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the checks that are in place and the ongoing monitoring to ensure that there is a high quality and a proper nutritional value in the food in all meals which are supplied through the free school meals programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [16937/23]

*896. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department recognises a disability employment service (details supplied) as 23 separate companies, and how this will impact on tendering processes for the services it currently offers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [16948/23]

*897. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what supports and capacity building funding is available to assist not-for profit organisations currently providing services funded by her Department that will be required to tender to receive this funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [16949/23]

*898. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the work her Department has done on extending free travel eligibility to persons who suffer with epilepsy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16966/23]

*899. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ensure that the staff in a disability employment service (details supplied) receive a suitable increase in remuneration to reflect the absence of such an increase since 2008; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [16999/23]

*900. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated annual cost of providing domiciliary care allowance to children aged 16 and 17 years, in view of the fact that children can no longer access this payment once they turn 16 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17033/23]

*901. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how many people received the household benefit scheme in 2020, 2021 and 2022; and the cost of the scheme to the State in each of these years. — Louise O'Reilly. [17034/23]

*902. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what supports are available for employees and self-employed people with chronic illness to attend medical appointments during work time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17035/23]

*903. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether considerations have been made to ease the eligibility criteria for partial capacity benefit to increase security for all cancer patients seeking to return to work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17036/23]

*904. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider the possibility of streamlining applications for the additional needs payments for cancer patients on the basis of the non-medical costs of cancer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17039/23]

*905. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if and when basic supplementary welfare will issue to a person (details supplied) who has two dependent children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17067/23]

*906. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the provisions that are in place for women who are rejected for maternity benefit due to insufficient PRSI contributions, when they have been required to travel to the US for specialist medical training; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [17071/23]

*907. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the record of contributions for pension purposes will be made available to a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [17131/23]

*908. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for not purchasing a building which housed a Citizens Information Centre on Wynnefield Road, Rathmines when it was placed on the market for sale. — Ivana Bacik. [17159/23]

*909. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the decision to reduce in-person citizens information services in view of the housing and cost of living crises. — Ivana Bacik. [17160/23]

*910. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for carer's benefit in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17191/23]

*911. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will reinstate a person's (details supplied) agent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [17201/23]

*912. To ask the Minister for Social Protection regarding the recommendations of the Review Report of the Gender Recognition Act 2015, published in November 2019, if she intends to simplify the path to legal gender recognition for children aged 16 and 17 years; and if so, if she will indicate a timeframe in which this will happen. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17230/23]

*913. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider abolishing the means test for carers where the care recipient is a child who has life-long medical needs as the level of care required from such families is all-encompassing, from daily personal care, feeding, household chores to include a multitude of medical appointments and the associated costs of attending these appointments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [17248/23]

*914. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on ensuring that the rates of payment under the job initiative scheme are benchmarked to cost-of-living rates. — Holly Cairns. [17266/23]

*915. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on ensuring that individuals on job initiative schemes are eligible for the fuel allowance. — Holly Cairns. [17267/23]

*916. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a one-parent family payment and arrears will be immediately paid in the case of a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [17268/23]

*917. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether vegetarian and vegan options are available for children under the free school meals programme, and if not, whether she agrees that they should be made available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [17286/23]

*918. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the request for the backdating of the invalidity pension claim for a person (details supplied) was refused; if there are any circumstances that it can be considered at this time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [17310/23]

*919. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will reconsider the criteria for fuel allowance in light of the housing crisis, where many adult children cannot get accommodation and move out of home, which is preventing their parents from accessing fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [17335/23]

*920. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine an appeal by a person (details supplied) and the salient points made therein. — Sean Sherlock. [17389/23]

*921. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the working family payment for a person (details supplied) will be renewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [17479/23]

*922. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an appeal has been completed for a carers support grant application by person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17536/23]

*923. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how a person under 18 years of age who has been diagnosed with gender dysphoria by a clinical psychologist can acquire a gender recognition certificate. — Emer Higgins. [17547/23]

*924. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are currently delays for appointments to get a Public Services Card; the current timeframe to apply and receive a Public Services Card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17560/23]

*925. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of schools outside DEIS status who are providing hot or cold meals to children by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17567/23]

*926. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are any plans to permit persons in receipt of the jobs initiative scheme be eligible for fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17569/23]

*927. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined. — Seán Canney. [17580/23]

*928. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 204 of 30 March 2023, if, given the fact that the recipient of the free travel referred to in her reply was out of work and on supplementary welfare allowance from November 2019 to February 2021 due to medical circumstances, and given that there was no entitlement to use the free travel pass for this period, her Department will consider extending the five-year eligibility for free travel to May 2024, which would extend the eligibility of the free travel to the full five-year period while back in the workplace; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [17640/23]

*929. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will confirm receipt of a recent disability allowance appeal by a person (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [17641/23]

*930. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify the circumstances where an employee is eligible for a social welfare payment arising from medical advice to cease employment due to ill health, where the person involved has many years of social insurance contributions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [17643/23]

*931. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review a claim for disability allowance by a person in County Cork (details supplied); and if, in particular, she will review the financial assessment against the applicant in light of the circumstances and the medical evidence which would suggest from the applicant's consultant that the condition is serious and leaving the applicant unlikely to work for the foreseeable future. — Michael Creed. [17644/23]

*932. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reasons the community welfare officer service was removed from her Department's office in Ardee, County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [17646/23]

*933. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether there is any update on her Department's position regarding the recognition of Covid-19 as an occupational disease for

frontline healthcare workers in Ireland as per EU ACSH Agreement in May 2022 following the monitoring of the European Commission's work and recommendations in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [17687/23]

*934. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amounts in grant aid or funding awarded by her Department, or through schemes administered by it, to an organisation (details supplied) in each year from 2010 to 2022; and the projected funding for 2023. — John Paul Phelan. [17695/23]

*935. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on a pension application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17739/23]

*936. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a State pension award in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry was assessed under the total contribution approach and averaging; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17744/23]

*937. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of Departmental staff currently on sick or stress leave; and the number who took stress or sick leave in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17786/23]

*938. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of allegations of bullying made by departmental staff against departmental staff in each of the past five years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if she will detail what actions are being taken by her Department to investigate the allegations, or if they are being investigated. — Peadar Tóibín. [17804/23]

*939. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of Departmental staff dismissed in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17822/23]

*940. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) was refused a disability allowance; if the case will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [17883/23]

*941. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the one-parent family payment will be restored in the case of a person (details supplied) while all outstanding matters are being resolved. — John McGuinness. [17886/23]

*942. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to introduce a State life insurance for persons who are excluded from such cover due to chronic illness and other life-long conditions (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [17916/23]

*943. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine a matter in relation to the pension of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [17929/23]

*944. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the carer's allowance arrears due to a person (details supplied) will be paid immediately. — John McGuinness. [17932/23]

*945. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the contributory pension appeal by a person (details supplied); and if an oral hearing can be arranged. — Robert Troy. [18025/23]

*946. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [18143/23]

*947. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her Department's views on correspondence (details supplied) which relates to the application of change of status PRSI credits which relate to former public servants who transition to private sector self-employment during their career; if she is concerned at any disadvantage that arises from a pension perspective for workers in this category; if she plans to review the position; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18191/23]

*948. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her future plans regarding the employability service which supports people in the community who have a disability, illness, injury or mental health issue in returning or starting in employment; the funding level; the number of people employed in delivering the services; the number of people helped by the services in each of the past ten years in each of the centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18294/23]

*949. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether any assessment was carried out of the effects the enforced closure of Employability West at the end of 2021 had on those who were dependent on its tailored services which supported people in the community who have a disability, illness, injury or mental health issue in returning or starting in employment; if they managed to continue their employment unsupported, linked in with other equivalent services, or remained at home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18295/23]

*950. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will increase funding to ensure that the supports that the employability services delivers is enhanced and rolled out on a local basis where a demand for such services are; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18296/23]

*951. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the one-parent family payment and, separately, supplementary welfare allowance were not approved in the case of a person (details supplied) given the hardship they are experiencing; and if they qualify for any social welfare benefits. — John McGuinness. [18299/23]

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

*952. To ask the Minister for Justice to make a statement on the restorative justice initiatives his Department supports; and any plans he may have to legislate in the area. — Pa Daly. [18054/23]

*953. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will set out his rationale for not expanding the membership of the firearms expert committee to include a broader ordinary membership for the committee to act as representatives for the end user's perspective; and if he will provide an update on his work on the regulatory structure around firearms in Ireland and modernisation of same. — Catherine Murphy. [16577/23]

*954. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of unfilled posts in the Kilkenny/Carlow division including rank in tabular form. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16682/23]

*955. To ask the Minister for Justice if he plans to lift the restrictions on the right to work to allow all asylum seekers to work and implement all the recommendations of the Catherine Day Advisory Group in relation to the right to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [16700/23]

*956. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the application status of a person (details supplied) to the Afghan Admissions Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16703/23]

*957. To ask the Minister for Justice the current processing times for travel document applications for the family reunification of a person who has refugee status; if the grounds on which they are applying is taken into account with regard to ensuring their timely processing, given the limited timeframe for permission to enter and reside with family reunification cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16784/23]

*958. To ask the Minister for Justice what an individual may do if their travel document applications are not processed and issued in time to allow for a family to travel within the one-year timeframe given upon family reunification approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16785/23]

*959. To ask the Minister for Justice in light of the recent decision by the Minister for Defence to appoint a statutory investigation into complaints made regarding an unsafe working environment in the Irish Defence Forces, if he will appoint a similar statutory investigation into complaints of an unsafe working environment within the Irish Prison Service, which has been brought to the attention of his ministerial counterpart and previous Ministers for Justice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [16788/23]

*960. To ask the Minister for Justice when the necessary steps will be completed by his Department to allow for legal aid in cases relating to the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [16789/23]

*961. To ask the Minister for Justice the engagements he or any Ministers of State in his Department have had with the Garda Commissioner in relation to delivering a new Garda station for Carndonagh, County Donegal. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16799/23]

*962. To ask the Minister for Justice the average delay for decisions to be made on Garda vetting applications; the steps he is taking to streamline the process because of the effect this is having on staffing resources in health settings especially; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [16804/23]

*963. To ask the Minister for Justice whether members of An Garda Síochána who are carrying out the same work as civilian members of An Garda Síochána are granted extensions to their retirement age under SI 335/1951 (as amended) on the grounds that they are doing similar work, yet civilian staff can remain working until 65 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16814/23]

*964. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will confirm when a corrected letter stating the correct date of birth for a person (details supplied) will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [16819/23]

*965. To ask the Minister for Justice the closing date for accepting tender offers for the provision of new helicopters and aircrafts for the Garda air support unit. — Catherine Murphy. [16931/23]

*966. To ask the Minister for Justice when the last review of the financial thresholds for qualification for legal aid from the Legal Aid Board took place; his views on whether the current income threshold of €18,000 is outdated in view of inflation; and if he will sanction a review of the current system to examine the income and disposable asset thresholds and evaluate any alternative qualification metrics. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [16943/23]

*967. To ask the Minister for Justice if he and or predecessors have received interim and final reports of an inquiry in respect of a person (details supplied); the progress the inquiry has made to date; and the date on which it is expected to conclude. — Catherine Murphy. [16964/23]

*968. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of family reunification applications currently awaiting a decision by his Department; the number of applications received, approved and rejected each month over the previous twelve months; the average processing time for a decision on such applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [16985/23]

*969. To ask the Minister for Justice when a work visa application by a person (details supplied) will be granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [17189/23]

*970. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will outline the most recent legislation and regulations governing the private security industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [17195/23]

*971. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of private security companies which have registered with the Private Security Authority; the total number of personnel registered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [17198/23]

*972. To ask the Minister for Justice when he will make a decision on a position (details supplied) considering that the recruitment process has been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [17235/23]

*973. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications for Garda vetting that were received from January 2022 to date by the National Garda Vetting bureau; the average length of time it took to process an individual application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [17246/23]

*974. To ask the Minister for Justice his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [17249/23]

*975. To ask the Minister for Justice his views on an immigration matter (details supplied). — Michael Collins. [17269/23]

*976. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of members of An Garda Síochána who were redeployed or retired from the Clare Garda division during 2021 and 2022; the number of members of An Garda Síochána that were assigned to the Clare Garda division for duty during both years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [17275/23]

*977. To ask the Minister for Justice if his Department has a current estimate of the wealth of the IRA terrorist organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [17277/23]

*978. To ask the Minister for Justice the circumstances under which a person under 18 years of age born in Ireland to non-Irish, EU citizen parents can become an Irish Citizen; whether he intends extending this right to all such persons who have lived in the State for four of the last five years, irrespective of where the parents lived in Ireland for 36 months of the 48 months before the persons birth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17298/23]

*979. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline the situation in relation to retired prison officers and the situation regarding abatement of pension if they take up subsequent employment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [17311/23]

*980. To ask the Minister for Justice if he is aware of the growing use of fast gas as a drug within communities; and whether her Department and the gardaí have a strategy to address it. — Richard Bruton. [17333/23]

*981. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will confirm whether he or his Department have engaged with Frontex or Europol regarding the operational data collected by Frontex which has identified numerous non-governmental organisations as part of its anti-smuggling operation with Europol; if he is aware of any NGO identified by Frontex or Europol that is funded by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [17345/23]

*982. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application by a person (details supplied) for citizenship, which is pending since 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17348/23]

*983. To ask the Minister for Justice if he is aware that many Bolivian citizens travelling to Ireland to commence English language studies are being denied boarding their flight to Dublin, with airlines reporting that they are acting on instructions from the Irish immigration authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [17349/23]

*984. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will review the refusal of an application for citizenship in the name of a person (details supplied); if they are now excluded from future applications from citizenship, given the reason for refusal; the extent to which their record will prevent a successful application for citizenship in future years, given the efforts made in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17393/23]

*985. To ask the Minister for Justice if leave to remain will be considered in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17395/23]

*986. To ask the Minister for Justice what rules govern the retention of drone footage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [17414/23]

*987. To ask the Minister for Justice the legal status of nitrous oxide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [17415/23]

*988. To ask the Minister for Justice what plans she has on the regulation and control of nitrous oxide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [17416/23]

*989. To ask the Minister for Justice in relation to section 15 of the Social Welfare and Pensions Act 2014, which allows for gardaí to be seconded as social welfare inspectors, and 1D which allows them to swap and become gardaí again if necessary; if he will advise if there are guidelines on how to regulate when and how they can swap between these two positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [17427/23]

*990. To ask the Minister for Justice when an application (details supplied) made under the Regularisation of Long-Term Undocumented Migrants Scheme will be decided on. — Claire Kerrane. [17441/23]

*991. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications received under the Regularisation of Long-Term Undocumented Migrants Scheme; the number processed; and the expected completion date for applications received. — Claire Kerrane. [17442/23]

*992. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps he is taking in response to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice Report on an Examination of the Present Approach to Sanctions for Possession of Certain Amounts of Drugs for Personal Use's recommendation that "steps are taken to introduce a regulatory model for certain drugs". — Holly Cairns. [17507/23]

*993. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps he is taking in response to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice Report on Women's Shelters and Domestic Abuse Refugees' recommendation that "the infrastructure of refuges in Ireland be evaluated and that funding be provided to upgrade refuges in accordance with the standards of the Istanbul Convention. It should be ensured that newly built refuges are all built to comply with these standards". — Holly Cairns. [17508/23]

*994. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of serving gardaí who have had complaints against them, upheld and not upheld, in the past ten years, by the number of complaints, in bands of five, in tabular form. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [17513/23]

*995. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are any plans to meet with regional game councils as part of the public consultation process following the Firearms Committee Report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17568/23]

*996. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of applications, and the number of successful and unsuccessful applications made under Section 56 of the International Protection Act 2015, in 2022 and to date in 2023. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17587/23]

*997. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress which has been made following the roll-out of Operation Citizen; and if there are plans to expand the project. — Ivana Bacik. [17619/23]

*998. To ask the Minister for Justice if he is aware that gardaí are informing victims of racist abuse and attacks that An Garda Síochána cannot deal with such crime because of the lack of hate-speech laws in the State; if he can clarify that the Garda is aware and trained in current legislation when dealing with attacks on people that are compounded by racist motivation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [17675/23]

*999. To ask the Minister for Justice the additional resources that will be made available to the Probation Service and other relevant organisations in order to guarantee that the transfer of sentenced people on temporary release runs smoothly and without delays; the reason a person (details supplied) who is approved and waiting on immediate temporary release cannot obtain

an appointment with the Probation Service until June 2023, therefore delaying their temporary release by seven weeks; if he agrees that such delays are having a negative impact on the prison system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [17677/23]

*1000. To ask the Minister for Justice the amounts in grant aid or funding awarded by his Department, or through schemes administered by it, to an organisation (details supplied) in each year from 2010 to 2022; and the projected funding for 2023. — John Paul Phelan. [17696/23]

*1001. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 329 of 8 February 2023, if he will issue clear instructions to INIS and relevant immigration officials that the special visa immigration arrangements for non-EEA international contracted circus artists without the requirement of a work permit remain in place pending the conclusion of the review and his commitment to consult with the traditional circus sector and the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment; if he will indicate how these instructions have been communicated to immigration officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [17720/23]

*1002. To ask the Minister for Justice the mental health and well-being supports that are currently in place for members of GSOC; how long they are in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [17738/23]

*1003. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will outline the reforms in the Family Courts which have been initiated; and if he will report the progress to date. — Richard Bruton. [17752/23]

*1004. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons recruited to An Garda Síochána in each of the past five years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17766/23]

*1005. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who took early retirement in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17767/23]

*1006. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who have left the force in each of the past five years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17768/23]

*1007. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who have been assaulted while on duty in each of the past five years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17769/23]

*1008. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who have taken stress leave in each of the past five years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17770/23]

*1009. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of ongoing investigations into bullying within the gardaí. — Peadar Tóibín. [17771/23]

*1010. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Departmental staff currently on sick or stress leave; and the number who took stress or sick leave in each of the past five years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17783/23]

*1011. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of allegations of bullying made by departmental staff against departmental staff in each of the past five years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will detail what actions are being taken by his Department to investigate the allegations, or if they are being investigated. — Peadar Tóibín. [17801/23]

*1012. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Departmental staff dismissed in each of the past ten years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17819/23]

*1013. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a schedule of organisations his Department funds in the context of supporting persons seeking support with a gambling addiction. — Catherine Murphy. [17830/23]

