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

*1. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will consider waiving passport fees for children who are in foster care under the aegis of Tusla; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18442/23]

*2. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when an FBR application (details supplied) will be completed, considering that the supporting documents were received by his Department over twelve months ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [18528/23]

*3. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport renewal (details supplied) given the applicant's target issue date has been exceeded by a number of months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [18566/23]

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

*4. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he can explain the circumstances (details supplied) behind the anomaly in the An Post pension system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [18467/23]

*5. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 140 of 2 March 2023, whether the Local Government Management Agency has yet submitted draft codes of practice for the purpose of setting standards for the operation of CCTV and other mobile recording devices in order to deter environmental pollution and to facilitate the prevention, detection, and prosecution of littering (Section 33) and illegal dumping (Section 22) offences; when he expects to receive these draft codes, and the timeframe in which local authorities can commence the installation of CCTV cameras in the vicinity of bottle banks and other waste collection locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [18405/23]

*6. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline when he intends to publish a national hydrogen strategy for Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [18411/23]

*7. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline when he intends to launch a public consultation into the use of direct lines and private wires; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [18412/23]

*8. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline his views on the EU Electricity Market Reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [18413/23]

*9. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline his intentions to publish a national solar strategy for Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [18418/23]

*10. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment ‘As Ireland moves towards carbon neutrality, we do not believe that it makes sense to develop LNG gas import terminals importing fracked gas, accordingly we shall withdraw the Shannon LNG terminal from the EU Projects of Common Interest list in 2021. We do not support the importation of fracked gas and shall develop a policy statement to establish that approach.’. — Holly Cairns. [18456/23]

*11. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the conservation requirements which led to the suspension of draft net fishing on inland rivers; if draft net fishing can resume on certain rivers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [18503/23]

*12. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the pre- and post-BER ratings of all deep retrofits completed in 2022 under all SEAI schemes, by scheme, pre-BER, and post-BER, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [18595/23]

*13. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the figures for all retrofits completed in Q1 2023 under all SEAI schemes, by scheme, pre-BER, and post-BER; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [18596/23]

*14. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the figures of retrofits completed under the SEAI ‘one-stop-shop scheme’ in Q1 this year, pre-BER, and post-BER; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [18597/23]

*15. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the figures for all solar installations under all SEAI schemes in Q1 this year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [18598/23]

*16. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the figures of retrofits completed under the SEAI’s ‘warmer homes’ scheme in Q1 this year, pre-BER, and post-BER; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [18599/23]

*17. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average waiting time for a retrofit under all SEAI schemes in Q1 this year by scheme, per BER rating pre-completion, and per BER rating post-completion, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [18600/23]

*18. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average waiting time for solar installation under all SEAI schemes in Q1 of 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [18611/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*19. 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. [18389/23]

*20. 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. [18390/23]

*21. To ask the Minister for Transport what action his Department is taking to reduce the five-month waiting time for driving tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18391/23]

*22. To ask the Minister for Transport what immediate action his Department is taking to help alleviate the waiting time for driving tests, which now stands at five months, in view that many provisional drivers now find themselves in a position where they will not have the funds to insure their vehicle wherein the cost is significantly higher for provisional drivers than fully licensed drivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18392/23]

*23. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the proposed introduction of E10 petrol in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18397/23]

*24. To ask the Minister for Transport to clarify that following the potential introduction of E10 petrol in Ireland, whether or not E5 petrol will still continue to be supplied in order to cater for the thousands of pre-Euro V engine vehicles still being used by many motorists on Irish roads today, in view that if E5 petrol were to be discontinued nationally thousands of vehicles could not be operated which would force many motorists to buy a newer vehicle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18398/23]

*25. To ask the Minister for Transport what action his Department is taking to ensure that motorists will not be directly affected by the proposed introduction of E10 petrol, in view that many motorists currently operate older vehicles compatible to E5 petrol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18399/23]

*26. To ask the Minister for Transport given the proposed changes from E95 to E90 grade petrol, if provision has been made for cars manufactured before 1998, and in particular, classic and vintage cars; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [18400/23]

*27. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is proposing to regulate the use of e-scooters by defining which public highways e-scooters may be driven on, how they may be driven, any penalties proposed, in line with those for cyclists, what safety gear will be mandatory or advised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [18407/23]

*28. To ask the Minister for Transport the revenues generated, or anticipated to be generated, per annum by parking charges at Ballybrophy railway station. — Michael McNamara. [18435/23]

*29. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline any payments or contractual obligations to pay monies for the monitoring of the payment of parking fees at Ballybrophy railway station. — Michael McNamara. [18436/23]

*30. To ask the Minister for Transport what facilities, if any, are in place to enable persons without a bank card to pay for parking at Ballybrophy railway station. — Michael McNamara. [18437/23]

*31. To ask the Minister for Transport what facilities, if any, are in place to enable persons who are illiterate to pay for parking at Ballybrophy railway station. — Michael McNamara. [18438/23]

*32. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the process by which a company (details supplied) was selected to supervise/manage the payment for parking at Ballybrophy railway station. — Michael McNamara. [18439/23]

*33. To ask the Minister for Transport if any audit of the user friendliness of (details supplied) including for elderly persons or persons with impaired capacity, has been carried out by his Department. — Michael McNamara. [18440/23]

*34. To ask the Minister for Transport if any audit of the user friendliness of a company (details supplied) including for elderly persons or persons with impaired capacity, has been carried out by CIE, before it was selected to operate car parking at Ballybrophy railway station. — Michael McNamara. [18441/23]

*35. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department examined the viability of extending services to include passenger services along the existing Navan-Drogheda rail line as a possible option to improve public transport options for all those living in Navan and towns on the route such as Duleek, thereby providing a rail link to Dublin from Navan in a relatively inexpensive and fast manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [18447/23]

*36. To ask the Minister for Transport whether recent flight path changes are resulting in an increase in aircraft passing over a location (details supplied); the regulations for aircraft turning over Dublin Bay; the permitted noise levels from aircraft flying over residential areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [18448/23]

*37. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he and his Departmental officials have had with sectoral representative bodies and the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, with respect to the availability of mechanics nationally; his plans to make a case to the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, to expand the current employment permits system to accommodate non-EEA applicants for mechanic positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [18451/23]

*38. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update from the Marine Survey Office on the progress it has made in relation to a survey of the Hebble Sand vessel on the town quays in Drogheda; if he will provide details of the engagement the Marine Survey Office has had this year with the registered owner of the vessel; when the vessel will be removed from the River Boyne; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18498/23]

*39. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details of funding schemes currently open or schemes that will be open this year to which local authorities can apply to improve active travel infrastructure adjacent to national schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [18607/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*40. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to ensure that the rights of those who have mortgages taken over by credit servicing firms under the terms of the Credit Services Directive once it is transposed into Irish law are enhanced, not diminished; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18401/23]

*41. To ask the Minister for Finance when he expects the Disabled Drivers Medical Board appeals board to be re-established and in place to deal with the excessive waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [18404/23]

*42. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify the tax back process for donations to charities and approved clubs whereby charities are not allowed to claim a tax return/top-up for all PAYE workers; if he will clarify the situation regarding donations to such charities and approved clubs from PAYE workers who also happen to submit a form 11 for separate income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [18567/23]

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.