*1014. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a schedule of bookmakers that have made submissions and or lobbied him and or his Department on the Gambling Regulation Bill 2022. — Catherine Murphy. [17832/23]

*1015. To ask the Minister for Justice if a report has been commissioned by his Department for victims of child sex abuse carried out by members of the Probation Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [17859/23]

*1016. To ask the Minister for Justice the way a person (details supplied) can expedite Irish citizenship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [17881/23]

*1017. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17938/23]

*1018. To ask the Minister for Justice if his Department will assist a person (details supplied) who is attempting to apply for citizenship but does not meet the 150 points needed on the 'scorecard' system for assessing their identification and residence history; if his Department can furnish guidelines of what extra information is required from a person to make up the deficit in points to enable the applicant to meet the necessary threshold of 150 scorecard points; if his Department will accept a sworn affidavit; if so, what is required in a sworn affidavit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [17986/23]

*1019. To ask the Minister for Justice to examine a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [18027/23]

*1020. To ask the Minister for Justice if all Garda members within roads policing units are fully trained in reading tachographs within HGV vehicles. — Catherine Murphy. [18048/23]

*1021. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new marked Garda vans that came into the fleet in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and the number of marked vans withdrawn from the fleet during the same period. — Catherine Murphy. [18049/23]

*1022. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of young people who have entered Garda diversion programmes from 2019 to date; where these programmes are in operation; if follow up data is collected on those leaving the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [18052/23]

*1023. To ask the Minister for Justice if he intends to update the laws on hearsay to match those of other jurisdictions to ensure that juries are allowed to hear of fears expressed by a person prior to their death and that these statements are not ruled as inadmissible due to rules on hearsay in trials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [18071/23]

*1024. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will amend the necessary regulations to ensure that someone convicted of murder or manslaughter does not benefit in any financial way from the estate of the victim of the crime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [18072/23]

*1025. To ask the Minister for Justice if airport police can be included within the emergency service workers who will be included within proposed legislation to increase the maximum sentence for assault on such emergency workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [18125/23]

*1026. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of pregnant women who were cared for in prison in 2022; the number of babies born to pregnant women in prison in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [18158/23]

*1027. To ask the Minister for Justice the average custodial sentence length for those committed to prison under sentence in 2022, broken down by gender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [18159/23]

*1028. To ask the Minister for Justice when the family of a person (details supplied) will be in a position to apply for citizenship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [18160/23]

*1029. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps being taken to tackle gangland crime in Ireland. — Jim O'Callaghan. [18168/23]

*1030. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of people charged with directing the activities of a criminal organisation, participating in or contributing to a criminal organisation, and committing an offence for a criminal organisation in 2022. — Jim O'Callaghan. [18169/23]

*1031. To ask the Minister for Justice the breakdown of the number of knives seized by An Garda Síochána in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, by county, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [18170/23]

*1032. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda cars and vans attached to the Mayo Garda division as of 12 April 2023; if he will provide the same figures as of 31 March 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [18209/23]

*1033. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding has been provided in 2023 to purchase additional larger horsebox trucks for the Garda mounted unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [18211/23]

*1034. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has spoken with the United States Secretary of Homeland Security to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [18212/23]

*1035. To ask the Minister for Justice the number and percentage of the Garda fleet within the Wicklow Garda division that are aged between 0-1, 2-4, 5-9 and over 9 years old, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [18213/23]

*1036. To ask the Minister for Justice if a new contract for the provision of extra Garda armed support unit vehicles will be put out to tender before the end of Quarter 2, 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [18214/23]

*1037. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of liquor licensing inspections carried out by gardaí in the R district within DMR on pubs, clubs and so on in the years 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; the frequency in which these liquor licensing inspections that are carried out within this district; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [18215/23]

*1038. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount spent on purchasing new weaponry for armed Garda personnel in the years of 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [18216/23]

*1039. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of full-time forensic accountants working in the Criminal Assets Bureau and Garda National Drugs and Organised Crime Bureau in the years of 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [18217/23]

*1040. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons arrested and charged with public order offences within Garda B and C districts of DMR on both 17 and 18 March 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [18218/23]

*1041. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardai by rank attached to each divisional crime scenes unit as of 12 April 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [18219/23]

*1042. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who were refused permission to land at Dublin airport by nationality in the first quarter of 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [18249/23]

*1043. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will review in its entirety the application under the regularisation of long-term undocumented migrants scheme by a person (details supplied). — Sorca Clarke. [18262/23]

*1044. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress in regard to the promised investigation into section 47 and similar reports currently used in family law courts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18316/23]

*1045. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which matters are ongoing to curtail drug trafficking affecting second level schools and colleges, and in many cases, primary schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18317/23]

*1046. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of accused persons currently on bail throughout the country; the number of such cases of repeat offending; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18318/23]

*1047. To ask the Minister for Justice the number, if any, of crimes committed in each of past years to date by persons on bail for previous offences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18319/23]

*1048. To ask the Minister for Justice the efforts currently being made to discourage young people from becoming involved in a life of crime, including drug peddling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18320/23]

*1049. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of positions to be filled on the benches of District, Circuit and High Court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18321/23]

*1050. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons deemed to be members of criminal gangs currently serving time in prison; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18322/23]

*1051. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which the prisons throughout the country are effectively sealed off from the point of view of drug distribution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18323/23]

*1052. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prisoners who have become absent from prison without leave before the end of their prison sentence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18324/23]

*1053. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which state of the art technology is currently available or being made available to An Garda Síochána to assist in the detection and prosecution of all forms of crime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18325/23]

*1054. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons deemed to be missing persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18326/23]

*1055. To ask the Minister for Justice total number of gardaí available throughout the country on a full-time basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18327/23]

*1056. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which hate speech, hate crime and racism continue to be addressed in all areas throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18328/23]

*1057. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prosecutions taken or pending against persons deemed to have made hate speeches or communications. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18330/23]

*1058. To ask the Minister for Justice what engagement he has had with the Private Security Authority in relation to the need to include the sheriff in the carrying out of evictions, and the provisions of the Eviction Act 1848 in their newly issued guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [18336/23]

*1059. To ask the Minister for Justice if there is a process through which a person who is living in Ireland on a specific permission (details supplied) and who is a survivor of domestic violence can regularise their status; and if so, if he will outline this process. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16057/23]

*1060. To ask the Minister for Justice if documentation including declaration and police record have been received in respect of the ongoing application for citizenship in the case of a

person (details supplied), who sent in the required information approximately three months ago but received no acknowledgement; when the application will be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16095/23]

*1061. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 287 of 14 February 2013 and 110 of 29 January 2015, and the reply thereto in the matter of sexual assault/abuse committed against a person (details supplied), if the matter can be urgently investigated, with a view to the determination of progress in the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16344/23]

*1062. To ask the Minister for Justice if the international protection office schedules interviews for applicants on weekends. — Pa Daly. [16350/23]

*1063. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are policies in place in relation to the questioning of underage victims or witnesses to crime by gardaí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [16358/23]

*1064. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will ensure that an original passport is returned to a person (details supplied) who submitted it as part of a visa application in respect of their father and which they now require urgently in order to travel for medical treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [16364/23]

*1065. To ask the Minister for Justice how many decisions to grant citizenship were made in 2017 to 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [16369/23]

*1066. To ask the Minister for Justice if a British passport holder, who is applying for naturalisation on the basis of marriage to an Irish national must supply their original passport when making the application for naturalisation or if certified copies of the original will suffice if the passport must be provided; if there is an approximate timeframe for when the passport will be returned to the applicant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [16379/23]

*1067. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16433/23]

*1068. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the status of the Hammond Lane Family Courts Complex site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Josepha Madigan. [16434/23]

*1069. To ask the Minister for Justice the current and or expected residency status of a person (details supplied) who recently applied to the undocumented scheme; when a decision is likely to issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16459/23]

*1070. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16529/23]

*1071. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of staff within his Department who are based and working with the European Union in Brussels; their present roles and responsibilities; the posts and responsibilities presently vacant; the corresponding figures on 23 June 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16564/23]

*1072. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of whole-time and part-time prison chaplains working in each prison, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [16578/23]

*1073. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of vacant chaplain posts in each prison, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [16579/23]

*1074. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the promised review of the civil legal aid scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [16655/23]

*1075. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank attached to the Garda National Economic Crime Bureau as of 20 March 2023. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16680/23]

*1076. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has plans to increase the penalties that apply to carriages for breaches of the Immigration Act (Carrier Liability) Regulations 2003; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16681/23]

*1077. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has any plans to put the Irish Prison Service on a statutory basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16720/23]

*1078. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will amend the Multi-Unit Developments Act 2011 to ensure that owners are limited to one vote regardless of the number of units they own to ensure individuals have an equal say to large corporate landlords who may own multiple units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16740/23]

*1079. To ask the Minister for Justice if a replacement for the Immigrant Investor Programme is currently being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [16779/23]

*1080. To ask the Minister for Justice the options available to a prospective VISA applicant, applying following family reunification application approval, who is unable to provide their passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16782/23]

*1081. To ask the Minister for Justice if a family that plans to travel to Ireland, following approval of their family reunification application, could travel to another country discreetly beforehand, for fear of persecution in their home country if they travelled directly to Ireland, and from there be issued their VISA's in a short timeframe in order to travel to Ireland and reunite with their family; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16783/23]

*1082. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of members of An Garda Síochána by rank who have sought an extension of their mandatory retirement age under Regulation 6 of SI 335/1951 (as amended) for 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16813/23]

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

*1083. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department is considering purchasing woodlands (details supplied) in County Carlow to preserve them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [18187/23]

*1084. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to have sufficient resources in terms of fully trained personnel to process licences and approvals to achieve Government policy on forestry and to fully implement all proposals in the next forestry programme in a timely fashion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [16343/23]

*1085. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the organic capital investment scheme provides grants for mulchers attached to tractors and self-propelled mulchers towed by quads; if so, the level of grant payment available; if there are any particular terms and conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [16623/23]

*1086. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the entitlements linked to the herd number of a person (details supplied) will be reinstated, given they did not lease or sell stock during their time of illness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16815/23]

*1087. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason his Department is not currently processing form 1As regarding forestry applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16950/23]

*1088. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he received advice from the European Commission as to whether to accept and process either form 1As or financial approval in relation to afforestation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16951/23]

*1089. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he believes the incentives proposed in the next forestry programme are sufficient to compete with other land uses in order to achieve Programme for Government planting targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16952/23]

*1090. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if IT systems within the forestry division are currently capable of processing licensing applications in relation to the new forestry programme; if not, if any works are currently being undertaken to ensure that they are made ready; the status of any such works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16953/23]

*1091. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will take the time to review correspondence from (details supplied) and request a derogation from legalisation that will forbid production of creosote fencing products from April 2023 because the market for timber fencing has not yet caught up with regulations, such a derogation would prevent a severe shortage of high-quality timber fencing products in the country and reduce the need to import product from outside of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16956/23]

*1092. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a farm payment appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16961/23]

*1093. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a dead greyhound being eaten by wildlife was found at a registered greyhound premises in Kilkenny in mid-March 2023; the reason four of the remaining dogs who were seized at this premises were accepted for racing

and trialling at the SIS race meeting at Kilkenny greyhound track within the previous eight days; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [16974/23]

*1094. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the compensation payments will be paid to landowners whose lands were damaged during the Shass mountain landside in Drumkeerin. — Marian Harkin. [16993/23]

*1095. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions his Department is taking to control the spread in the marine environment of the deadly contagious bacterial disease Salmonid Rickettsial Septicaemia (SRS) that has reappeared in Irish organic salmon farms in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16995/23]

*1096. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the scientific evidence to support the assertion in the Connacht Tribune on 24 March 2023 by the Marine Institute that Salmonid Rickettsial Septicaemia (SRS) “poses no risk to human health”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16996/23]

*1097. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to a statement by the multinational salmon farm company Mowi in its 2022 fourth quarter (Irish section) Stock Market Report that “Earnings were significantly impacted by issues with SRS, as in Scotland, following a record-warm summer” and “Harvest volume was 720 tonnes gutted weight, down from 1568 tonnes in the fourth quarter of 2021 due to the biological issues”, to supply a list of all Mowi and other farms in Ireland that were infected with Salmonid Rickettsial Septicaemia (SRS) in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16997/23]

*1098. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if investment will be given to Kenmare Pier, County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17025/23]

*1099. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of coursing clubs that were active in the 2022-2023 season. — Gary Gannon. [17152/23]

*1100. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if any welfare studies have been conducted by his Department or Veterinary Ireland on the physical and mental trauma hares suffer as a result of coursing. — Gary Gannon. [17155/23]

*1101. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if any welfare studies have been conducted by his Department or Veterinary Ireland on the physical and mental trauma hares suffer as a result of coursing; and if not, the reasoning for allowing wild animals to be captured, traumatised, injured, and killed for the sake of entertainment and gambling. — Gary Gannon. [17156/23]

*1102. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the implications of a court case in a European jurisdiction (details supplied) on the allocation of the bluefin tuna quota by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17207/23]

*1103. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide his response to the conclusions of a report (details supplied) concerning the economic impact of the Irish small-scale fleet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17208/23]

*1104. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he has taken in response to the call in the European Parliament resolution of 7 June 2022 on the implementation of Article 17 of the Common Fisheries Policy Regulation (2021/2168(INI)) for ‘Member States to design allocation systems so as to guarantee simplicity, avoid burdensome bureaucratic processes and, ultimately, allow operators and stakeholders to monitor the allocation criteria and process’; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17209/23]

*1105. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he has taken in response to Recommendation 2.5.2.1 in the Report of the Seafood Task Force concerning Inshore Short-term Support, including the amount of funding for this scheme sought under the de minimis provision as per Commission Regulation (EU) No 717/2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17210/23]

*1106. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he has taken in response to Recommendation 2.5.3.1. in the Report of the Seafood Task Force concerning an Inshore Marketing Initiative, including the amount spent to date on the provision of marketing and promotional support to the inshore fisheries sector of the €2.5 million recommended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17211/23]

*1107. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he has taken in response to Recommendation 2.5.4.1. in the Report of the Seafood Task Force concerning an Inshore Processing Support, including the amount spent to date on the provision to shellfish processing enterprises to support the development of the inshore sector and protect employment within coastal communities of the €10 million recommended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17212/23]

*1108. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he has taken in response to Recommendation 2.6.4.1. in the Report of the Seafood Task Force concerning Public Marine Infrastructure, including the amount spent to date on the development of publicly owned marine infrastructure of the €80 million recommended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17213/23]

*1109. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of funding provided by his Department to address the viability of a greyhound stadium (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17214/23]

*1110. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the work being carried out in relation to concerns expressed by this Deputy in private members business on inshore fishermen (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17240/23]

*1111. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason that scabyivax is no longer available to treat the disease ORF in sheep (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17258/23]

*1112. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to ensure that there is sufficient firewood for domestic consumption in the country. — Holly Cairns. [17260/23]

*1113. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the level of engagement with forestry and farmer groups regarding the reconstitution and underplanting

scheme (Ash dieback) since the introduction of the scheme in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [17279/23]

*1114. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he would consider the fast-track processing of all licence applications under the reconstitution and underplanting scheme (Ash dieback); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [17280/23]

*1115. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara cén uair atá i gceist síneadh a lorg ar an gcead pleanála d'fhorbairt na céibhe domhainmhara i Ros an Mhíl; an dáta a éagfaidh an cead pleanála reatha gan síneadh a fháil air; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17282/23]

*1116. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a farmer who recently took up suckling would be eligible for payment under the SCEP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [17303/23]

*1117. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will detail the incident levels of TB in the dairy/cattle herd for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [17304/23]

*1118. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the vaccination figures of badgers for 2022, and the first quarter of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [17305/23]

*1119. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the breeders' grant which is typically provided by his Department, on an annual basis, to (details supplied) will issue this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [17306/23]

*1120. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when compensation payments will be made with regard to the 2020 Shass Mountain landslide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [17313/23]

*1121. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine regarding the difference in testing figures published by IHRB and the figures published by the State, if he will explain this contrast; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [17365/23]

*1122. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide information from the Rásaíocht Con Éireann Traceability System on the number of non-coursing dogs entered on the RCETS for each of the years 2021 and 2022; the breakdown of the 35,701 greyhounds entered on RCETS by year of birth, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17366/23]

*1123. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide information from the Rásaíocht Con Éireann Traceability System on how many of the non-coursing greyhound pups born in 2020 were registered on the RCETS in 2021; how many of the non-coursing greyhound pups born in 2021 were registered on RCETS in 2021; how many of the non-coursing greyhound pups born in 2021 were entered on RCETS in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17367/23]

*1124. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide information from the Rásaíocht Con Éireann Traceability System on the number of non-coursing greyhounds

born in each of the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 who were raced in Ireland; the number of non-coursing greyhounds born in the years 2017 to 2021, inclusive, listed under the category 'export international' and the country of destination, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17368/23]

*1125. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide information from the Rásaíocht Con Éireann Traceability System on the number of non-coursing greyhound pups who were born in 2019, 2020 and 2021 who were registered on RCETS but did not race, and a breakdown of what happened to these dogs; the breakdown of the cause of death in the case of the 1,867 dogs listed as dead in 2022; the breakdown of the status (reason for inactivity) of the 8,314 dogs listed as inactive on the RCETS for the years 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17369/23]

*1126. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide his response to the draft report on co-management of fisheries in the EU and the contribution of the fisheries sector for the implementation of management measures (details supplied), with particular reference to main obstacles to co-management in the Union and possible solutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17370/23]

*1127. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine Rásaíocht Con Éireann's total expenditure on Youghal Greyhound Stadium for each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, broken down into operational expenditure and capital expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [17419/23]

*1128. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the terms and duration of the temporary contract agreed between Rásaíocht Con Éireann and the operators of Youghal Greyhound Stadium effective from 1 April 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [17420/23]

*1129. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the nature of any financial commitments made by Rásaíocht Con Éireann to the continued operation of Youghal Greyhound Stadium, including any capital expenditure after 1 April 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [17421/23]

*1130. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an issue (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [17425/23]

*1131. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine by how much the Norwegian blue whiting quota in Irish waters exceeds Ireland's quota; and when this decision was made. — Peadar Tóibín. [17430/23]

*1132. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how the blue whiting quota is distributed among the Irish fleet; and if he will explain the rationale behind this distribution. — Peadar Tóibín. [17431/23]

*1133. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of vessels with authorisations to fish in Irish waters for the 2023 season. — Peadar Tóibín. [17432/23]