*43. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the total investment that each NUT region will receive under the ERDF programme in both EU and Exchequer co-funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18501/23]

*44. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the rationale for designating the Southern Regional Assembly as the managing authority for the ERDF funding allocated for the eastern and midlands region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18502/23]

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

*45. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will ensure, as per the Workplace Ventilation (Covid-19) Bill 2021, that the 'right to clean air' is provided to hospital and healthcare staff by imposing minimum ventilation standards in workplaces based around CO2 levels, ensuring all improvements needed are made urgently (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [18356/23]

*46. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department is considering removing the role of mechanics from the ineligible list of occupations for employment permits; if so, when he expects such a decision to be made; the engagement his Department has had to date with the Department of Transport on the subject; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [18452/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*47. To ask the Minister for Education in relation to funding for educational psychologists which will be considered in a report expected to be released in Q2, if she is aware that current trainees are advocating that this funding should match what the HSE offers to ensure equity

in the profession; if she will guarantee that all trainees receive equitable financial support and opportunities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [18360/23]

*48. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that participants in a psychology training programme (details supplied) are provided with the same funding and supports as persons pursuing similar programmes. — Holly Cairns. [18455/23]

*49. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the funding for current educational psychology students within Mary Immaculate College and UCD, in light of the supports offered to new entrants to these courses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [18382/23]

*50. To ask the Minister for Education if a second-level student can appeal a decision to refuse special education school transport when the closest mainstream school is not meeting the specific needs of the student; what evidence is required for the appeal to prove this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [18383/23]

*51. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the application for additional school accommodation for a named school (details supplied); if she will provide a timeline for a letter of acceptance to this application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [18384/23]

*52. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a guaranteed timeline for the beginning of the major building project for a school (details supplied); if she will estimate how long this will take; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [18387/23]

*53. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a guaranteed timeline for the beginning of the major building project for a school (details supplied); if she will estimate how long this will take; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [18388/23]

*54. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline her plans in relation to ensuring equitable treatment in the funding of the education of trainee psychologists (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18424/23]

*55. To ask the Minister for Education an bhfuil sí ar an eolas gur laghdaíodh an t-am do mhúineadh na Gaeilge sna bunscoileanna ó 5 uair an chloig sa tseachtain in 1971 go 3.5 uair an chloig sa tseachtain in 1999 agus go bhfuil sé molta anois é a laghdú go 3 uair an chloig sa tseachtain in 92% de scoileanna faoi Chreatchuraclam na Bunscoile (2023), agus ag an am céanna nár tháinig athrú ar na spriocanna foghlama don teanga ná ar an ról atá le himirt ag bunscoileanna i sealbhú teanga i gcaitheamh na tréimhse sin agus dá réir, an féidir leis an Aire aon taighde atá aici, ina léirítear nach raibh gá a thuilleadh leis an uair an chloig go leith a cailleadh in 1999, a roinnt, agus ar an gcaoi chéanna, an féidir léi aon taighde a roinnt ina léirítear nach raibh gá leis an leathuair an chloig atá le cailleadh faoi Chreatchuraclam na Bunscoile (2023) chun na spriocanna foghlama agus an sealbhú teanga céanna a bhaint amach ag an mbunleibhéal. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18426/23]

*56. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the proposed building programme at a school (details supplied); if she will confirm the schedule now being followed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [18427/23]

*57. To ask the Minister for Education to confirm the contacts with the board of management of a college (details supplied) following her recent announcement giving the go-ahead to deal

with the accommodation needs of the college; the details of the schedule now being followed, in view of the concerns of the college community that progress be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [18428/23]

*58. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update and estimated timeline for a school building project (details supplied); if the tender document for the school has been issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [18444/23]

*59. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update and estimated timeline for a school building project (details supplied) to include a detailed schedule of works with proposed completion dates; when the additional temporary accommodation units will be implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [18445/23]

*60. To ask the Minister for Education if he will ensure that participants in a psychology training programme (details supplied) are provided with the same funding and supports as persons pursuing similar programmes. — Holly Cairns. [18454/23]

*61. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify if financial support will be forthcoming for the current cohort of students on the trainee educational and child psychologist programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [18466/23]

*62. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider a change in the way in which July Provision is considered as part of a teacher's work (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [18524/23]

*63. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details of the funding that will be provided to incoming first-year trainee educational psychologists; if this funding will be provided to all first-year trainee educational psychologists from September; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [18573/23]

*64. To ask the Minister for Education if she intends to provide funding for current trainee educational psychologists, separate to the one-off bursary for trainees in their third year of professional training; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [18574/23]