*1134. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the rationale for the allocation of 9% of the blue whiting quota to the polyvalent feet in comparison to the 91% allocated to the 23 Refrigerated Seawater vessels. — Peadar Tóibín. [17433/23]

*1135. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide his response to the issue of only four afforestation licences in March 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17495/23]

*1136. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to meet with an organisation (details supplied) concerning issues in the forestry licencing system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17496/23]

*1137. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the expenditure by a State organisation (details supplied) on professional indemnity insurance; if he can provide details of the number of claims made by clients against this indemnity insurance; the number of settlements reached in advance of formal claims by the organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [17586/23]

*1138. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current situation regarding a 2022 BPS payment (details supplied); and if his Department can issue payment on two outstanding entitlements with regard to this claim. — Michael Creed. [17592/23]

*1139. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will investigate the reason his Department is stating that an application has not been received in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Mayo, in view of the fact the application was submitted on time, and that the agricultural advisor has proof that the plan aspect of the application was submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [17622/23]

*1140. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 739 of 21 February 2023, what are the requirements and what approval is necessary to transfer a Irish Land Commission Trust (details supplied) to the community to develop a multi-purpose community facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17673/23]

*1141. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update in relation to the Control of Dogs Act 1986 working group; if he will provide details of the number of additional dog wardens to be recruited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [17705/23]

*1142. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the response of his Department to the submission on Herring 6A South Quota to them by Donegal County Council Fisheries Committee; and if he will consider implementing the recommendations that they have made. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [17714/23]

*1143. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of Departmental staff currently on sick or stress leave; and the number who took stress or sick leave in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17772/23]

*1144. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of allegations of bullying made by departmental staff against departmental staff in each of the past five years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will detail what actions are being taken by his Department to investigate the allegations, or if they are being investigated. — Peadar Tóibín. [17790/23]

*1145. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of Departmental staff dismissed in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17808/23]

*1146. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of funding his Department has provided the horseracing industry with in 2022 and to date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [17831/23]

*1147. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will examine a series of matters (details supplied) in relation to BVD reactors in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17844/23]

*1148. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions being taken in seeking a resolution to allow the importing of a vaccine (details supplied) which cannot be bought in Ireland but is readily available in the UK and due to Brexit it is no longer available in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [17849/23]

*1149. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [17855/23]

*1150. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline his response to the correspondence that he has received from two organisations (details supplied) seeking a review of the national hook and line mackerel policy and a substantial increase in mackerel quota to be allocated to the inshore fishing fleet. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [17933/23]

*1151. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the measures under Budget 2023 to address the group of farmers known as “forgotten farmers” will be implemented; if the farmers affected were consulted in the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [18030/23]

*1152. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on Coillte’s examination of how better to work closely with farmers and to acquire land directly. — Ivana Bacik. [18087/23]

*1153. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will make a statement on recommendation No. 120 of the Report of the Citizens’ Assembly on Biodiversity Loss; his plans to give effect to the recommendation; and if he has made representations to Coillte in respect of the sale of forestry land to investment funds. — Ivana Bacik. [18088/23]

*1154. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will make a statement on recommendation No. 122 of the Report of the Citizens’ Assembly on Biodiversity Loss; and his plans to give effect to the recommendation. — Ivana Bacik. [18089/23]

*1155. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason Coillte (details supplied) relinquished its leasehold interest to lands at Bellamont forest Cootehill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [18122/23]

*1156. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps his Department is taking doing to support the Irish sheep sector. — Jim O’Callaghan. [18161/23]

*1157. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the fishing sector, how the Brexit Adjustment Reserve is being delivered; the amount that has been allocated to each sector of the fleet; if there will be further allocations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [18246/23]

*1158. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will detail the actual expenditure by the Forest Service of his Department from 1 January 2023 to date; if he will detail the corresponding expenditure by the Forest Service of his Department for each of the years of the forestry programme 2014 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [16342/23]

*1159. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to clarify what percentage of all timber cut in Ireland is being exported for the production of biomass; if he will advise what countries it is exported to for this purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [16492/23]

*1160. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of designated land that there is an entitlement attached to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16545/23]

*1161. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of designated land that is afforested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16546/23]

*1162. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current status of the application to secure EU PGI status for Irish beef; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16551/23]

*1163. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the consideration given to an application to secure EU PGI status for Irish lamb; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16552/23]

*1164. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of staff within his Department who are based and working with the European Union in Brussels; their present roles and responsibilities; the posts and responsibilities presently vacant; the corresponding figures on 23 June 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16553/23]

*1165. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider introducing a specific scheme (details supplied) in view of the benefits for climate and biodiversity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [16571/23]

*1166. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to ensure that Ireland does not default to a maximum limit of 220 kgN/ha under the mid-term review of the nitrates action programme with the European Commission, something that could have disastrous consequences for farmers; and how the mid-term review's data will be affected by the lack of time that measures introduced in 2022 and 2023 have had to improve water quality. — Robert Troy. [16594/23]

*1167. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the food related international trade missions that will take place for the remainder of 2023 by location, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16693/23]

*1168. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the banning of creosote from April 2022; if derogation has been or is available to individuals and businesses who require it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [16732/23]

*1169. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the latest figures available for dormancy of commonages, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [16747/23]

*1170. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the delay in paying farmers under the hen harrier scheme; and if he will arrange to pay a farmer (details supplied) under the scheme. — Michael Creed. [16748/23]

*1171. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is an update on the review of the prescribed burning code of practice. — Paul Kehoe. [16759/23]

*1172. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if funding will be approved for the remarking of (details supplied); and the last time funding was allocated for this project. — Catherine Murphy. [16921/23]

*1173. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he last met with the CEO of Bord Bia; and when he will next meet the CEO. — Catherine Murphy. [16922/23]

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

*1174. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason a person (details supplied) is not getting the full home support care; the reason carers are not calling when scheduled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16064/23]

*1175. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline his plans for the development of respite services in each LHO of CHO4 for persons with disabilities and their families, including the increase in staffing levels, the facilities that are planned or where works are underway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [16068/23]

*1176. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the respite services in each LHO of CHO4 for persons with disabilities and their families; the number of respite facilities available; the capacity of each facility to care for individuals who need one-to-one care; the number of people who have used these facilities annually in 2021 and 2022, inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [16069/23]

*1177. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware that the State forensic investigators are to acquire advanced new technology to allow them to identify relatives of children buried at Tuam Mother and Baby Home; and if he will allow relatives as distant as half nieces and nephews and cousins to be matched to remains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [16071/23]

*1178. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a timeline for the roadmap being developed to support all stakeholders to progress the

next phase of implementation of PDS model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16098/23]

*1179. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth considering that the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) (Amendment) Act 2022 is now enacted and the Decision Support Service is to become operational on 26 April 2023, the timeframe for the ratification of the Optional Protocol of the UNCRPD; if there are any further issues that are holding up ratification of the Optional Protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [16330/23]

*1180. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth given the recent success in reducing creche fees, when a similar initiative will be available for childminders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16336/23]

*1181. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the report of the public consultation of the Tusla Early Years Inspectorate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16337/23]

*1182. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the drafting of the Child Care (Amendment) Bill 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16338/23]

*1183. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when legislation for flexible work will be brought before the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16354/23]

*1184. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on a residential care application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16367/23]

*1185. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of speech and language therapist posts that are currently within children disability network teams in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [16447/23]

*1186. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if transport, such as taxis, will be provided for service users attending specialist community-based disability services when no other public transport is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [16467/23]

*1187. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will set the inspection protocols and procedures he has in respect of a centre (details supplied); if his officials will inspect the centre in conjunction with his contracted inspector; if he took cognisance of standards and or criteria as set out in the EU (recast) Reception Conditions Directive; and if he will provide a schedule indicating the additional GP service providers and school places he has secured to service the needs of persons. — Catherine Murphy. [16495/23]

*1188. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a property (details supplied) in County Clare is being acquired by International Protection Accommodation Services to accommodate refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [16499/23]

*1189. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to previous representations and correspondence to him, if he will outline the care and supports put in place by the disability services for a person (details supplied) for the period 2021 to date; if he will confirm the services provided by an organisation (details supplied) for this person from the date of commencement of their contract to date and the value of the contract for each year; the date on which the last meeting took place between the HSE and their parent; if there was regular engagement with the parent prior to and since that date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [16501/23]

*1190. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to ensure pay parity for employees of Section 39 organisations providing disability services with comparable workers in the HSE. — Holly Cairns. [16507/23]

*1191. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline his engagement with the Minister for Transport concerning the operation of the 236A bus route required for young people in Beara, County Cork, to access day services in Bantry, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [16508/23]

*1192. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on providing temporary funding assistance to the families of children on waiting lists for children's disability network teams to get an assessment of need through a regulated and registered private provider. — Holly Cairns. [16509/23]

*1193. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of staff within his Department who are based and working with the European Union in Brussels; their present roles and responsibilities; the posts and responsibilities presently vacant; the corresponding figures on 23 June 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16554/23]

*1194. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment with the National Children Disability Services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [16613/23]

*1195. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason for the delay in assessing a child (details supplied) in County Donegal for speech and language therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16651/23]

*1196. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is considering introducing specific leave for women who have suffered a miscarriage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [16654/23]

*1197. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what appeals process is open to a patient when their symptoms are attributed solely to a diagnosis of ASD, to the automatic exclusion of consideration of other causes of illness or disease with similar symptoms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [16666/23]

*1198. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the key services and supports available to children with learning disabilities such as autism in counties Sligo and Leitrim or CHO1 once diagnosis takes place; the wait list numbers and wait list times for children to see OTs and SLTs publicly; the number of WTE posts for OTs and SLTs in the

same region; the number of posts open; the steps the HSE is taking in terms of recruitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [16669/23]

*1199. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number and location of each accommodation property for beneficiaries of temporary protection from Ukraine; the occupancy and contracted capacity of each centre and location in each of the approved accommodation categories (details supplied), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16671/23]

*1200. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans to increase the direct provision allowance as welfare allowances have been increased several times while the direct provision allowance of €38.80 per week remains unchanged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [16699/23]

*1201. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if someone in receipt of a blind welfare allowance from the HSE will continue to receive this allowance when their blind pension from the Department of Social Protection switches over to the State pension. — Robert Troy. [16711/23]

*1202. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of young people within Oberstown Children Detention Campus that were offered temporary release for each Christmas from 2020 to 2022; the number of young people who accepted temporary release; the number of young people that turned this down over this period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [16716/23]

*1203. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a service provider (details supplied) will be paid. — Niall Collins. [16805/23]

*1204. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a service provider (details supplied) will be paid. — Niall Collins. [16806/23]

*1205. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will increase the ECCE capitation to address the operational costs of pre-schools (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [16829/23]

*1206. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 472 of 7 March 2023, if an informal offer or discussions have taken place in relation to the use of the property (details supplied) to provide accommodation for migrants, asylum seekers or refugees from any country outside of the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [16861/23]

*1207. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 536 of 28 March 2023, the date on which payments were made available to international protection applicants at a location (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [16883/23]

*1208. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a childcare facility (details supplied) can urgently be considered for DEIS status. — Robert Troy. [16887/23]

*1209. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware that an organisation (details supplied) proposed actions in relation to the well-being of people seeking asylum, most of which are based on the Government commissioned Catherine Day Advisory Group; if he will work with his ministerial colleagues to action these recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [16945/23]

*1210. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update in the case of therapy sessions for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [17175/23]

*1211. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the Disability Capacity Review Action Plan; when the action plan will be published; the reason for the delay in the publication of the action plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [17245/23]

*1212. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount of funding provided by the HSE to the National Multiple Sclerosis Care Centre in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [18041/23]

*1213. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many young adults with an intellectual disability on the northside of Dublin are on the waitlist for day services. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [18155/23]

*1214. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of unfilled posts in the disability services area; the proportion of those posts that are full time permanent contracts; and what proportion that are fixed term or temporary contracts. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [18162/23]

*1215. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a facility (details supplied) is fully operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [18164/23]

*1216. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the staffing levels for the children's disability network teams in Roscommon and Galway. — Claire Kerrane. [18167/23]

*1217. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when an organisation (details supplied) can expect to receive agreed funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [18232/23]

*1218. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he might make further comment on the subject matter of the issue raised by this Deputy by way of topical issue on 30 March 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18315/23]

*1219. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if staff shortages in section 38 and 39 organisations running CDNTs is similar to the staff shortages in the HSE-ran CDNTs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16099/23]

*1220. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he outline the progress relative to the pay parity issue for section 39 staff employed in the disability sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [16371/23]

*1221. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of unfilled positions for speech and language therapists in each of the community disability network teams in Cork, broken down by area. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [16520/23]

*1222. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of unfilled positions for occupational therapists in each of the community disability network teams in Cork, broken down by area. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [16521/23]

*1223. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of unfilled positions for physiotherapists in each of the community disability network teams in Cork, broken down by area. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [16522/23]

*1224. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of unfilled positions for psychologists in each of the community disability network teams in Cork, broken down by area. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [16523/23]

*1225. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when an occupational therapist will be recruited to deal with a waitlist of children awaiting therapy (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [16663/23]

*1226. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if full time residential care can be provided for a person in County Donegal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [16718/23]

*1227. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a property (details supplied) in County Clare is being acquired by the International Protection Accommodation Service accommodate refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [16808/23]

*1228. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware that the two senior psychologists working in CHO5 children's disability network team, Clonmel, have both issued notice of their intent to resign and will be vacating their posts in the coming weeks; the efforts his Department will take to guarantee that these senior psychologist positions are filled immediately in order that the senior psychologist vacancies do not impact on the CHO5 CDNT waiting lists/times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16869/23]

*1229. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the basis for calculating the daily expense allowance under the supplementary welfare allowance scheme for international protection applicants who are homeless; and his views on the adequacy of the payment given that it is a supplementary payment intended to give financial support when other basic needs are met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16882/23]

*1230. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has heard reports of international protection applicants being denied the social welfare payments to which they are entitled. — Ivana Bacik. [16884/23]

*1231. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 536 of 28 March 2023, his plans to communicate to international protection applicants who are not in IPAS accommodation their entitlement to an additional needs payment under the supplementary welfare allowance scheme. — Ivana Bacik. [16885/23]

*1232. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has engaged with stakeholders in the childcare sector regarding unintended consequences of the new NCS funding model; his views on the perceived lack of flexibility with this scheme in terms of part-time childcare; and his plans to review the administration of this scheme. — Robert Troy. [17017/23]

*1233. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the fact that under the new national childcare scheme, the capitation rate paid to services with level 8 graduates is far reduced from previous years; and if he has plans to review this situation in order to encourage the highest level of training possible within childcare settings. — Robert Troy. [17019/23]

*1234. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of dietitian posts allocated to the 2 CDNTs in South Tipperary; the numbers of those posts vacant; if there are any plans to fill those vacancies with agency staff until the posts have been filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [17028/23]

*1235. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of dietitian posts allocated to the 12 CDNTs covering the southeast; how many of those are vacant as of 31 March 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [17029/23]

*1236. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans to increase the rate of the after-school childcare scheme given the ongoing cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [17070/23]

*1237. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if financial supports could be put in place to reopen a facility (details supplied) for the continued integration of refugees at a location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [17124/23]

*1238. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the average staff turnover rate in early learning and care services, broken down by service type (details supplied) and within each service type, by the size of providers, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [17202/23]

*1239. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking in response to the finding in the National Report of Children’s Disability Networks Team Staff Census and Workforce Review for 2022 that there are 707.32 vacancies across the 91 CDNTs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17216/23]

*1240. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking in response to the finding in the National Report of Children’s Disability Networks Team Staff Census and Workforce Review for 2022 that the total therapy hours provided decreased by 6% in 2022 compared to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17217/23]

*1241. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a property (details supplied) is to be used for emergency accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [17236/23]

*1242. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will ensure that the national childcare scheme payments for afterschool clubs are accessible by children who require less than five days’ care; if he will ensure that children who use these services three days a week will not be penalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17261/23]

*1243. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what additional staffing resources have been provided during 2022 and to date in 2023 to the Clare children’s disability network team for the purpose of reducing waiting lists in County Clare; if he will confirm what additional measures have and will be taken to further improve service delivery in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [17274/23]

*1244. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will engage with the HSE to investigate whether providing group speech and language therapy while children await therapy sessions would be possible to ensure that more children get access to speech and language therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [17318/23]

*1245. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has considered allowing children to access therapies in a neighbouring CHO, if that CHO has capacity to offer additional services and their own CHO does not; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [17319/23]

*1246. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he sought and received planning advice in respect of a building to accommodate persons seeking international protection (details supplied); if his attention or that of his officials has been drawn to the fact that Kildare County Council has determined that the building is a protected structure; if his attention or that of his officials has been further drawn to the fact that a letter regarding non-compliance with planning has issued in respect of the building’s current use; if his attention or that of his officials was drawn to ongoing issues with the sewage and wastewater system; if he will confirm whether there is a common area provided for those now accommodated; if he will provide the date on which the contract for its use was activated in respect of the building and the duration of same; if he will provide the detail of who is party to the contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [17323/23]

*1247. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide additional funding to the MS care centre to provide an additional 1.128 bed-nights per year for people with multiple sclerosis in Ireland, to allow residents to learn more about their MS and find ways to self-manage their condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [17326/23]

*1248. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the parents of a person (details supplied) will receive a response/reply to their application for additional hours with Enable Ireland (currently in receipt of five hours per week); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O’Donovan. [17340/23]

*1249. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the progress made with implementing the white paper on ending direct provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17371/23]

*1250. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when IPAS will issue a payment to an accommodation provider (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17413/23]

*1251. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when overdue payments for accommodating Ukrainian refugees will issue to a hotelier (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17424/23]

*1252. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the progress his Department has made on ending direct provision and the establishing a new international protection support service; if he will share with this Deputy the findings of the review conducted by his Department of a white paper to end direct provision and to establish a new International Protection Support Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17443/23]

*1253. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vacant occupational therapy roles in each children's disability network team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17460/23]

*1254. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline the staffing to caseload ratios used to calculate the numbers, types, and scale of therapists and clinicians required for each CDNT; how regularly these ratios are reviewed; and what processes are in place to reconfigure services according to local needs. — Holly Cairns. [17504/23]

*1255. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 6 and 19 of 30 March 2023, if he will ensure that young adults with intellectual disabilities in the Cork area are eligible for a personal assistance service in order to travel safely to further education or training centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [17511/23]

*1256. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if applied behaviour analysis is in use in the health service for people with autism; and if so, how widespread the practice is. — Gino Kenny. [17515/23]

*1257. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the payment assistance that is available for relative foster carers; the criteria that they have to meet to avail of payments available to care for the children of their family; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17549/23]

*1258. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are plans to provide occupational therapy service for those with mild intellectual disability in County Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17559/23]

*1259. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of people in accommodation provided by the International Protection and Accommodation

Service including direct provision, pre-reception, temporary emergency and emergency centres, who have refugee status, subsidiary protection or permission to remain, alongside people who have not yet received their status; and a breakdown of their location by county. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17588/23]

*1260. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of caseworkers from organisations (details supplied) that are currently assisting people to move on from IPAS accommodation; and if he will provide a breakdown of services available, by centre, including pre-reception, temporary emergency and emergency centres. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17589/23]

*1261. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are specific targets for each county that have to be met (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [17615/23]

*1262. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vacant psychology roles in each children's disability network team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17624/23]

*1263. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vacant speech and language therapy roles in each children's disability network team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17626/23]

*1264. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vacant physiotherapy roles in each children's disability network team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17628/23]

*1265. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on the operation of the Birth Information and Tracing Act 2022; the number of entries made to the Contact Preferences Register; the number of tracing applications made; and the number of applications for records made. — Ivana Bacik. [17632/23]

*1266. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a hotel (details supplied) can expect to be paid for services it has provided to the State in terms of accommodating Ukrainian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [17650/23]

*1267. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will expand the rent-a-room scheme to allow households who have an available bedroom to rent it to asylum seekers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [17665/23]

*1268. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will pay the full basic supplementary welfare allowance to asylum seekers who are not in direct provision and give asylum-seeking children access to the child benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [17666/23]

*1269. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will increase the direct provision allowance, given that welfare allowances have been increased several times while the direct provision allowance of €38.80 per week remains unchanged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [17667/23]

*1270. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the average time it takes to advertise a post (details supplied) that has been left vacant in children's disability network teams, from the time that the staff member hands in their notice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17685/23]

*1271. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amounts in grant aid or funding awarded by his Department, or through schemes administered by it, to an organisation (details supplied) in each year from 2010 to 2022; and the projected funding for 2023. — John Paul Phelan. [17697/23]

*1272. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who is awaiting a diagnosis and follow-up therapies for ASD. — Paul McAuliffe. [17717/23]

*1273. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the way in which resources are allocated between different CHOs in terms of funding for transition to adult supports for autistic people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [17722/23]

*1274. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the application for sustainability funding of a pre-school facility (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [17736/23]

*1275. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on HSE funding for transitions to adult supports for autistic people; if he can provide more information on the way funding is allocated between different CHOs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17737/23]

*1276. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total value of capital expenditure allocated to play and recreation by local authority in each of the years between 2013 to 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [17742/23]

*1277. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason the capital grant scheme for play and recreation is limited to one application per local authority given local authorities cover very different population sizes across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [17743/23]

*1278. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Departmental staff currently on sick or stress leave; and the number who took stress or sick leave in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17773/23]

*1279. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of allegations of bullying made by departmental staff against departmental staff in each of the past five years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will detail what actions are being taken by his Department to investigate the allegations, or if they are being investigated. — Peadar Tóibín. [17791/23]

*1280. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Departmental staff dismissed in each of the past ten years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17809/23]

*1281. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can expedite payment to a service provider (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [17833/23]

*1282. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline in detail specific information (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [17841/23]

*1283. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a full response will issue to correspondence from this Deputy (details supplied) sent in March 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17853/23]

*1284. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost of providing 100,000, 200,000 and 500,000 additional personal assistance hours for people with disabilities respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17890/23]

*1285. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated capital cost of providing one, two and three additional respite centres for people with disabilities in each of the 9 CHOs respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17891/23]

*1286. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current cost, including staff and operating cost, of providing one, two and three additional respite centres for people with disabilities in each of the nine CHOs respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17892/23]

*1287. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current cost, including staff and operating cost, of providing 100, 250 and 400 additional intensive support packages for children with disabilities who have high/complex support needs, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17893/23]

*1288. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated capital cost of transferring 50, 100 and 200 people with disabilities, under the age of 65 years, out of a nursing home and into an assisted community home, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17894/23]

*1289. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current cost, including staff and operating cost, of transferring 50, 100 and 200 people with disabilities, under the age of 65 years, out of a nursing home and into an assisted community home, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17895/23]

*1290. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the capital cost of transferring 100, 200 and 300 people with disabilities out of congregated settings and into an assisted community home respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17896/23]

*1291. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current cost, including staff and operating cost, of transferring 100, 200 and 300 people with disabilities out of congregated settings and into an assisted community home, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17897/23]

*1292. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated capital cost of providing 24, 36 and 48 additional planned residential places, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17898/23]

*1293. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current cost, including staff and operating cost, of providing 24, 36 and 48 additional planned residential places, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17899/23]

*1294. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated capital cost of providing 26, 52 and 78 additional emergency residential places, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17900/23]

*1295. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current cost, including staff and operating cost, of providing 26, 52 and 78 additional emergency residential places respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17901/23]

*1296. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the starting salary cost of employing a basic staff grade physiotherapist, a staff grade speech and language therapist, a staff grade occupational therapist and a staff grade psychologist, respectively, for children's disability network teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17902/23]

*1297. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the all-in fully burdened salary costs of employing a basic staff grade physiotherapist, a staff grade speech and language therapist, a staff grade occupational therapist and a staff grade psychologist, respectively, for children's disability network teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17903/23]

*1298. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the starting salary cost of employing a senior staff grade physiotherapist, a staff grade speech and language therapist, a staff grade occupational therapist and a staff grade psychologist, respectively, for children's disability network teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17904/23]

*1299. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the all-in fully burdened salary costs of employing a senior staff grade physiotherapist, a staff grade speech and language therapist, a staff grade occupational therapist and a staff grade psychologist, respectively, for children's disability network teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17905/23]

*1300. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the starting salary cost of employing a clinical specialist in the area of physiotherapy, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and psychology, respectively, for children's disability network teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17906/23]

*1301. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the all-in fully burdened salary costs of employing a clinical specialist in the area of physiotherapy, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and psychology, respectively, for children's disability network teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17907/23]

*1302. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the starting salary cost of employing a grade 3 admin, grade 4 admin, grade 5 admin and grade 6 admin, respectively, for children's disability network teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17908/23]

*1303. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the all-in fully burdened salary costs of employing a grade 3 admin, grade 4 admin, grade 5 admin and grade 6 admin, respectively, for children's disability network teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17909/23]

*1304. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the starting salary cost of employing IT staff for children's disability network teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17910/23]

*1305. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the all-in fully burdened salary costs of employing IT staff for children's disability network teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17911/23]

*1306. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated capital cost of providing 1,200, 1,450 and 1,700 additional day service places for school leavers and graduates of rehabilitative training, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17912/23]

*1307. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current cost, including staff and operating cost, of providing 1,200, 1,450 and 1,700 additional day service places for school leavers and graduates of rehabilitative training, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17913/23]

*1308. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of the HSE Funding for Transitions to Adult Supports for Autistic People; if he will provide more information about how funds are allocated between different CHOs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17950/23]

*1309. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline his engagement with the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment concerning the provision of grants to employers to facilitate the employment of individuals with a disability. — Holly Cairns. [17951/23]

*1310. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he has taken in response to a report (details supplied), including any actions to ensure immediate reforms within the organisation. — Holly Cairns. [17952/23]

*1311. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will clarify whether a State body (details supplied) will engage in a public consultation process in the development of a code of conduct concerning the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17953/23]

*1312. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeframe for the publication of the Disability Capacity Review Implementation Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17981/23]

*1313. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons released from Oberstown Detention Centre in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [18017/23]

*1314. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons admitted to Oberstown Detention Centre in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [18018/23]

*1315. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the age range of persons detained currently in Oberstown Detention Centre. — Peadar Tóibín. [18019/23]

*1316. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of persons currently detained in Oberstown Detention Centre. — Peadar Tóibín. [18020/23]

*1317. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of times staff in the Oberstown Detention Centre have been assaulted while working in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [18021/23]

*1318. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of times inmates in the Oberstown Detention Centre have been assaulted in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [18022/23]

*1319. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons who have died while resident in Oberstown Detention Centre in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and if a breakdown can be provided on the cause of death in each case. — Peadar Tóibín. [18023/23]

*1320. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the concerns of persons in a location (details supplied) are warranted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [18097/23]

*1321. 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 to €35,000 annual income on a full-year basis. — Darren O'Rourke. [18251/23]

*1322. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated full year cost breakdown of increasing the intake of graduate social workers to 350 throughout the graduate programme, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [18252/23]

*1323. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the assisted capacity bill will be enacted. — Robert Troy. [18263/23]

*1324. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in the context of the UNHCR resettlement programme, if he will provide a schedule of the annual refugee resettlement figures of persons who arrived in the State for the years 2020, 2021 and

2022; if he will provide a breakdown for each month, by number; and the origin of persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [18298/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*1325. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm information received by parents of young children in Newcastle, County Dublin that no public health nurse service is available in their area; the reason this is the case; if his Department is taking action to ensure a public health nurse service is provided in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16052/23]

*1326. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on staff shortages in the Dublin mid-west public health nurse network; if vacant positions have been filled; if a full service is now available in all parts of the constituency; and if not, what areas remain impacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16053/23]

*1327. To ask the Minister for Health the progress being made to upgrade and enhance paediatric care and services in CUH; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16056/23]

*1328. To ask the Minister for Health the progress being made in relation to the installation of a helipad in CUH (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16059/23]

*1329. To ask the Minister for Health when an urgent transfer will proceed for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [16060/23]

*1330. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting to be seen by child and adolescent mental health services by CHO and LHO; and the length of time that persons are waiting to be seen, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [16061/23]

*1331. To ask the Minister for Health if concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [16067/23]

*1332. To ask the Minister for Health the steps his Department is taking to improve the resourcing of genetic services in Ireland for the detection and treatment of rare diseases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [16081/23]

*1333. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the development by the HSE of a well-governed and patient-centred healthcare service for adults and children in the transgender community, in line with the Programme for Government commitments in this area. — Catherine Murphy. [16083/23]

*1334. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of the locations of defibrillator machines in areas (details supplied). — Chris Andrews. [16084/23]

*1335. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of funding of clinical staff required supplemental to general funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16100/23]

*1336. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE conducts exit interviews for staff that are leaving the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16101/23]

*1337. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people attending the diabetes clinic in Dundalk who are living with type 1 diabetes; the number of people with type 1 diabetes on a waiting list for an appointment for the clinic; the average length of waiting times for those appointments for existing patients and newly diagnosed patients with type 1 diabetes, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [16320/23]

*1338. To ask the Minister for Health if DAFNE carbohydrate counting courses are proceeding at the Dundalk diabetes clinic, either remotely or in person; if so, how many people have completed DAFNE courses at the clinic; how many are on the waiting list for DAFNE courses; the average waiting time for patients to get a place on the course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [16321/23]

*1339. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline how many DSNs/dietitians are currently working in the diabetes clinic in Dundalk, both full-time and part-time; if these posts are solely dedicated to serving people with type 1 diabetes at the Dundalk clinic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [16322/23]

*1340. To ask the Minister for Health if a new endocrinologist has been appointed to the diabetes clinic in Dundalk; when this appointment will commence; if a new endocrinologist has not yet been appointed; when this post will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [16323/23]

*1341. To ask the Minister for Health when a new pump clinic will be provided at Dundalk's diabetes clinic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [16324/23]

*1342. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [16325/23]

*1343. To ask the Minister for Health if medical card holders can be charged for having blood samples taken at their GP clinics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16334/23]

*1344. To ask the Minister for Health when an individual (details supplied) will be seen for an appointment with the Orthopaedics Section of UHL; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16335/23]

*1345. To ask the Minister for Health if the CHO3 adult ADHD clinic is fully staffed; the number of vacancies, if any, that exist in CHO3, adult ADHD services; what the current caseload of the team serving the CHO3 ADHD clinic is; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16339/23]

*1346. To ask the Minister for Health if there are active policies and procedures in place in CHO3 to guarantee a smooth transfer from CAMHS to adult ADHD services for children with ADHD who reach 18 years old (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16340/23]

*1347. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the provision of a Parkinson's nurse specialist for Waterford and Tipperary University Hospitals, following a

funding allocation under Budget 2023 for the provision of 22 neurologist speciality nurses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16351/23]

*1348. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of all costs associated with the removal of trees in Merlin Woods, Galway to date in 2023; the name of the companies or persons that were commissioned by the HSE for any associated services, including the arborist assessment, the tree-removal works themselves, the clearance of the timber and the tree-planting assessment and any other associated costs, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [16352/23]

*1349. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the HSE decision-making process leading to tree-felling works carried out in Merlin Woods, Galway in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [16353/23]

*1350. To ask the Minister for Health if the Covid recognition payment has been issued to an organisation (details supplied) for payment to its staff. — John McGuinness. [16357/23]

*1351. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the services provided at St. Brigid's Hospital Carrick-on-Suir; the plans to provide other services at this location; his views on the demands articulated by the local community relative to the improvements in the services required through the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [16359/23]

*1352. To ask the Minister for Health what steps should be taken by nursing home workers where a former employer sought and was paid the Covid bonus payment on their behalf, but the worker has not been paid by their now former employer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [16368/23]

*1353. To ask the Minister for Health the progress if any in resolving the pay issues arising from the section 42 report and the Labour Court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [16376/23]

*1354. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify what the situation is with those foreign healthcare assistants already working in Ireland for two years who have been advised they will only be given renewed employment permits if they complete the QQI Level 5 courses, but where the NARIC Ireland international qualification comparison requirement finds that QQI level 5 is not required for those with higher qualifications in nursing (level 7 or level 8 qualification) from overseas institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [16380/23]

*1355. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider reinstating the €100 placement grant that was available to students on placement as a result of the pandemic, particularly for healthcare assistants who have returned to study nursing or midwifery; if he is aware of cases in which students are required to work for 31 hours per week for 49 weeks for no pay as part of their compulsory placements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16384/23]

*1356. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children diagnosed with scarlet fever and hospitalised due to same in the months October 2022 to March 2023, inclusive, broken down by individual hospital, and the age range of those children affected, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [16387/23]

*1357. To ask the Minister for Health if he will release correspondence he has received for 2023 relating to the operation of all facilities of an out-of-hours service (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [16388/23]

*1358. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of the phone service for a facility (details supplied) in 2022 and to date in 2023; and the costs paid out by the HSE for each facility in 2022 and to date in 2023. — Sean Sherlock. [16389/23]

*1359. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to concerns of HSE-employed healthcare assistants from outside Ireland in relation to amendments in their QQI employment requirements, and a lack of clarity in relation to qualification comparisons from non-EU college courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [16394/23]

*1360. To ask the Minister for Health the position of his Department regarding pay for those healthcare workers who contracted long-Covid and who have been and are still certified as medically unfit for work. — Brian Stanley. [16395/23]

*1361. To ask the Minister for Health the action he will take to provide adequate resources for genetic services in CHI Crumlin; the steps he will take to reduce waiting lists for genetic testing in CHI Crumlin; when the National Testing Directory for genetics and genomics will begin its development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [16397/23]

*1362. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Parkinson's disease nurse specialists working in neurology centres in Tipperary University Hospital, University Hospital Limerick and University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16402/23]

*1363. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that are being taken to ensure that appropriate funding is to be provided towards the employment of additional Parkinson's disease nurse specialists in neurology centres, and specifically in Tipperary University Hospital, University Hospital Limerick and University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16403/23]

*1364. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to transition the current Covid-19 vaccine rollout programme from being administered at vaccine centres to being solely administered through pharmacies and GPs in order to best utilise the healthcare budget and staffing resources being used to run current vaccination centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [16405/23]

*1365. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined and appropriate treatment expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [16406/23]

*1366. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive their pension increments; the reason former HSE staff are awaiting over a year for these increments to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16409/23]

*1367. To ask the Minister for Health to outline where the two new roles, the national clinical lead for mental health and the assistant director for youth mental health, will fill into the

structures of the HSE; if this can be provided in diagram form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [16416/23]

*1368. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the access criteria for someone to enter one of the three pilot projects for dual diagnosis; the capacity of each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [16417/23]

*1369. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of carcinogenic substances present in oranges (details supplied); the steps his Department intends to take to address the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [16418/23]

*1370. To ask the Minister for Health what progress is being made with regards to reinstating public health nurse check-ups for infants and children in Newcastle, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [16431/23]

*1371. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the Government's 'Action Plan for Apprenticeship', part of which seeks to develop a public sector National Framework of Qualification QQI level 5 courses for the occupation of healthcare assistants, if healthcare assistants who have nursing qualifications from outside of Ireland (QQI level 7 and 8), will be required to complete the QQI level 5 courses to remain working as a healthcare assistant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16438/23]

*1372. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will get transferred from Letterkenny University Hospital (LUH) to Galway University Hospital (GUH); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16439/23]

*1373. To ask the Minister for Health if pain management patches can be supplied to a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [16440/23]

*1374. To ask the Minister for Health when a public health nurse will be available for residents in Newcastle, County Dublin; the current and levels of public health nurses by area in Dublin mid-west; the plans for recruitment of public health nurses in Dublin mid-west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [16443/23]

*1375. To ask the Minister for Health the health and social care professions whose regulation is under the remit of CORU, in tabular form; the status of regulation or the development stage of regulation; and the timeframe for completion or year of completion for each profession. — David Cullinane. [16448/23]

*1376. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on an application for reimbursement being considered by the HSE in relation to Voretigene Neparvovec (Luxturna); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [16449/23]

*1377. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of all Delta calls received by the DFB Dispatch (ERCC) and the National Ambulance Service in Dublin that were responded to beyond the 19-minute target for 2022 (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [16462/23]

*1378. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the call length concerning Echo and Delta cases from calls received by the Dublin Fire Brigade ERCC and the National Ambulance Service in Dublin in all of 2022 (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [16463/23]

*1379. To ask the Minister for Health the current mechanism that Dublin Fire Brigade and the National Ambulance service have in place to record patient impact of response times greater than 19 minutes for Echo (Purple) and Delta (Red) calls. — Paul McAuliffe. [16464/23]

*1380. To ask the Minister for Health the number of court cases pending against the Dublin Fire Brigade and the National Ambulance Service relating to the ambulance service it provides; and if he will provide any details as to the nature of the incidents they relate to. — Paul McAuliffe. [16465/23]