*65. To ask the Minister for Education when the ancillary grant will be paid to national schools; what advice is being issued to schools to cover staffing costs for the delay in the payment of the grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [18602/23]

*66. To ask the Minister for Education to provide her response to the recommendation in the UCC report Housing and Sustaining Communities on the west Cork Islands to support young families on the islands through services and infrastructure, including free ferries where access to schooling is not available on the islands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [18603/23]

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

*67. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to outline her engagement with the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communication concerning

online trolling and other online abuse targeted at LGBTQ+ young people. — Holly Cairns. [18601/23]

*68. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if, notwithstanding the decision on the basic income scheme for a person (details supplied), there is any recourse that a review can be made on the decision; and if not, if there is an opportunity to reapply for the scheme again in 2023. — Joe Flaherty. [18446/23]

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

*69. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the Government's strategy to act upon the recommendations of the Biodiversity Loss Citizens Assembly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [18432/23]

*70. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify if Louth County Council has been given instruction from his Department that long-term leases cannot be considered, with consideration to the extreme pressures on housing at this moment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [18393/23]

*71. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amounts collected, levied, owed and owed cumulatively under the Derelict Sites Register; and the number of sites on each register by local authority for 2022, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [18429/23]

*72. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amounts collected, levied, owed and owed cumulatively under the Vacant Sites Register; and the number of sites on each register by local authority for 2022, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [18430/23]

*73. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social and affordable houses built in the Kerry local authority area in each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [18434/23]

*74. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking in response to contract restrictions preventing the sale of properties to local authorities or approved housing bodies for social housing. — Holly Cairns. [18457/23]

*75. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered in County Donegal for the years, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [18525/23]

*76. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable rental units delivered in County Donegal for the years, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [18526/23]

*77. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social housing units delivered in County Donegal for the years, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [18527/23]

*78. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the updating of the planning guidelines for short-term lettings will be announced (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18550/23]

*79. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social housing units to be retrofitted in County Clare in 2023, by municipal district, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [18591/23]

*80. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the grants currently available through his Department, excluding the housing adaptation grant for the replacement of windows and doors in private houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [18592/23]

*81. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 513 of 21 March 2023, if he will engage with self-catering accommodation providers in rural areas concerning the impact of the Short-term Lettings Enforcement Bill 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [18609/23]

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

*82. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of inspections carried out by the Private Security Authority on company records, and events, where registered companies were operative, in the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [17226/23]

*83. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of sanctions/prosecutions imposed on security companies arising out of these inspections by the Private Security Authority in the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [17227/23]

*84. To ask the Minister for Justice his plans in the area of sentencing reform and incarceration rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [18408/23]

*85. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of slop out cases and in cell sanitation cases taken by prisoners and former prisoners. — Ivana Bacik. [18420/23]

*86. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of slop out cases and in cell sanitation cases taken by prisoners and former prisoners where they were legally represented. — Ivana Bacik. [18421/23]

*87. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of firms instructed by the State to defend slop out and in cell sanitation cases; the amount in fees paid to such firms for their services; and the number of such cases assigned to each firm, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [18422/23]

*88. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 139 of 15 February 2023, the total number of category 'A' complaints made by female prisoners in 2022 and their outcomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [18561/23]

*89. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of committals to prison in 2022, by gender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [18562/23]

*90. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of remand committals to prison in 2022, by gender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [18563/23]

*91. To ask the Minister for Justice the average number of people in prison custody in 2022, by gender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [18564/23]

*92. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of people who were committed to prison in 2022 as the result of the non-payment of a court-ordered fine, by gender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [18565/23]

*93. To ask the Minister for Justice when a renewed residence permit card will be issued to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18568/23]

*94. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18575/23]

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

*95. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a timeline for the implementation of the Native Woodland Scheme, which was due to start in January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [18385/23]

*96. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline his views on how hydrogen can be used in the agricultural and farming sectors; if his Department has discussed the roll-out of hydrogen in these sectors with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [18416/23]