*1381. To ask the Minister for Health when an individual (details supplied) will receive their Covid bonus. — Sean Sherlock. [16474/23]

*1382. To ask the Minister for Health the number of workers who have not received their bonus payment for work done during Covid. — Sean Sherlock. [16475/23]

*1383. To ask the Minister for Health the way that his Department is supporting the medical genetics service in Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16486/23]

*1384. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the vacant position of public health nurse in the Newcastle area has not been filled for some time, which is impacting significantly on the population in that area, including the lack of check-ups for newborn babies; when this position will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [16487/23]

*1385. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider paying trainee psychologists whilst they are on placement in order to ensure that the number of psychologists increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16496/23]

*1386. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify whether private security staff that worked at public hospitals during the first waves of Covid-19 are eligible for the Covid recognition payment; and if he will further clarify the way in which a person that is eligible for the payment, but has since moved jobs, may claim the payment from their former employer. — Catherine Murphy. [16498/23]

*1387. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure pay parity for employees of Section 39 organisations providing healthcare services with comparable workers in the HSE. — Holly Cairns. [16510/23]

*1388. To ask the Minister for Health the number of lactation specialist roles and/or public health nurses with a specialisation in lactation that it is planned to establish and fill in each LHO in CHO4 during 2023. — Holly Cairns. [16511/23]

*1389. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the staffing and locations for the provision of lactation services in each LHO in CHO4. — Holly Cairns. [16512/23]

*1390. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the matter that persons currently employed as healthcare assistants with comparable qualifications from another jurisdiction over QQI 5 level will not be required to complete QQI level 5 course for the occupation of healthcare assistant in Ireland, when it comes into operation, to retain their jobs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [16513/23]

*1391. To ask the Minister for Health if he will urgently review an application for nursing home support by a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [16519/23]

*1392. To ask the Minister for Health when the €1,000 workers pandemic recognition payment will be paid to agency workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [16524/23]

*1393. To ask the Minister for Health if he will urgently reassess transgender healthcare; if he will consider the model of informed consent led by GPs in local communities; the consultations he has had with the trans community about trans affirming healthcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [16525/23]

*1394. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the appointment of a new GP to a surgery (details supplied) in Blarney, County Cork. — Thomas Gould. [16528/23]

*1395. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to review the pay of Section 39 workers, given that they have not received a pay rise since 2008; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16530/23]

*1396. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in the determination of an application for fair deal in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16533/23]

*1397. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to allocate additional funding and resources to genetics services at Children's Health Ireland, Crumlin in order to reduce waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16536/23]

*1398. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of the National Strategy for Accelerating Genetics and Genomics Medicine in Ireland; the status of the development of the promised National Testing Directory for genetics and genomics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16537/23]

*1399. To ask the Minister for Health further to the National Strategy for Accelerating Genetics and Genomics Medicine in Ireland, the status of recruitment of the recently approved posts of National Director for Genetics and Genomics, Bioinformatics Lab Director, two clinical genetic consultants and six genetic counsellors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16538/23]

*1400. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to develop a revised National Rare Disease Plan; the timeline for the development of the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16539/23]

*1401. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) in County Cork will receive an appointment for braces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [16542/23]

*1402. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a campaign (details supplied); the actions he is taking to address the concerns raised in relation to the diagnosis of rare conditions amongst others; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [16548/23]

*1403. To ask the Minister for Health if he will indicate his latest assessment of the extent of long-Covid, of the optimum services to meet the challenges for such patients, and of the extent to which services are now being made available on an adequate scale to patients; and if he has developed a process to monitor the progress of such patients to ensure that best international practice is applied here. — Richard Bruton. [16549/23]

*1404. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff within his Department who are based and working with the European Union in Brussels; their present roles and responsibilities; the posts and responsibilities presently vacant; the corresponding figures on 23 June 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16562/23]

*1405. To ask the Minister for Health following the introduction of free contraception for women aged 17 to 26 years and the anticipated roll out to women under 30 years from 1 September 2023, if his Department or the HSE are compiling any data on the uptake of this scheme among this age cohort; the other data in relation to this that is being compiled; if it will be used to inform the roll out to further age cohorts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [16574/23]

*1406. To ask the Minister for Health following the introduction of free contraception for women aged 17 to 26 years, if a system is in place to gather data on the uptake of the scheme; if so, if this data includes the type of contraception opted for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [16575/23]

*1407. To ask the Minister for Health following the introduction of free contraception for women aged 17 to 26 years, the number of GPs who have signed the contractor details and acceptance form; if the service is accessible to women in all parts of the country; if he is aware of any waiting lists to access this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [16576/23]

*1408. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the current work placement system and the issue of pay for trainee midwives (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16581/23]

*1409. To ask the Minister for Health if he agrees that trainee midwives should be paid minimum wage for the work hours they are expected to do in a healthcare setting as part of their qualification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16582/23]

*1410. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [16589/23]

*1411. To ask the Minister for Health the status of recommendation ten from the Report of the Strategic Workforce Advisory Group on Home Carers and Nursing Home Health Care Assistants; the engagements he has had with the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science on this matter, in view of the proposal to establish a NFQ level 5 healthcare assistant apprenticeship under the Action Plan for Apprenticeship 2021-2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [16593/23]

*1412. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the difficulties being faced by overseas healthcare assistants in terms of getting renewed work permits; if those qualified above QQI level 5 in the health care sector will need to repeat the QQI level 5 due to HSE changes to the National Framework of Qualification QQI level 5 course for the occupation of healthcare assistant in

Ireland; if he is aware of the importance of overseas healthcare assistants in the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [16607/23]

*1413. To ask the Minister for Health if he will investigate the reason local social services groups are currently being denied access to the HSE clinic at 81 Derrygreenagh Park, Rochfortbridge, County Westmeath (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [16633/23]

*1414. To ask the Minister for Health how long a vacancy (details supplied) has existed; and when it will be filled. — Claire Kerrane. [16641/23]

*1415. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects to bring forward legislation to expand the GP card scheme to children under six and seven years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [16642/23]

*1416. To ask the Minister for Health if the suitability of the current site of St. Patrick's Hospital, Cashel for a new 60-bed community nursing unit has been determined in light of a planning notice issued notifying intent to demolish the gate lodge at the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [16643/23]

*1417. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a pathway to payment of the pandemic special recognition payment for a frontline healthcare agency ex-staff member who is unable to get a satisfactory response from the agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [16648/23]

*1418. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a pathway for hospital staff who applied for the pandemic special recognition payment on appeal, were turned down and have no facility to appeal the decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [16649/23]

*1419. To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering the restoration of self-referral access to primary dental care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [16653/23]

*1420. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses in Dublin mid-west by area; the number of vacancies by area; the recruitment plan for public health nurses in Dublin mid-west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [16656/23]

*1421. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the mobile breast screening units that will not return to Mullingar and Athlone until the end of 2023, the number of women who were scheduled to attend these units for screening who will now have to make the trip to Tullamore to avail of this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [16658/23]

*1422. To ask the Minister for Health the budget allocated by his Department for 2023 to the National Treatment Purchase Fund to provide for the scheme to provide autism assessments for children. — Mary Lou McDonald. [16659/23]

*1423. To ask the Minister for Health when a cohort of agency workers (details supplied) can expect to receive their pandemic payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [16660/23]

*1424. To ask the Minister for Health if he has had representations from an organisation (details supplied) regarding an inquiry into the situation of families affected by a medication, sodium valproate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [16664/23]

*1425. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that all HSE psychiatrists are operating on the basis that patients with an ASD diagnosis will be given a timely assessment and treatment of another disorder or disease, their reported symptoms not being automatically attributed, and limited solely, to their ASD diagnosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [16665/23]

*1426. To ask the Minister for Health if current trainee counselling psychology students will be funded in line with incoming first year students in the same course; the plans by his Department to expand this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [16674/23]

*1427. To ask the Minister for Health if funding that will be available for trainee educational psychologists in line with funding allocated for trainee counselling psychologists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [16675/23]

*1428. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the expansion of ambulance services in Athlone, County Westmeath. — Robert Troy. [16678/23]

*1429. To ask the Minister for Health when the last HIQA site inspection was carried out at St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16683/23]

*1430. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to appoint a WTE consultant nephrologist with a special interest in glomerulonephritis at University Hospital, Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16684/23]

*1431. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to appoint additional WTE consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist with a special interest in urogynaecology at the maternity department at St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16685/23]

*1432. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric ENT surgeries that were carried out at each of the children's hospitals in the years of 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16686/23]

*1433. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to make the non-invasive prenatal tests available free of charge to all pregnant women; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16687/23]

*1434. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons within CHO5 awaiting respite services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16688/23]

*1435. To ask the Minister for Health if those working as Covid vaccinators are entitled to the pandemic special recognition payment; if so, when they can expect to receive same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [16695/23]

*1436. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will have a required surgery carried out; if a guarantee can be provided regarding a date, given the surgery has been cancelled three times in the past eight weeks; and the reason the cancellations occurred. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16702/23]

*1437. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide adequate resources for genetic services in Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin in view of the fact that, currently, people living with a rare disease wait over two years for a diagnosis after a referral for genetic testing and can be treated for the wrong condition while they wait (details supplied); if he will ensure that waiting lists are dramatically reduced given that other health systems have a turnaround time of 12 weeks; his view that Ireland should set the same ambition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [16714/23]

*1438. To ask the Minister for Health when an application for a primary medical certificate will be finalised (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16717/23]

*1439. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be any State-funded fertility treatment programme available in the State in the coming period; if his Department has plans in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [16721/23]

*1440. To ask the Minister for Health the location of all automated external defibrillators local to Terenure, Dublin 6; if a national database of defibrillator locations can be provided for communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16722/23]

*1441. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide additional resources for genetic services in Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16737/23]

*1442. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for people with a rare disease to access genetic testing and then to receive a subsequent diagnosis after a referral; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16738/23]

*1443. To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown in tabular form of staff numbers, rank and hours worked (full-time or part-time) at the Department of Clinical Genetics of Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16739/23]

*1444. To ask the Minister for Health the reason behind the long wait times for processing applications in CORU; the issue regarding qualification requirements (details supplied) in circumstances where a professional will be working in an unrelated field; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [16750/23]

*1445. To ask the Minister for Health if any consideration has been given to providing much needed core funding to a charity (details supplied) for their counselling, wellbeing and emotional support service; if not, the reason considering the vital role these services provide to their service users suffering from mental health issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [16752/23]

*1446. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the status of the Covid-19 recognition payment to eligible workers in non-HSE and non-section 38 organisations; the

number of non-HSE and non-section 38 organisations whose claims have not been processed; when he expects all payments to be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [16758/23]

*1447. To ask the Minister for Health about Clúid Housing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16761/23]

*1448. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time it takes to process an application under the discretionary hardship scheme to provide an explanation for the current delay in processing applications for the scheme in the Dublin West area; if he is aware both pharmacies and families are experiencing huge difficulty in making contact with the Local Health Office section regarding the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16764/23]

*1449. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made on an application for a person (details supplied) under the discretionary hardship scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16765/23]

*1450. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults on the waiting list for day-care services in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [16769/23]

*1451. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No 674 of 28 March 2023, if he will provide the following (details supplied) acknowledging that this information does not conflict with the workings of industrial relations processes underway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [16771/23]

*1452. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 200 of 15 February 2023 and 1151 of 21 March 2023, the number of staff directly employed by the HSE known to be on leave from work for more than one year due to long-Covid symptoms, as evidenced by their receipt of special Covid leave with pay for that period of time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [16772/23]

*1453. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 638 of 5 October 2021, 691 of 29 November 2022, 1553 of 18 January 2023, 204 of 15 February 2023 and 1153 of 21 March 2023, the reason the HSE is not yet in a position to provide any details on staffing levels for a new facility in Midleton, County Cork that will accommodate three residents with severe and enduring mental health difficulties, given that those placements have already been offered to families; how those families can be expected to make an informed decision on those offers in the absence of this information; the number of staff that will be deployed to the service on a day-to-day basis; if those regular staff who are on site daily will include psychiatric nurses or healthcare assistants or both; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [16773/23]

*1454. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 484 of 16 November 2021, 1715 of 19 January 2022, 169 of 9 February 2022, 186 of 23 March 2022, 720 of 17 May 2022, 1903 of 14 June 2022, 565 of 13 December 2022, 19 January 2023 and 570 of 7 March 2023, the reason the HSE can justify not providing the information already requested in these Parliamentary Questions given its relevance to regional service provision implications of the decision to close the Owenacurra Centre, Midleton and given the Mental Health Commission's clear guidance on 'out of area' placements and the right to community living enshrined in the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and given recommended allocations of thirty community residence placements for a population of

100,000 contained in A Vision for Change; in particular, if the clinical directors of the west Cork, north Cork and south Lee HSE mental health catchment areas agreed with CHO 4 HSE senior management to accept out-of-area respite or long-stay referrals from east Cork into community residences under their clinical governance in the event that the Owenacurra Centre is closed; if so, if he will provide the exact dates for when any such agreements may have been made, and on what clinical basis the agreements were made given that it is not custom and practice to accept 'out of area' referrals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [16774/23]

*1455. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of any contracts awarded to company (details supplied) by the HSE; namely, the exact value of each contract, the details of works, and the full costs of any further works undertaken where applicable, the site where the works in question took place and details of any tendering process that may have applied in the awarding of contracts; the HSE manager(s) awarding the contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [16775/23]

*1456. To ask the Minister for Health whether or not “unlicensed medicines” in pharmacies for medication where the regularly prescribed medication is unavailable (details supplied) are covered by the medical card, in this instance, an “unlicensed alternative” for the medicine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16780/23]

*1457. To ask the Minister for Health if he will amend the appropriate statutory instrument to allow suitable professionals registered with the Physiotherapists Registration Board to refer patients for an x-ray; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [16786/23]

*1458. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made on the Programme for Government commitment to support the medical genetics service in Our Lady's Children Hospital, Crumlin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [16793/23]

*1459. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 599 of 31 January 2023 and the subsequent correspondence of the HSE dated 14 February 2023, if the sale of Corlough health centre was publicly advertised; the agents utilised to process the sale; the oversight mechanisms for the sale that were in place by the HSE; the officials that had signed off on the sale agreement; the current status of the proposed sale; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16796/23]

*1460. To ask the Minister for Health when the opening hours of the minor injuries unit at Monaghan Hospital will be extended to include weekends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16797/23]

*1461. To ask the Minister for Health whether reimbursement payments to abortion-providing GPs was included as part of the €11.5 million figure allocated in 2019 to abortion services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [16801/23]

*1462. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the State expenditure, by all categories including GP reimbursement payments of the €9.5 million spent on abortion services in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [16802/23]

*1463. To ask the Minister for Health the amount allocated to fund abortion services in 2021; the breakdown by all categories of expenditure on abortion services in 2021 including GP reimbursement payments, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [16803/23]

*1464. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for a procedure in the Midlands Regional Hospital, Mullingar. — Robert Troy. [16807/23]

*1465. To ask the Minister for Health when the National Review of Specialist Cardiac Services will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16810/23]

*1466. To ask the Minister for Health why the evaluation of the sugar sweetened drinks tax has not been completed almost five years since its introduction; the current stage of the evaluation; when it will be finished and published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16811/23]

*1467. To ask the Minister for Health why a person (details supplied) had to pay for dental work for their child when it should have been free; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16812/23]

*1468. To ask the Minister for Health if children with autism are eligible to apply for a primary medical certificate; and if not, if he intends to change the eligibility criteria to include people diagnosed with autism. — Robert Troy. [16816/23]

*1469. To ask the Minister for Health why a person (details supplied) is waiting on a procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16817/23]

*1470. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a detailed update of the HSEs plans for a final end use of 162-165 James's Street; if he will provide a copy of the business case or value for money case prepared by the HSE to proceed with this purchase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16818/23]

*1471. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that HCAs who are qualified above QQI level 5 do not need to repeat or obtain a QQI level 5 qualification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [16825/23]

*1472. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists who provide services under the general medical card scheme, by county in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [16826/23]

*1473. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to improve the diagnosis capacity and treatment of Lyme disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [16834/23]

*1474. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with a group (details supplied) to improve the diagnosis capacity and treatment of Lyme disease in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [16835/23]

*1475. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the waiting times for individuals with rare diseases requiring genetic testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [16836/23]

*1476. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the scheme to publicly fund IVF treatments; when people will be able to apply; the criteria that will be used to determine eligibility; if it will involve means testing; when funding will be made available to support access to advanced AHR treatment via private providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [16837/23]

*1477. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the Public Health (Tobacco and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Bill legislating to prohibit the use of nicotine inhaling products by persons under 18 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [16845/23]

*1478. To ask the Minister for Health the action the HSE has taken to recruit a physiotherapist for the rehab unit at St. Columba's Hospital, Thomastown, County Kilkenny, since January 2023 when notice was given; the interim arrangements being put in place to provide the service to patients; and if there is a date on which the full services will resume. — John McGuinness. [16854/23]

*1479. To ask the Minister for Health if a response will issue to a home care complaint by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [16857/23]

*1480. To ask the Minister for Health if a HAA card has been provided to all survivors of Magdalene laundries as recommended by the report on Magdalene laundries; if survivors of the New Ross Magdalene laundry are included in this provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [16860/23]

*1481. To ask the Minister for Health if speech and language therapists, on registration with CORU, who received their training outside of the State but are missing components required by CORU, such as dysphagia, can be recruited to practice while undergoing in service training on the components they are missing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [16862/23]

*1482. To ask the Minister for Health the average timeframe wheelchair users are waiting to receive their first wheelchair from application to handover; the average timeframe wheelchair users are waiting for a replacement wheelchair from application to handover; the average cost of replacing a wheelchair; the funding that was allocated for the replacement of wheelchairs over the past five years; the number of people applying for a replacement wheelchair in the past five years; the number of people receiving a replacement wheelchair in the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [16865/23]

*1483. To ask the Minister for Health the average processing period for the recognition of qualifications by CORU of speech and language therapists, occupational therapists and physiotherapists who were trained and qualified in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [16866/23]

*1484. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were previously diagnosed with breast cancer and who are waiting for a recommended follow-up mammogram appointment in the Saolta University Health Care Group for each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, by each hospital and waiting time period, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [16870/23]

*1485. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were previously diagnosed with breast cancer and who are waiting for a recommended follow-up mammogram appointment in the Ireland East Hospital Group for each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, by each hospital and waiting time period in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [16871/23]

*1486. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were previously diagnosed with breast cancer and who are waiting for a recommended follow-up mammogram appointment in the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group for each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, by each hospital and waiting time period in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [16872/23]

*1487. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were previously diagnosed with breast cancer and who are waiting for a recommended follow-up mammogram appointment in the University of Limerick Hospitals Group for each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, by each hospital and waiting time period in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [16873/23]

*1488. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were previously diagnosed with breast cancer and who are waiting for a recommended follow-up mammogram appointment in the South/South West Hospital Group for each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, by each hospital and waiting time period in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [16874/23]

*1489. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were previously diagnosed with breast cancer and who are waiting for a recommended follow-up mammogram appointment in the RCSI Hospital Group, in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, and to-date in 2023, by each hospital and waiting time period, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [16875/23]

*1490. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were previously diagnosed with bowel cancer and who are waiting for a recommended follow-up colonoscopy in the Saolta University Health Care Group in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, and to-date in 2023, by each hospital and waiting time period, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [16876/23]

*1491. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were previously diagnosed with bowel cancer and who are waiting for a recommended follow-up colonoscopy in the Ireland East Hospital Group in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, and to-date in 2023, by each hospital and waiting time period, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [16877/23]

*1492. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were previously diagnosed with bowel cancer and who are waiting for a recommended follow-up colonoscopy in the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, and to-date in 2023, by each hospital and waiting time period, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [16878/23]

*1493. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were previously diagnosed with bowel cancer and who are waiting for a recommended follow-up colonoscopy in the University Limerick Hospitals Group in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, and to-date in 2023, by each hospital and waiting time period, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [16879/23]

*1494. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were previously diagnosed with bowel cancer and who are waiting for a recommended follow-up colonoscopy in the South/South West Hospital Group in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, and to-date in 2023, by each hospital and waiting time period, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [16880/23]

*1495. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were previously diagnosed with bowel cancer and who are waiting for a recommended follow-up colonoscopy in the RCSI Hospital Group in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, and to-date in 2023, by each hospital and waiting time period, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [16881/23]

*1496. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people living in County Donegal who have attended Altnagelvin Hospital, Derry for treatment over the past year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [16897/23]

*1497. To ask the Minister for Health the reason healthcare assistants who come from abroad to work here, with qualifications above QQI level 5 will only be given renewed employment permits if they complete the QQI level course for healthcare assistants in Ireland; if his attention has been drawn to the NARIC Ireland international qualification comparison requirement (details supplied) that those who are qualified above QQI 5 level in the health sector, do not need to repeat the QQI 5 level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [16905/23]

*1498. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE plastic surgery registrars working in Beaumont Hospital in each of the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [16923/23]

*1499. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE child and adolescent psychiatrists and clinical psychologists working in CAMHS and Mental Health Intellectual Disability Teams in CHO7 in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [16924/23]

*1500. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE ICU nurses working in Tallaght University Hospital in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased. — Catherine Murphy. [16925/23]

*1501. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE staff by job title working in the pharmacy Department of the Mater Hospital; the number of WTE vacancies by job title within this Department; and when these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [16926/23]

*1502. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time and part-time healthcare attendants employed by the HSE working in each health centre and primary care centre within CHO7 in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [16927/23]

*1503. To ask the Minister for Health when clerical and administration staff who have retired from Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda will receive their pension increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [16941/23]

*1504. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) was awarded 14 hours home support care from the HSE and only 11 hours have been acknowledged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16946/23]

*1505. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a role is advertised as a part-time position rather than a full-time position (details supplied), given the recognised importance of developing and reforming CAMHS and Youth Mental Health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [16994/23]

*1506. To ask the Minister for Health if he will commit to having the health technology assessment by HIQA into the addition of spinal muscular atrophy to the national new-born bloodspot screening programme or heelprick test completed in time for its consideration by the National Screening Advisory Committee at its September meeting, which coincides with new-born screening month; if there is a recommendation by the NSAC to include SMA in the heelprick test that he will commit to do so immediately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17010/23]

*1507. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a new bed and mattress for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17013/23]

*1508. To ask the Minister for Health the information that is exchanged between the HSE's women's health service and anti-human trafficking team and An Garda Síochána - that is, how often such exchanges happen, demographic figures and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [17015/23]

*1509. To ask the Minister for Health the plans currently in place to establish a genetics service at Our Lady's Children's Hospital in Crumlin to help diagnose and treat rare diseases. — Marian Harkin. [17018/23]

*1510. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times for child health visits by public health nurses, by area in Dublin mid-west, by year from 2017 to 2022, and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [17020/23]

*1511. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17024/23]

*1512. To ask the Minister for Health in view of the response from An Tánaiste on 23 March 2023 in relation to the use of the National Treatment Purchase Fund for those seeking an assessment of need, where he stated that while “[p]redominantly, it has been used for inpatient acute treatment... the Minister has indicated in the past that it can be used for disabilities... and also to deal with that very significant outpatient list...”, if he will clarify whether the National Treatment Purchase Fund can be used for those seeking an assessment of need, as the response from An Tánaiste seems to contradict the reply to Parliamentary Question No. 1355 of 21 March 2023 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17026/23]

*1513. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to move the drug eltroxin onto the long-term illness core list for people with Down syndrome, and other chromosomal abnormalities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [17031/23]

*1514. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing levels in each of the 73 CAMHS teams; how many CAMHS teams are fully staffed; the vacancy rates per CAMHS team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [17032/23]

*1515. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the operation of the fair deal scheme and the changes which are being made relating to rental income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [17041/23]

*1516. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the entitlements that exist for elderly dementia patients living at home; if such entitlement differs around the country (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [17042/23]

*1517. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to the State for the drugs payment scheme threshold for single-headed households to be reduced to €72 per month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [17047/23]

*1518. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to the State to abolish prescription charges for all medical card holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [17048/23]

*1519. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding required to ensure the full financial resourcing and implementation of the National Cancer Strategy 2017-2026 recommendations around genetic services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [17049/23]

*1520. To ask the Minister for Health the progress of the recommendations contained in the clinical governance and operational arrangements for supporting a model of care for children with life-limiting conditions towards the end of life in the community in Ireland, in particular recommendations 14 and 15; the proportion of posts that have been filled; which posts remain vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [17050/23]

*1521. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding required to ensure that the National Skin Cancer Prevention Plan 2023-2026 is implemented in full; the amount of funding that has been allocated to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [17051/23]

*1522. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding that has been allocated to the HSE and National Treatment Purchase Fund to source additional outpatient, endoscopy, diagnostics and inpatient day case activity in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [17052/23]

*1523. To ask the Minister for Health if funding has been allocated to the lymphoedema model of care to date; if so, the amount of funding that has been allocated, and in what years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [17053/23]

*1524. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm in relation to the details of the public funding for IVF treatment if there will be waitlists, who might qualify; if one is eligible if one has previously received treatment; if it will be means tested; and if it will cover IUI, IVF, ISCI and egg/sperm donations. — Paul Murphy. [17054/23]

*1525. To ask the Minister for Health to examine a situation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [17066/23]

*1526. To ask the Minister for Health if an expedited appointment for CAMHS will be facilitated for a child (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [17082/23]

*1527. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of how the €710,000 funding in 2022 and €810,000 funding for 2023 for period products has been allocated, by sector (local authorities, schools, third level institutions, food banks, womens refugees, international

protection applicants, Ukrainian refugees etc) and by organisation in 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [17085/23]

*1528. To ask the Minister for Health if an issue (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [17087/23]

*1529. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1752 of 26 July 2022, if he will provide updated information in relation to the work that has been carried out to identify a suitable site for a development (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [17089/23]

*1530. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a review of the community ophthalmic services medical treatment scheme; if he will request this process to be expedited in light of ongoing concerns related to reimbursement from medical professionals in this sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [17092/23]

*1531. To ask the Minister for Health when retired nurses will receive the back payment owed to them (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [17094/23]

*1532. To ask the Minister for Health if he will instruct the National Women and Infant Health Programme to provide a reply to a person (details supplied) regarding their correspondence. — Emer Higgins. [17095/23]

*1533. To ask the Minister for Health when free GP-visit cards for children aged six and seven years of age will commence as announced in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [17096/23]

*1534. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that all trainee psychologists are remunerated for their work carried out as part of compulsory placement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17099/23]

*1535. 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 the recommendations, in order to regulate such activity’; if so, the steps that will be taken regarding same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17100/23]

*1536. To ask the Minister for Health if a home care plan will be agreed with a family for a family member (details supplied) before they are discharged from Castlecomer Hospital, Kilkenny; if their home will be inspected to ensure that all the necessary physical supports and/or refurbishment are in place given they live alone; and if he will expedite a positive response. — John McGuinness. [17130/23]

*1537. To ask the Minister for Health what financial supports or benefits are available to purchase wigs for children under the age of 18 years who have lost hair due to alopecia or other conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [17136/23]

*1538. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [17139/23]

*1539. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the lack of paediatric palliative care in the south-east region; if there are plans to rectify this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [17146/23]

*1540. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that outstanding deferred payments under the Fair Deal scheme are currently being increased at the very high current rate of inflation, which is very tough at a time when Government borrowing costs for carrying the debt is only a small proportion of this; and if he will consider amending the legislation to deal with this anomaly. — Richard Bruton. [17157/23]

*1541. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17162/23]

*1542. To ask the Minister for Health when the changes to the income limits for GP visit cards will come into place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [17163/23]

*1543. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17169/23]

*1544. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [17199/23]

*1545. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the slow process of cases being dealt with by alternative dispute resolution (details supplied); his plans to speed up cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17174/23]

*1546. To ask the Minister for Health when staff and former staff of an organisation (details supplied) will receive the pandemic unemployment payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [17176/23]

*1547. To ask the Minister for Health to address concerns that there are insufficient funding supports available to trainee counselling psychologists who are incurring significant debt while completing their course work (details supplied) and if he will make a statement on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [17177/23]

*1548. To ask the Minister for Health if private nursing home residents in the Tuam PCT area with leg ulcers can be seen at the leg ulcer clinic in Tuam Primary Care, County Galway; if this clinic cannot see nursing home residents, given local residents with leg ulcers have difficulty travelling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [17178/23]

*1549. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite the provision of home help hours for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [17181/23]

*1550. To ask the Minister for Health given the positive clinical results being achieved by the HSE's structured chronic disease management programme, the reason certain cohorts of medical card-holders (details supplied) are excluded from the programme; if he will now extend the

programme to include these groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17184/23]

*1551. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17187/23]

*1552. To ask the Minister for Health when adult ADHD services will be in place in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [17192/23]

*1553. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a campaign (details supplied); his views on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [17204/23]

*1554. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for delays of up to six months in Wexford patients receiving hysteroscopy results; what measures are being undertaken to reduce the waiting time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [17206/23]

*1555. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the steps he has taken to alter policy and practices in response to decisions by the Coroner's Court relating to infant deaths whereby the HSE and/or publicly-funded hospitals were found to be partially or wholly responsible for the deaths; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17220/23]

*1556. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent annually on rent for each of the following facilities (details supplied) for the years 2020 to 2022, inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17221/23]

*1557. To ask the Minister for Health his views on increasing the rate nursing homes receive on the fair deal scheme to addressing the rise in operating costs over the past year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17222/23]

*1558. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of when the review of the long-term illness scheme will commence under the Sláintecare Implementation Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17223/23]

*1559. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to improve public adult ADHD services in CHO4, including details of when adult ADHD services will be operating in each LHO in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17224/23]

*1560. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure individuals who otherwise qualify for the long-term illness scheme can avail of the scheme for mental illness over the age of 16 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17225/23]

*1561. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide information on care pathways available to 16- and 17-year-olds with a diagnosis of gender dysphoria. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17231/23]

*1562. To ask the Minister for Health what steps are being taken to reduce wait times for genetic testing in Ireland as the current wait times of up to two years are too long, and patients on waiting lists are often being treated for the wrong diseases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [17232/23]

*1563. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17238/23]

*1564. To ask the Minister for Health the reasoning for the closure of PCR testing centres; and if he will consider reopening them should health conditions require same. — Patrick Costello. [17241/23]

*1565. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline what progress has been made in regard to access to hormone replacement therapy for trans people in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [17247/23]

*1566. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long on surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17252/23]

*1567. To ask the Minister for Health the reason (details supplied) is waiting on an operation in Cavan General Hospital in the ENT department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17253/23]

*1568. To ask the Minister for Health the average processing time for HSE pension commencements from claim to final approval by division, in tabular form; the target time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [17257/23]

*1569. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 833 of 14 February 2023, the status of the development of a primary care centre on Inisbofin; the status of the land transfer process; the expected timeline for the completion of the land transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [17270/23]

*1570. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 834 of 14 February 2023, the status of the proposed primary care centre for Galway city west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [17271/23]

*1571. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the reopening of the day centre in Áras Mhic Dara in Carraroe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [17272/23]

*1572. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients recorded on trolleys at each public hospital in the State in the period from January to March 2023, and for the same period in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [17273/23]

*1573. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update and to outline his views on the adequacy of existing mental health supports for children in the Louth and east Meath area; if he will identify those supports; if his attention has been drawn to the significant waiting lists for these essential services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [17281/23]

*1574. To ask the Minister for Health to report on the Hello Again World campaign; how this campaign is supporting Covid-19 safety for older and immunocompromised people; the way the campaign's messaging is informing older and immunocompromised people about Covid-19

safety measures they can take while socialising; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [17293/23]

*1575. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the ambiguity regarding the Government's Action Plan to develop a public sector National Framework of Qualification QQI level 5 course for the occupation of healthcare assistant in Ireland, particularly in relation to health care assistants from abroad who are qualified above QQI 5 level in the health sector; if he will confirm that they do not need to repeat the QQI 5 level (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [17295/23]

*1576. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an overview of the Government's commitment to support genetic services in Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin to further enhance the Irish public health system's capacity to detect and diagnose rare diseases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [17296/23]

*1577. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite a medical appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [17301/23]

*1578. To ask the Minister for Health the strategies in place to address the General Practitioners shortfall in County Tipperary, particularly in light of the impending retirement of certain long-term general practitioners; if he intends to overhaul the present locum system in order to recruit general practitioners and healthcare professionals into Ireland in order for them to assist to stabilise the general practitioners and healthcare systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [17308/23]

*1579. To ask the Minister for Health when the replacement general practitioner will start operating in Blarney, County Cork, given the recruitment process has concluded in early March 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [17309/23]

*1580. To ask the Minister for Health if a reply will issue to correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [16791/23]

*1581. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the capacity of the department of clinical genetics of Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin, given that at present people living with a rare disease wait over two years for a diagnosis after a referral for genetic testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [17320/23]

*1582. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase accessible and timely access to genetic testing, and specifically to increase capacity and decrease wait times at the Department of Clinical Genetics of Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin. — Robert Troy. [17322/23]

*1583. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a child (details supplied) was waiting for a call back for an out-of-hours service for over ten hours. — Sean Sherlock. [17329/23]

*1584. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the progress in reaching agreement in extending GP cover for children up to 8 and 12 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [17334/23]

*1585. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times for genetic testing services for rare diseases in Ireland; and the measures his Department plans to take to improve access

and speed of results for patients in need of genetic testing services. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [17342/23]

*1586. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline he is now working towards for expanding eligibility for GP-visit cards to people who earn the median household income or less; the reason this was not implemented by 1 April 2023, as committed to in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [17363/23]

*1587. To ask the Minister for Health his views on extending the costs covered by the HSE administered EU treatment abroad scheme to incorporate expenses incurred by individuals who have to seek treatment which lasts over several weeks, especially accommodation costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17374/23]

*1588. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 593 of 28 February 2023, if a reply will issue to the question (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17375/23]

*1589. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on plans to provide a hospice facility at a location (details supplied); if a capital allocation has been made to the project; if he will confirm a timeline for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [17378/23]

*1590. To ask the Minister for Health the status of adult ADHD services in CHO4 which were intended to be in place by the end of 2022; and if he can confirm when these services will be in place and available. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [17379/23]

*1591. To ask the Minister for Health when the long-term illness scheme will be reviewed under the Sláintecare Implementation Strategy. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [17380/23]

*1592. To ask the Minister for Health what plans are in place to address an issue and speed up appointments (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [17381/23]

*1593. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) remains waiting for an operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17396/23]

*1594. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of reports of a market shortage of a semaglutide under a brand (details supplied); if he is aware of the causes of any shortage; and the measures his Department is taking to remediate the situation. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [17397/23]

*1595. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the immediate plans from Government to provide additional appropriate resources to address the extreme bed pressures in St. John's Ward in Crumlin Children's Hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [17407/23]

*1596. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the removal of PCR testing centres, given the seven-day positivity rate almost doubled from 7.4 % to 13.9% recently and the rise in infections and hospital admissions (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [17411/23]

*1597. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be back-paid for paying for private home care support as agreed with the HSE last October; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17417/23]

*1598. To ask the Minister for Health what regulations govern psychotherapists; what plans he has to regulate the profession; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [17418/23]

*1599. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be considered for an operation under the National Treatment Purchase Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [17423/23]

*1600. To ask the Minister for Health if dental and nursing qualifications issued by Northern Irish institutions are still recognised equally to qualifications issued by Irish institutions. — Peadar Kirby. [17435/23]

*1601. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to introduce a publicly funded model of care for fertility treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [17438/23]

*1602. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 174 of 22 June 2022, if the further steps (details supplied) have been implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17444/23]

*1603. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1275 of 21 March 2023, if he will address a number of issues raised (details supplied). — Matt Shanahan. [17451/23]

*1604. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of a long standing commitment to the refurbishment of a building in the old St. Otterans site in Waterford so that community services presently located on the acute hospital campus at UHW could move to this new location thereby freeing up space within the main campus which is badly needed to provide new medical bed space (details supplied); if he will provide the updated status as to when this building will be refurbished and in a position to receive community services out of the acute hospital campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [17452/23]

*1605. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the pressing need to provide a dedicated cardiac day bed ward at University Hospital Waterford to facilitate elective activity of the second cardiac Cath lab at UHW due to begin activity in Q 2 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [17453/23]

*1606. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant occupational therapy roles in children's primary care services by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17459/23]

*1607. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a Board of Trustees of the Royal City of Dublin Hospital, Baggot St., Dublin 4; if so, the names of the Board members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [17469/23]

*1608. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to approve SKYCLARYS (omaveloxolone) for Friedreich's Ataxia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [17470/23]

*1609. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently awaiting a dental appointment in primary care, by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17471/23]

*1610. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that there is a shortage of the diabetes drug, ozempic; what is being done to increase stocks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [17474/23]