*97. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the supports which are currently offered to farmers and agricultural workers who wish to make a transition to renewable sources of energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [18417/23]

*98. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on funding a national trap, neuter and return programme for the wild cat population. — Holly Cairns. [18453/23]

*99. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when payment will be issued to a person (details supplied) for the REAP scheme which has been approved for payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [18468/23]

*100. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures to encourage more women to take part in farming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [18541/23]

*101. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of afforestation licences issued to date for 2023; what measures are being taken to ensure the Climate Action Afforestation Target is met for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [18542/23]

*102. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current number of places that are available to those wishing to study veterinary medicine; what his engagement is with the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to increase the current number of places available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [18543/23]

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

*103. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are grants or funding assistance available for a new business (details supplied) in County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [18529/23]

*104. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the provision of community neuro-rehabilitation teams in each CHO. — Holly Cairns. [18606/23]

*105. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what compensation is being paid to an entity (details supplied) for the provision of accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [17616/23]

*106. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will engage with the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to make the case for the waiving of passport application fees for children in foster care under the aegis of Tusla, given the fact that such fees are not routinely automatically reimbursed to foster carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18443/23]

*107. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of assessment of need complaints received to disability services in 2022; the number of those complaints dealt with within a 30-day timeframe; the average number of days taken to close out a complaint in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [18469/23]

*108. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current vacancies within the children's disability network teams in New Ross, County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [18521/23]

*109. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current number of children awaiting an assessment of needs with the children's disability network teams in New Ross, County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [18522/23]

*110. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of children on a wait list for services with the children's disability network teams in New Ross, County Wexford; the average wait times for children to access services with the CDNT in New Ross; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [18523/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*111. To ask the Minister for Health if he will actively engage with the relevant educational bodies to examine the training and scope of all work carried out by auxiliary dental workers, that is dental technicians and clinical dental technicians, with a view to expanding the range of direct services to the public, without the necessity of having to see a dentist first as is currently the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18361/23]

*112. To ask the Minister for Health if he will actively engage with the relevant educational bodies to conduct a review of how undergraduate education programmes can best support the Smile Agus Sláinte policy, in particular in regards to the provision of care to vulnerable groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18362/23]

*113. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration would be given to the reintroduction of a foundation training scheme (details supplied) to facilitate new dental school graduates in gaining experience in a mentored environment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18367/23]

*114. To ask the Minister for Health what action his Department is taking to broaden the range of dental specialities in Ireland through appropriate educational pathways to include a broader range of dental specialities particularly in areas such as disability and paediatrics, wherein any new scope of practice or expanded roles would be properly regulated by the Dental Council with mandatory registration for these professionals, in view that there are currently just two recognised dental specialities in Ireland, orthodontics and oral surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18368/23]

*115. To ask the Minister for Health if financial support for current trainee counselling psychologists in first and second year will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [18409/23]

*116. To ask the Minister for Health the action he will take to tackle the waiting lists in the primary care service for children's disability services for example, psychology, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy in the north Dublin area CHO9; the length of the waiting lists for these services in the primary care service; his advice for parents who may be waiting upwards of three years for an initial appointment; his plans to shorten these wait times to ensure children are assessed in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [18449/23]

*117. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1374 of 18 January 2023, if there is a timeline for completion for the development of a Helipad in CUH or any further update; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [18357/23]

*118. To ask the Minister for Health if resources are in place to provide a primary healthcare centre in Collinstown, Clondalkin, Dublin 22; if he will provide an update on the provision of this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [18358/23]

*119. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the disposal of land to provide a primary healthcare centre in Collinstown, Clondalkin, Dublin 22; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [18359/23]

*120. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration would be given to updating the Dental Council's 'Register of Dentists' as recommended by a report (details supplied), to include information such as location, services provided, and hours worked, wherein this would provide a reliable overview of the number and availability of practising dentists in the country and allow an informed assessment to feed into workforce planning for the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18369/23]