*1611. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric orthopaedic appointments, by appointment type, cancelled in January and February 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [17478/23]

*1612. To ask the Minister for Health what measures are in place to combat the shortages of ozempic, a medication for type-2 diabetes; the reason for the ongoing shortages; what long-term solutions are in place to prevent these shortages recurring in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [17494/23]

*1613. To ask the Minister for Health to ensure that the special leave with pay for healthcare workers with long-Covid will continue beyond 30 June 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17497/23]

*1614. To ask the Minister for Health his views on recognising long-Covid as an occupational illness for healthcare workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17498/23]

*1615. To ask the Minister for Health his views on enabling individuals to purchase six-months of HRT in one calendar month to avail of the drugs payment scheme given that this medication is not being provided for publicly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17499/23]

*1616. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that dementia and Alzheimer's disease treatment and care are informed by the latest best practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17500/23]

*1617. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the home support waiting list in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17501/23]

*1618. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to recruit more healthcare support assistants in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17502/23]

*1619. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the HSE proposals to limit home birth services for women and pregnant people living within 30 minutes of a maternity hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17503/23]

*1620. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide clarification on funding recently allocated to a meals-on-wheels service (details supplied); if he will ringfence adequate annual

funding for the service to ensure its long-term viability to meet the ongoing demand for the service in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [17509/23]

*1621. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite the hospital appointment of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17516/23]

*1622. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on any discussions between his Department and the Irish Dental Association on further revision of the dental treatment service scheme; the plans his Department and the HSE have to ensure that patients in Louth and Meath who have medical cards receive the timely treatment they need in the interim; if he will provide the most recent figures on the number of registered dentists in the scheme in both Louth and Meath as of 1 April 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [17517/23]

*1623. To ask the Minister for Health if he has had representations from an organisation (details supplied) regarding an inquiry into the situation of families affected by a medication sodium valporile; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [17518/23]

*1624. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a progress update on the new east Meath primary care centre; the latest expected date for completion of the project and for services to commence locally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [17522/23]

*1625. To ask the Minister for Health if a final decision has been agreed upon to provide the appropriate resources to the accident and emergency department in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, identified in the HSE review of the closure of the accident and emergency department in Navan Hospital; if the review will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [17525/23]

*1626. To ask the Minister for Health about the case of a person (details supplied) who was referred by the Infectious Disease and OPAT Clinic at University Hospital Limerick for a CT scan and has since received an appointment for 3 May 2023 to discuss her CT Scan results despite not having had her CT scan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17535/23]

*1627. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Cork who was referred in 2018 will have a date for cataract surgery assigned to him. — Sean Sherlock. [17544/23]

*1628. To ask the Minister for Health what care pathways are in place for under 18s requiring gender affirming care as a result of clinical psychologist diagnosed gender dysphoria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [17546/23]

*1629. To ask the Minister for Health in the context of a person under 18 years of age who has been diagnosed with gender dysphoria by a clinical psychologist; what to do when they do not have access to a psychiatrist or endocrinologist due to a lack of care pathways; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [17547/23]

*1630. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to support GPs and dentists to begin to take on new patients covered by medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17551/23]

*1631. To ask the Minister for Health when Tullow, County Carlow will get a primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17552/23]

*1632. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the payment of the pandemic bonus; if all eligible to receive the payment have done so; the number in receipt of the payment by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17553/23]

*1633. To ask the Minister for Health what steps are being taken regarding the GMS dentistry service to provide a service for medical card holders which satisfies all stakeholders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17554/23]

*1634. To ask the Minister for Health the steps his Department is taking to shorten significant delays in waiting lists for dental treatments for school children which require general anaesthesia to provide a service that assists the most vulnerable in society; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17555/23]

*1635. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public only dentists in or serving County Carlow; the number of dentists in Carlow participating in the dental treatment services scheme/ medical card scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17556/23]

*1636. To ask the Minister for Health if the €750,000 funding announced for trainee counselling psychologists will include support for current trainees or only those who begin their training in the 2023-2024 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17558/23]

*1637. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the establishment of the inquiry into the historical licensing and prescribing of sodium valproate; the timeline that he is working towards in establishing this inquiry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17563/23]

*1638. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the provision of adult ADHD services in CH04 - Cork covering North Lee, South Lee and North Cork; when these services will be fully in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [17570/23]

*1639. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts his Department is making to develop multi-disciplinary teams within GP services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [17573/23]

*1640. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts his Department is making to increase the number of general practice nurses in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [17574/23]

*1641. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on work being done by his Department to develop career development pathways for GPs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [17575/23]

*1642. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts his Department is making to boost the number of GPs in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [17576/23]

*1643. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts being made to reduce the administrative burden on GPs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [17577/23]

*1644. To ask the Minister for Health if he will comment on the work his Department is undertaking to increase the number of intern doctors selecting general practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [17578/23]

*1645. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons a person (details supplied), who had received septorhinoplasty ENT treatment through the National Treatment Purchase Fund, has been denied additional treatment through the NTPF despite a senior consultant ENT confirming that this person requires additional ENT specialist treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [17584/23]

*1646. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter concerning bed capacity at University Hospital Waterford (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [17593/23]

*1647. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter concerning cardiology services at University Hospital Waterford (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [17594/23]

*1648. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter concerning a laboratory at University Hospital Waterford (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [17595/23]

*1649. To ask the Minister for Health the average ambulance response times in Tipperary per quarter over the past five years, in tabular form. — Martin Browne. [17596/23]

*1650. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of a recent case where an ambulance had to come from outside Tipperary as there were none available in the county; and if his Department plans to increase the number of ambulances in Tipperary. — Martin Browne. [17597/23]

*1651. To ask the Minister for Health when a retired healthcare worker (details supplied) will receive their pension increment. — Louise O'Reilly. [17599/23]

*1652. To ask the Minister for Health the plans, if any, he has to review the qualifying criteria for benefit under the long-term illness scheme; if he believes it appropriate that persons suffering with ADHD should have their circumstances covered under the benefits of the long-term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [17600/23]

*1653. To ask the Minister for Health the number of permanent multi-annual funded residential beds for respite in CHO4; what plans, if any, there are for expansion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [17612/23]

*1654. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to expand the provision of funding for the Freestyle Libre Flash Glucose Monitoring System to persons with diabetes over 21 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [17613/23]

*1655. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a progress update with regard to the development of the Newgrange Hospice in Drogheda; if a suitable site has been located and a commencement date set; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [17617/23]

*1656. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting 12 hours or more at St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, in each of the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and to date in 2023. — Ivana Bacik. [17618/23]

*1657. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite the process to include the cancer medicine, verzenio, for reimbursement under the medicine access scheme for persons diagnosed with breast cancer. — Ivana Bacik. [17621/23]

*1658. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant optometry and ophthalmology roles in primary care services by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17623/23]

*1659. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant psychology roles in children's primary care services by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17625/23]

*1660. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant speech and language therapy roles in children's primary care services by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17627/23]

*1661. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant physiotherapy roles in children's primary care services by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17629/23]

*1662. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an appointment for hip surgery at Mayo University Hospital, Castlebar; if a referral to another hospital was considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17631/23]

*1663. To ask the Minister for Health if he has read reports of concerns that abortion services in Ireland may collapse. — Ivana Bacik. [17633/23]

*1664. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to update policies around doctors providing locum GP services, particularly around hourly locum rates and doctors' eligibility to locum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [17637/23]

*1665. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of shortages of a medication (details supplied); and if measures can be put in place to alleviate this shortage. — Richard Bruton. [17638/23]

*1666. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on waiting lists for diagnostic scan services at CHI Crumlin, by type, by wait length time band, and by adult/child, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [17645/23]

*1667. To ask the Minister for Health in respect of the new two-storey laboratory extension at University Hospital Waterford which has received planning permission from the Waterford local

authority, if he will confirm the status of this project with respect to ringfenced funding, tender development and contract award and this project's status within the 2023 capital plan (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [17647/23]

*1668. To ask the Minister for Health if he will instruct the HSE to install mother-and-baby carpark spaces in the primary care centre, Tuam; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [17651/23]

*1669. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can be facilitated with the PCSK9 inhibitor drug; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [17662/23]

*1670. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that the cath lab and full array of diagnostic cardiac services are now fully operational at Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will outline his plans to further develop cardiac services at Letterkenny University Hospital. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [17674/23]

*1671. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide information on the supply of two medications, amitriptyline and dalmene (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [17678/23]

*1672. To ask the Minister for Health when the person (details supplied) will receive their urgent medical appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [17679/23]

*1673. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the pandemic special recognition payment still has not been paid to staff of an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17681/23]

*1674. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive their Covid-19 recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [17684/23]

*1675. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 249 of 8 March 2023, if a response will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [17689/23]

*1676. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 332 of 9 March 2023, if a response will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [17690/23]

*1677. To ask the Minister for Health if he made the decision to include a book (details supplied) on the HSE developed "Relationships and Sexuality Education 1" reading list for children as young as 12 years of age; and if not, who within the HSE or his Department made the decision. — Peadar Tóibín. [17691/23]

*1678. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1522 of 21 March 2023, if he will support the consistent use of a separate symbol on medical charts to indicate pregnancy after loss in all maternity units, as well as an alert symbol and notice indicating that women and their partner are experiencing a bereavement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17702/23]

*1679. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on CAMHS waiting lists by CHO and length of wait for January and March 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form. — Mark Ward. [17719/23]

*1680. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 198 of 15 February 2023, which has not been answered by the HSE; if Cork University Hospital has engaged a substantial number of management consultants to work with the management team there; if so, the number of management consultants engaged by the hospital; the estimated cost of these consultants; and if he will expedite a response. — John McGuinness. [17721/23]

*1681. To ask the Minister for Health when HSE arrears will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17724/23]

*1682. To ask the Minister for Health the reason staff of an organisation (details supplied) , both current and former, are still waiting for the Covid pandemic bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [17725/23]

*1683. To ask the Minister for Health when the primary care centre project in Ballyhaunis was first approved; when the tendering process was opened and concluded; when the design phase was completed; when did construction initially commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17730/23]

*1684. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17731/23]

*1685. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for surgery in St. James's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17732/23]

*1686. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that there is a delay of six months or more for people who have retired from employment from section 38 voluntary organisations and voluntary hospitals to receive their pensions; his views on whether this is acceptable; the steps being taken to resolve this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [17733/23]

*1687. To ask the Minister for Health when a pension will be paid to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [17735/23]

*1688. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) who having been fitted and approved for a replacement wheelchair in 2019, has yet to receive the wheelchair; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17740/23]

*1689. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will be called for a procedure considering that he has been on the waiting list since October 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [17745/23]

*1690. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of medical negligence claims that are pending against each of the 19 maternity hospitals, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17749/23]

*1691. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of each of the medical negligence claims made against the 19 maternity hospitals; which of these said claims have been settled over the past five years, in tabular form for each of the 19 individual maternity units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17750/23]

*1692. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is still waiting for an operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17753/23]

*1693. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm when increased pension payments and arrears will be paid to retired nurses and other HSE staff; and if the payments will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [17764/23]

*1694. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Departmental staff currently on sick or stress leave; and the number who took stress or sick leave in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17781/23]

*1695. To ask the Minister for Health the number of allegations of bullying made by departmental staff against departmental staff in each of the past five years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will detail what actions are being taken by his Department to investigate the allegations, or if they are being investigated. — Peadar Tóibín. [17799/23]

*1696. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Departmental staff dismissed in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17817/23]

*1697. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have availed of gambling addiction services in the health service in 2021, 2022 and to do date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [17828/23]

*1698. To ask the Minister for Health from what date in April 2023 median family income will be increased for a GP visit card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [17835/23]

*1699. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the payment of the pandemic bonus payment for contracted security staff; when he expects this to be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [17836/23]

*1700. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [17840/23]

*1701. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the co-location of Limerick Maternity Hospital to the main UHL campus at Dooradoyle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [17846/23]

*1702. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to “create and implement a general health policy for Trans people, based on a best-practice model for care, in line with the World Professional Association of Transgender Healthcare (WPATH) and deliver a framework for the development of National Gender Clinics and Multidisciplinary Teams for children and adults”; the steps being taken to honour this commitment; the timeline he is working towards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [17850/23]

*1703. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the new homecare tender to replace the existing tender which is due to expire on 30 April 2023; when he expects this new tender to be agreed; if this new tender will include recommendations for the Report of the Strategic Workforce Advisory Group on Home Carers and Nursing Home Health Care Assistants, in particular recommendation six which states that homecare workers should, at a minimum, receive the national living wage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [17851/23]

*1704. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for homecare packages; the number of persons experiencing delayed discharge from hospital due to a delay accessing homecare; and the waiting lists for home care packages by CHO and LHO, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [17852/23]

*1705. To ask the Minister for Health if matters in relation to Lyme's disease (details supplied) will be examined and addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17856/23]

*1706. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting five years on a hospital appointment in Cavan General Hospital with a person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17858/23]

*1707. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the regional eye care and surgical centre in the South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital; the date this opened, or will open; and the number of patients seen to date. — Thomas Gould. [17860/23]

*1708. To ask the Minister for Health the number of days per year that the full capacity protocol has been utilised at University Hospital Limerick for the period 2011 to 2023, tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17878/23]

*1709. To ask the Minister for Health if the new income threshold for GP visit cards announced in Budget 2023 has been implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [17879/23]

*1710. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a surgical procedure for a person (details supplied) has been cancelled on three occasions; when this surgery will proceed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [17887/23]

*1711. To ask the Minister for Health if the enhanced homecare package scheme is available in every county in Ireland (details supplied); if it is not, if he will list the counties that the scheme is available in, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [17915/23]

*1712. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time to admit patients from ambulances to the ED at Letterkenny University Hospital in each month of 2022 and in January, February and March 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17917/23]

*1713. To ask the Minister for Health the longest waiting time to admit patients from ambulances to the ED at Letterkenny University Hospital in each month of 2022 and in January, February and March 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17918/23]

*1714. To ask the Minister for Health the longest waiting time to admit a patient from ambulances to the ED at Letterkenny University Hospital for each month of 2022 and in January, February and March 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17919/23]

*1715. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times ambulances in each ambulance station in County Donegal were unable to leave Letterkenny University Hospital due to delays in admitting patients to the ED, or when patients were using an ambulance trolley inside the hospital, for each month of 2022 and in January, February and March 2023, in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [17920/23]

*1716. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be admitted to the National Rehabilitation Hospital, Dún Laoghaire, as a matter of urgency. — John McGuinness. [17939/23]

*1717. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the increase health risks people are suffering as a result of Covid-19. — Holly Cairns. [17961/23]

*1718. To ask the Minister for Health if staff in an organisation (details supplied) will be recognised for their work during the pandemic. — Sean Sherlock. [17968/23]

*1719. To ask the Minister for Health how many cases are involved in the ongoing north Kerry look-back review into CAMHS; how many families/patients came forward; and if he will provide an approximate timeline for the completion of the review. — Pa Daly. [17969/23]

*1720. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who have received the pandemic bonus payment; the number of applicants who have not yet received their payment and if a person (details supplied) will receive their payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17980/23]

*1721. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for a first consultation with a geriatric specialist in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [17982/23]

*1722. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people currently awaiting a consultation with a geriatric specialist in Cork by waiting time, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [17983/23]

*1723. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who, following their pre-assessment for cataract surgery in January at University Hospital Limerick, has yet to receive an appointment date for surgery, having already waited four years for cataract surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17985/23]

*1724. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in 2022 who waited over twelve hours to be treated following presentation at the emergency department of University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17987/23]

*1725. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in 2022 who waited over eight hours to be treated following presentation at the Emergency Department of University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17988/23]

*1726. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in 2022 who waited over twenty-four hours to be treated following presentation at the Emergency Department of University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17989/23]

*1727. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on the percentage of bed nights accounted for by emergency admissions at University Hospital Limerick in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17990/23]

*1728. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details, in tabular form, on the number of theatre appointments by procedure type that were cancelled at University Hospital Limerick in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17991/23]

*1729. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a 14-year-old child in Nenagh, County Tipperary who requires occupational therapy for sensory processing disorder and dyspraxia cannot access this service through CAMHS Nenagh (details supplied); the reason this is the case; and how this child is supposed to access the service they urgently require and should be entitled to. — Alan Kelly. [17992/23]

*1730. To ask the Minister for Health if he will implement the European Commission recommendation that member states recognise Covid-19 as an occupational disease if contracted by healthcare workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17994/23]

*1731. To ask the Minister for Health the number of independent dental practices that signed up to the dental treatment services scheme in each of the past five years, broken down by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [18033/23]

*1732. To ask the Minister for Health if there are ongoing discussions with stakeholders from the independent dental sector to address any concerns that they have regarding accepting medical card patients for dental treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [18034/23]

*1733. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of recruiting one additional orthodontics specialist, one senior dental hygienist and one senior dental surgeon, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [18042/23]

*1734. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole time equivalent vacant posts by role currently unfilled in each of individual lung rapid access clinics, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [18043/23]

*1735. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant ophthalmologist with a special interest in strabismus working in the public health services in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [18044/23]

*1736. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the following information in relation to spinal surgeries performed on patients with spina bifida at Temple Street between 2018 and the end of 2022; the total number of surgeries; the number returned to theatre; the wound infection rate among patients; the rate of metalwork failure among patients; the overall complication rate; and to outline the documented process for discussing wound infection/repeat surgeries. — Paul Murphy. [18066/23]

*1737. To ask the Minister for Health what date in 2022 were spina bifida-related surgeries at Temple Street formally suspended. — Paul Murphy. [18067/23]

*1738. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the external clinical review of spinal surgery at Temple Street, what date was the review formally commissioned; why this external review was commissioned; what factors were involved in choosing a person (details supplied) to lead the external review; whether any other clinicians or hospitals considered to lead it; when the report is expected; and whether it will be published. — Paul Murphy. [18068/23]

*1739. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the internal review of spinal surgery at Temple Street on what date this review was formally commissioned; the person or body that is conducting the internal review; and what factors were involved in choosing the person or body to lead this review. — Paul Murphy. [18069/23]

*1740. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of any external or internal pressure being placed on clinical staff at Temple Street to restart spina bifida-related surgeries in advance of the conclusion of the external review and therefore before any possibility of implementing recommendations from that review. — Paul Murphy. [18070/23]

*1741. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 358 of 8 February 2023, the reason for the extreme delay in his Department providing an answer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [18094/23]

*1742. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether doctors that have qualified in Ukraine and have been recognised with an equivalent relevant health care qualification to that of a health skills FETAC level 5 qualification can work in direct patient care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [18101/23]

*1743. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on running Pres 2 exams or Plab exams in Ireland to facilitate the high number of Ukrainian doctors who want to practice in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [18102/23]

*1744. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 236 of 22 March 2023, the HSE managers who approved contracts for renovations and other works to Glenwood House, Carrigaline following the purchase of that property in January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [18136/23]

*1745. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 571 of 7 March 2023 and 1155 of 21 March 2023, the current projected extended timeframe for the HSEs use of Garnish House, Cork as a mental health facility; the details of consultation with families of residents on the changes to this arrangement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [18137/23]

*1746. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 127 of 9 February 2022 and 235 of 22 March 2023, if he will provide an exact breakdown of the estimated total annual service costs of €0.75 million for Glenwood House, Carrigaline, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [18138/23]

*1747. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 637 of 5 October 2021 and 234 of 22 March 2023, if he will provide an exact breakdown of the service costs of €3.65 million for the Owenacurra Centre, Midleton during 2021, in tabular form; the details of

the staff salary costs per clinician and other workers; the details of non-pay costs for that year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [18139/23]

*1748. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the east Cork HSE catchment area, with a population of circa 100,000, is having its 24-hour staffed residential mental health provision reduced from twenty single-room placements in 2021 to three single-room placements in 2023; the reason a development team due to be set up from May 2022 with a view to developing a new ten bed service for the region has not yet been formed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [18140/23]

*1749. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a timeline of when works are due to commence on the development of a helipad at the Cork University Hospital site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18141/23]

*1750. To ask the Minister for Health when the oversight group for National Standards for Bereavement Care Following Pregnancy Loss and Perinatal Death under the National Women and Infants Health Programme will be reconstituted; if he will outline the process of how an individual or group can become part of the oversight group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [18142/23]

*1751. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1495 of 18 January 2023, the reason the Question has not been answered (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [18144/23]

*1752. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of Exchequer funding that has been allocated to an organisation (details supplied) for 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [18151/23]

*1753. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of all primary care centres open, under construction and planned; the number of centres that are publicly owned, privately leased, and public private partnerships, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18157/23]

*1754. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a progress report on investment in a proper system of electronic health records; if he will indicate the barriers, if any, to more rapid progress; the estimated penetration to date; and the initiatives planned to accelerate and complete the project. — Richard Bruton. [18165/23]

*1755. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that have been taken to put an end to medical card holders being charged for blood tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [18166/23]

*1756. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the ongoing issues within County Tipperary ambulance service; the steps he is taking to provide additional support to ambulance services in County Tipperary to address ambulance shortages within the county; if he will provide from January 2022 to March 2023, in tabular form, the number of ambulances and ambulance staff operational or stationed at each ambulance station in County Tipperary; the average response time to ambulance call-outs per ambulance station in County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [18171/23]

*1757. To ask the Minister for Health to provide in tabular form from January 2022 to March 2023, the number of times ambulances typically stationed to operate in County Tipperary were asked to respond to ambulance call-outs outside of County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [18172/23]

*1758. To ask the Minister for Health to provide in tabular form from January 2022 to March 2023, the number of times ambulances not typically stationed to operate in County Tipperary were asked to respond to ambulance call-outs in County Tipperary because an ambulance was not available for dispatch within County Tipperary; the average response time for ambulance call-outs in such circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [18173/23]

*1759. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that facilities to apply for the technical aids grant is available in each CHO; to provide a list of the items covered by the grant. — Holly Cairns. [18178/23]

*1760. To ask the Minister for Health to remove all remaining restrictions in maternity units regarding partners attending antenatal appointments and assessment units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [18180/23]

*1761. To ask the Minister for Health when surgery will be scheduled for a person (details supplied) in Beaumont Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [18182/23]

*1762. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of staffing levels by profession in each of the 73 CAMHS teams across the State; the vacancy levels per CAMHS teams by profession in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [18183/23]

*1763. To ask the Minister for Health to identify the specialist inpatient mental health treatment that is not provided in this State for which patients are sent to the North, to Britain or elsewhere abroad; what efforts are being made to provide these services in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [18184/23]

*1764. To ask the Minister for Health if he will advise on the CORU registration period of adaptation requirements for individuals who have moved to the State with regard to a particular case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [18198/23]

*1765. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultations provided by Shannondoc out of hours service on 24, 25, 26 and 27 December 2022 by centre and day, in tabular form; and the number of doctors on duty at each centre for each of the aforementioned dates. — Róisín Shortall. [18222/23]

*1766. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid to Shannondoc under the service level agreement in each of the years since 2018, in tabular form; to provide a breakdown of this funding allocation in each year including staff wages; if this funding took account of the Building Momentum pay agreement; if staff benefited from these pay increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [18223/23]

*1767. To ask the Minister for Health if public monies have been used to fund public relations activities for a health service provider funded by the HSE (details supplied); if so, the amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [18224/23]

*1768. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that healthcare assistants working in Ireland under the general employment permit are not compelled to complete a QQI level 5 healthcare course to renew their permit in situations where their existing international qualifications and experience meet or exceed level 5 qualifications; the steps he is taking to address ambiguity regarding existing qualifications and experience in respect of non-EEA healthcare assistants; the engagements he has had with Quality and Qualifications Ireland and a representative body for these workers (details supplied) in relation to this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [18228/23]

*1769. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to concerns regarding the overseas aptitude test for general nursing (details supplied); the steps being taken to address these concerns and improve the test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [18231/23]

*1770. To ask the Minister for Health when a registration will be finalised in respect of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [18233/23]

*1771. To ask the Minister for Health why there is no longer paediatrics available in Caherciveen, Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18234/23]

*1772. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people that needed paediatric services in the last year in Caherciveen Hospital, January 2022 to January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18235/23]

*1773. To ask the Minister for Health when visiting restrictions at St. James's Hospital in Dublin will be lifted, in particular the requirement to pre-book a visiting slot. — Paul McAuliffe. [18243/23]

*1774. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18244/23]

*1775. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant WTE nursing posts at the Mater Hospital as of 4 April 2023; and when these will vacancies be filled, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [18253/23]

*1776. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital has 24-7 emergency service or on-call doctor for emergencies. — Darren O'Rourke. [18254/23]

*1777. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of fully subsidising the training of an additional 150 ICU nurses. — Darren O'Rourke. [18255/23]

*1778. To ask the Minister for Health the number of operating theatres at both CHI Temple Street and CHI Crumlin; and the hours of the week each of these theatres are opened for, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [18256/23]

*1779. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the current average waiting times for urgent and routine paediatric cardiology appointments in each of the seven hospital groups, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [18257/23]

*1780. To ask the Minister for Health when applications for the special recognition pandemic payment award will be processed for private ambulance staff who worked through and supported the NAS during the Covid pandemic. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [18268/23]

*1781. To ask the Minister for Health the latest guidelines and regulations which govern the sale and supply of codeine containing products by retail pharmacy businesses; when these were last reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18269/23]

*1782. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff employed by the Pharmaceutical Society, by grade, in tabular form; the number of staff employed for inspections of retail pharmacy businesses and the wider number involved in assessing compliance of retail pharmacy businesses; and the number of staff involved in enforcement actions or actions otherwise taken to address poor practice, behaviour, or performance taken against retail pharmacy businesses. — David Cullinane. [18270/23]

*1783. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inspections of retail pharmacy businesses conducted by the Pharmaceutical Society in each year since establishment, by purpose, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [18271/23]

*1784. To ask the Minister for Health the number of enforcement actions, or actions otherwise taken to correct or address poor practice, behaviour, or performance by pharmacists or by pharmacies, taken by the Pharmaceutical Society against retail pharmacy businesses in each year since establishment, by action type and grounds, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [18272/23]

*1785. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inspections conducted by the Pharmaceutical Society to ascertain compliance with guidelines for the safe dispensing of non-prescription products containing codeine by retail pharmacy businesses in each year since establishment, by purpose, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [18273/23]

*1786. To ask the Minister for Health the number of enforcement actions, or actions otherwise taken to correct or address poor practice, behaviour, or performance by pharmacists or by pharmacies, taken by the Pharmaceutical Society to address compliance with guidelines for the safe dispensing of non-prescription products containing codeine by retail pharmacy businesses in each year since establishment, by action type and grounds, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [18274/23]

*1787. To ask the Minister for Health the level of compliance with the 2010 Pharmaceutical Society guidelines on the safe dispensing of non-prescription products containing codeine by retail pharmacy businesses. — David Cullinane. [18275/23]

*1788. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the Health (Amendment) Bill 2023 to be commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [18300/23]

*1789. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the current Covid vaccinations programme advice for vulnerable people and the elderly and those who required future boosters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [18303/23]

*1790. To ask the Minister for Health the assessment that has been undertaken by his Department on the proposed “Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan” that would impose EU-wide labels on alcohol products; if these measure will impact any unilateral measures proposed under the Public Health (Alcohol) (Labelling) Regulations 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [18304/23]

*1791. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18308/23]

*1792. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18309/23]

*1793. To ask the Minister for Health if he can report on the amount of revenue the HSE spent on the cross-Border directive for the year ending 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [18313/23]

*1794. To ask the Minister for Health if he can report on the amount of revenue the HSE spent on the cross-Border directive for the CHO4 region for the year ending 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [18314/23]

*1795. To ask the Minister for Health if he will urgently expedite a surgical appointment for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [18332/23]

*1796. To ask the Minister for Health when the vaccination compensation scheme will be set up for those who have suffered adverse effects from the Covid vaccine and other vaccines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18333/23]

*1797. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 844 of 31 March 2021, the progress of the vaccine injury compensation scheme for the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [18337/23]

*1798. To ask the Minister for Health if he will directly intervene in a case of a patient (details supplied) who has faced an extreme waiting time for routine surgery. — Cathal Crowe. [18341/23]

*1799. To ask the Minister for Health if a wheelchair will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18342/23]

*1800. To ask the Minister for Health when HPV and cytology sample processing for CervicalCheck will be resumed in the Coombe Hospital. — Holly Cairns. [18351/23]

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

*1801. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on capital works on the Charlestown ETB building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [16517/23]

*1802. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of staff within his Department who are based and working with the European Union in Brussels; their present roles and responsibilities; the posts and responsibilities presently vacant;

the corresponding figures on 23 June 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16561/23]

*1803. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he intends to bring a proposal to Cabinet to reduce third-level fees as part of a sustainable funding model for higher education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [16572/23]

*1804. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the plans being developed to increase student accommodation units for the 2023/2024 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [16573/23]

*1805. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the proposal to establish a NFQ level 5 healthcare assistant apprenticeship, as outlined in the Action Plan for Apprenticeship 2021-2025; the engagements he has had with the HSE, Education and Training Boards and other stakeholders regarding this proposal; the timeline he is working towards; if he intends to pilot this apprenticeship first; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [16591/23]

*1806. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what progress has been made on the access to public service pensions in some higher education institutions for researchers since March 2022, to give them equal status with their colleagues who can avail of this access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [16610/23]

*1807. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the potential difficulties in the recruitment and maintaining of staff in the research area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [16611/23]

*1808. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what engagements he has had with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will examine education and training schemes for fishermen to allow for transferability of skipper licenses for use between the fishing and wind energy industries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16705/23]

*1809. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what examinations education bodies in the State have carried out to introduce training and upskilling courses that would allow transferability of fishing skipper licences for use in the offshore wind energy sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16706/23]

*1810. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide details (details supplied) in relation to a research centre hosted by University College Dublin. — Bríd Smith. [16712/23]

*1811. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will set out how he intends to differentiate between community education facilitators working directly in the area of community education, and other employees of education and training boards who have the title of community education facilitator but work in other areas of

further education and training, having regard to Government strategy for higher education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [16734/23]

*1812. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will set out in tabular form, the number of employees of education and training boards working directly in the area of community education; the number of employees of education and training boards with the title of community education facilitator; the number of employees of education and training boards with the title of community education facilitator who work in areas outside of community education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [16735/23]

*1813. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline the process he plans to undertake in the grade realignment of community education facilitators employed by education and training boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [16736/23]

*1814. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 550 of 28 March 2023, his views on whether there is sufficient engagement between his Department and professional bodies and third level institutions to ensure that consistency and fairness is applied to the conversion of professional and academic qualifications held by Ukrainian refugees to their Irish equivalent; if a one-stop shop could be established to assist this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [16756/23]

*1815. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 208 of 22 March 2023, if the business case document has been completed; if not, the proposed timeframe for completion; if the business case has been submitted to the Department of Finance for review; if not, when this is expected to happen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16820/23]

*1816. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will prioritise the establishment of an alternative learning service in the south Clondalkin area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [16842/23]

*1817. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the Minister of State within his Department visited University of Malaya during his recent visit to Malaysia for St. Patrick's Day. — Catherine Murphy. [16934/23]

*1818. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the breakdown of the third-level institutions that have received or introduced free period products or funding for similar initiatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [17084/23]

*1819. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he is taking to increase the provision of student accommodation for students with disabilities in County Cork-third-level educational institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17262/23]

*1820. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he is taking to ensure further education and training colleges have student accommodation facilities, especially for students with disabilities. — Holly Cairns. [17263/23]

*1821. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he is taking to introduce a National Student Accommodation Policy and Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17358/23]

*1822. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he is taking to ensure that all third level education institutions operate blended learning models; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17373/23]

*1823. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline the progress made to date with respect to the development of a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [17723/23]

*1824. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of Departmental staff currently on sick or stress leave; and the number who took stress or sick leave in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17780/23]

*1825. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of allegations of bullying made by departmental staff against departmental staff in each of the past five years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will detail what actions are being taken by his Department to investigate the allegations, or if they are being investigated. — Peadar Tóibín. [17798/23]

*1826. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of Departmental staff dismissed in each of the past ten years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17816/23]

*1827. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he is taking to increase the percentage rates of pay for apprentices to ensure that they begin on minimum wage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17960/23]

*1828. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount of EU funding received for capital works projects in universities in 2022 and to-date in 2023; and the amount of funding received per works project, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [18038/23]

*1829. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports and advance guidance he provides to higher level institutions and 3rd level institutions regarding gambling addiction. — Catherine Murphy. [18050/23]

*1830. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what funding options are available for a person (details supplied) in County Clare who has been accepted to study a Masters in Physician Associate Support at the University of Sheffield; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [18123/23]

*1831. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on his Departments efforts to resolve pension issues across the university sector (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [18145/23]

*1832. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of education and training institutes providing QQI level 5 healthcare assistant; and the cost of these courses respectively in each of the years since 2020, by provider, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [18227/23]

*1833. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of increasing the lower income threshold for the full SUSI grant from €24,500 to €31,000. — Darren O'Rourke. [18260/23]

*1834. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will retain the current fees for third level education in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [18301/23]

*1835. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will cap fees for third level education in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [18302/23]

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

*1836. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding streams currently open to applications that provide financial assistance to projects seeking to build capacity and know-how within communities to develop low-carbon communities and engage in climate action; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [16345/23]

*1837. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress made to date with the mountain access scheme, first commenced 15 years ago; if farmers who participate are indemnified against a claim by hill walkers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [16391/23]

*1838. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will explain the decision not to provide the community recognition grant to a school (details supplied) in County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [16497/23]

*1839. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of staff within her Department who are based and working with the European Union in Brussels; their present roles and responsibilities; the posts and responsibilities presently vacant; the corresponding figures on 23 June 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16566/23]

*1840. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she intends on amending Section 81 part (3) of the Local Government Act 2001 in order to make the rules in relation to the local improvement scheme more relevant to the needs of modern rural Ireland, where a decreasing number of people are involved directly in farming; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [16625/23]

*1841. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when grants under the Community Recognition Fund will be approved. — Emer Higgins. [16847/23]

*1842. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the new round of Clár funding could be applied for by a school and a club (details supplied) jointly to develop a new car

park and drop-off area that would take traffic off the local road and ensure better road safety in the local area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [17126/23]

*1843. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide her response to the recommendation in the University College Cork report: ‘Housing and Sustaining Communities on the West Cork Islands’, to “establish a gateway housing programme for the islands to attract newcomers, ensuring that plans are put in place to ensure the availability of housing for those wishing to remain on the island full-time at the end of the trial period”. — Holly Cairns. [17505/23]

*1844. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide her response to the recommendation in the University College Cork report: ‘Housing and Sustaining Communities on the West Cork Islands’, to “establish a multi-agency islands housing body in consultation with island residents to manage housing on the islands. Key to the success of such a body will be to ensure the meaningful and inclusive representation of all island residents”. — Holly Cairns. [17506/23]

*1845. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the proposed works for the Mell Greenway, Drogheda, following the further engagement from her Department offering an extension to 31 March 2023 to allow the local authority to progress the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [17524/23]

*1846. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amounts in grant aid or funding awarded by her Department, or through schemes administered by it, to an organisation (details supplied) in each year from 2010 to 2022; and the projected funding for 2023. — John Paul Phelan. [17694/23]

*1847. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of Departmental staff currently on sick or stress leave; and the number who took stress or sick leave in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17785/23]

*1848. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of allegations of bullying made by departmental staff against departmental staff in each of the past five years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if she will detail what actions are being taken by her Department to investigate the allegations, or if they are being investigated. — Peadar Tóibín. [17803/23]

*1849. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of Departmental staff dismissed in each of the past ten years, and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [17821/23]

*1850. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the supports that her Department can provide for persons and or groups in the context of assisting persons with gambling addictions. — Catherine Murphy. [17829/23]

*1851. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide the resources necessary to secure extra dog wardens for Cork county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [17928/23]

*1852. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the next round of CLÁR funding will be open to applications. — Robert Troy. [18031/23]

*1853. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the action she will take to ensure an organisation (details supplied) will engage in stakeholder consultation in relation to the recently published interim report of the Working Group on the Control of Dogs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [18051/23]

*1854. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on steps being undertaken by her Department to address connectivity issues on some sites with the WIFI4EU system. — Robert Troy. [18098/23]

*1855. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department would consider applying the UNSDGs Acceleration Tool available from DECC to incorporate the Sustainable Development Goals into the National Action Plan on the Development of the Islands to help deliver meaningful actions and given the delays with its publication, as referenced in Parliamentary Question No. 68 of 23 February 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [18126/23]

*1856. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the Community Recognition Fund 2023 will be allocated to the successful groups. — Holly Cairns. [18181/23]

*1857. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of WTE forensic accountants and enforcement lawyers employed by the Charities Regulator in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased. — Darren O'Rourke. [18248/23]