*121. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration would be given to reviewing the current process for non-EEA dentists to register to practice as dentists in Ireland; if consideration would be given to amendments to modernise and make the process more efficient, particularly regarding the curriculum for these examinations, the frequency with which they are held and the feedback given to candidates, in particular to candidates who fail to meet the required standards in examination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18370/23]

*122. To ask the Minister for Health what action his Department is taking to ensure that the public dental service is adequately staffed and resourced, in view of recommendations set out in a report (details supplied) which advises that based on the current population, 450 whole-time equivalent dental posts are needed in the HSE public dental service in order to address the difficulties apparent in the service, and to enable the service deliver on its stated objectives of preventing dental health difficulties as well as caring for and treating children and other vulnerable groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18371/23]

*123. To ask the Minister for Health what action his Department is taking to address the current waiting list for screening and treatment in orthodontic services in the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18372/23]

*124. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration would be given to establishing a management/leadership group under the auspices of his Department, comprised of representatives of the relevant Departments of State, statutory agencies and dental educational institutions, for the purposes of implementing Smile Agus Sláinte 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18373/23]

*125. To ask the Minister for Health what action his Department is taking to ensure that a modern system of clinical surveillance, as contained in Smile Agus Sláinte 2019, is put in place to ensure that same continues to be effective; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18374/23]

*126. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will support an information campaign to raise awareness of the new service arrangements, as contained in Smile Agus Sláinte 2019, for the purposes of informing parents of these new services when they are in place, and in supporting the promotion of fluoride toothpaste in line with current WHO guidance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18375/23]

*127. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will actively engage with dental practitioners and their representative bodies to promote appropriate toothpaste use, in line with WHO evidence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18376/23]

*128. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will engage with the appropriate bodies to actively advance the introduction of preventative packages for children and adults to support EU and Irish regulations which require the phase-down of amalgam fillings, that such packages would be delivered by private dental practices subject to the appropriate contracts being put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18377/23]

*129. To ask the Minister for Health if he will actively engage with the relevant authorities to evaluate the scope of primary care practice in supporting the implementation of Smile Agus Sláinte Policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18378/23]

*130. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give consideration to the introduction of a bill to amend the Dentists Act 1985, to reflect recent developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18379/23]

*131. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with the appropriate agencies/bodies to facilitate identification of vulnerable groups for the purposes of enabling them to access periodontal treatment, and further as a means of preventing early death and increased morbidity, as well as leading to a substantial improvement in health outcomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18380/23]

*132. To ask the Minister for Health if he will implement the Safe Access Zone legislation with extreme urgency; if he will outline what has caused a delay in this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [18381/23]

*133. To ask the Minister for Health what plans are in place to address the long delays in testing for rare diseases and referral for genetic testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [18394/23]

*134. To ask the Minister for Health what progress has been made to date by his Department following a meeting between Department officials and an organisation (details supplied) on 15 February 2023 to discuss the inclusion of certified athletic therapists in the next round of ten professions seeking regulations, their concerns around the regulation of this profession and plans to develop a future policy framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18396/23]

*135. To ask the Minister for Health if, within the model of care plan for dual diagnosis, funding streams are available for community organisations to provide dual diagnosis services such as (details supplied); how these can be applied for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [18402/23]

*136. To ask the Minister for Health for a timeline for the implementation of the HSE pay agreements for retired HSE staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [18403/23]

*137. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received any reports on the speed with which CORU can process international recognition of therapists, who were trained overseas and have long working experience overseas at the highest level, where it appears that very demanding detail of all training and working experience is insisted upon, which must be each notarised, and where no facility for in-person exchange is afforded which could unravel some of the complexity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [18406/23]

*138. To ask the Minister for Health when he intends to publish an evaluation of the national cardiovascular health strategy which expired in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [18410/23]

*139. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the establishment of a working group on foot of the publication of a report (details supplied) into Ireland's reimbursement process; if he will outline the membership of this group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [18415/23]

*140. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1476 of 21 March 23, the reason the HSE has not adequately answered the Question; if he will provide the information as to the civil registration offices that remained operational during the Covid pandemic restrictive periods; the centres in which staff were awarded the pandemic special recognition payment, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [18419/23]

*141. To ask the Minister for Health the plans, if any, he has to introduce a national screening programme for familial hypercholesterolaemia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [18423/23]

*142. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that are being implemented to eliminate the unacceptable delays experienced by persons who qualified in Northern Ireland or in Britain in having their qualifications recognised in Ireland in areas such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech and language therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [18425/23]

*143. To ask the Minister for Health when he will introduce legislation to provide for safe access zones around sites where abortion services are provided. — Ivana Bacik. [18433/23]

*144. To ask the Minister for Health to ensure that funding is provided to trainee educational psychologists to enable them complete professional training. — Holly Cairns. [18458/23]

*145. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking in relation to the high volume of cases of alleged sexual harassment and workplace bullying in the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [18459/23]

*146. To ask the Minister for Health the funding given for respite services in each CHO in each of the past five years in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [18460/23]

*147. To ask the Minister for Health the funding given for residential respite services in each CHO in each of the past five years in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [18461/23]

*148. To ask the Minister for Health the funding given for development of new respite services in each CHO in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [18462/23]

*149. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications made for respite services in each of the past five years, by CHO in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [18463/23]

*150. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications made for residential respite services in each of the past five years, by CHO in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [18464/23]

*151. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify if financial support will be forthcoming for the current cohort of students on the trainee educational and child psychologist programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [18465/23]

*152. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the list of 'mental health conditions – people aged 16 and younger', that are included under the section - medical conditions covered by the long-term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [18470/23]

*153. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent allocations in therapeutic roles for inpatient and outpatient services in Our Lady's Hospital, Cashel campus, broken down by discipline in tabular form; the number of those WTE posts that were vacant on 31 March 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [18471/23]

*154. To ask the Minister for Health the year each primary care centre was approved and construction completed, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18499/23]

*155. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Claremorris primary care centre is currently without a GP operating on site; the steps he is taking to address the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18500/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for Health what action he is considering to address the issue of core funding for the supported care homes in Carlow and Kilkenny; and if he will expedite a financial response given that some of these homes are in crisis. — John McGuinness. [18504/23]

*157. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene to ensure the pandemic bonus payment is paid to a frontline worker (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [18505/23]

*158. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene to ensure the pandemic bonus payment is paid to a frontline worker (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [18506/23]

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*166. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene to ensure the pandemic bonus payment is paid to a frontline worker (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [18514/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene to ensure the pandemic bonus payment is paid to a frontline worker (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [18515/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene to ensure the pandemic bonus payment is paid to a frontline worker (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [18516/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who have been treated in long-Covid and post-acute clinics since they were established, by clinic, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [18517/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on a waiting list for long-Covid and post-acute clinics, by clinic and wait time, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [18518/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for Health the existing staffing levels in each of the long-Covid and post-acute clinics, by role, in tabular form; the number of vacant posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [18519/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for Health the date at which he intends to commence the Health (Amendment) Act 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [18520/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe of the proposed new development at St. Vincent's Hospital, Mountmellick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [18569/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Health when payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18570/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in issuing all remaining pandemic recognition payments, with particular reference to cases that were upheld on appeal and eligible for payment; if a timeline for payment can be indicated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18571/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for Health why a vital service (details supplied) was not available in County Kerry on 12 April 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18572/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for Health if he has plans to introduce emergency access pathways for those who already hold medical cards to be reimbursed via the primary care reimbursement scheme for those who have been approved by ministerial licence for access to medicinal cannabis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [18590/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a family (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [18593/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to provide funding for individuals who need to seek medical treatment for oesophageal cancer which is currently unavailable in the State. — Holly Cairns. [18605/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Health if a GP can be assigned to an infant (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18610/23]

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

*181. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what progress has been made to date on the building of a new dental school and hospital in Curraheen, Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18363/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what action his Department is taking to increase the number of available places to dental students at the two dental schools in University College Cork and Trinity College Dublin; if consideration would be given to the provision of additional funding to invest and expand the two dental schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18364/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what action his Department is taking to increase the number of available places for dental hygienist students in the two dental schools in University College Cork and Trinity College

Dublin, in view that approximately 25 dental hygienists graduate from the two dental schools annually which as per a report (details supplied) is not enough graduates annually to address the dental workforce crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18365/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what action his Department is taking to address the current shortage of qualified dental nurses in the dental workforce nationally; if consideration would be given to the allocation of additional training places for dental nurses to deal with this shortage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18366/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports in place for students who cannot secure necessary living accommodation to complete third-level courses; if online facilities will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [18386/23]

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

*186. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of money spent under the original CLÁR programme funding for the clearing of the railway line between Collooney in Sligo and Athenry in Galway by Iarnród Éireann; the years in which the work was carried out; if he will provide details of the work that was done and the issues encountered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18395/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will outline the potential for the Atlantic Corridor to become a hub for renewable energy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [18414/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to provide her response to the recommendation in the UCC report Housing and Sustaining Communities on the west Cork Islands to support young families on the islands through services and infrastructure, including free ferries where access to schooling is not available on the islands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [18608/23]

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I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 20 AIBREÁN, 2023
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY,
FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 20 APRIL, 2023**

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

1. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to recruit more staff for the out-of-hours GP cover, SouthDoc, in counties Cork and Kerry. — Holly Cairns. [18353/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Health what reviews are currently taking place with respect to north Kerry CAMHS; and how they differ to the announced national audit of cases. — Pa Daly. [17949/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Health what plans the HSE has for holistic, neuro-focused, multidisciplinary long-Covid clinics; if he will tackle the long waiting lists for long-Covid appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [17659/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has plans to expand the scope of practice for pharmacists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [18205/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Health when it is expected that adequate resources for genetic services in Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [18497/23]

6. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GPs that are directly employed by the HSE; and what steps that are being taken to increase this. — Brian Stanley. [17838/23]

7. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place to improve the waiting times for assessment for gender dysphoria, for gender confirmation surgeries and access to referral for gender confirmation treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [18478/23]

8. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure more speedy delivery of capital projects by the HSE; the policy changes he is introducing to ensure this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18202/23]

9. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an overview of how the new admissions protocol relating to the medical assessment unit at Ennis General Hospital has functioned since January 2023; how he proposes to further enhance the functionality of this facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [17943/23]

10. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 347 of 9 March 2023, the reason that all CAMHS appointments in County Clare take place in the same venue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [18587/23]

11. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on extending of CAMHS services to young people up to the age of 25 years, as set out in Sharing the Vision; if there is a timeline for this extension of services; the training that will be made available for staff in this transition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [18207/23]

12. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he and his Department have identified blockages in the delivery of health services in order to ensure a seamless access to health services, including accident and emergencies, GPs and all public health services without restriction; the action(s) already taken in this regard; the anticipated remedial effect(s); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18530/23]

13. To ask the Minister for Health if he can report on the review of the legislation on the Termination of Pregnancy Act; if he will bring proposals to Cabinet on foot of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [17654/23]

14. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he and his Department continue to monitor, assess and remedy any shortcomings in the delivery of health services whether in regard to access to homecare, general medical services, capacity requirements in whatever area, with a

view to resolution in the short term in order to make the health services in this country a more attractive place to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18531/23]

15. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on any progress he has made in returning dentists to the DTSS; the total number of dentists in the system in 2020 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [19034/23]

16. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the increase in CAMHS waiting lists since June 2020; the measure that are being taken to reduce CAMHS waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [18208/23]

17. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received a work plan from the National Treatment Purchase Fund on its waiting list initiative plans for 2023; and if he will indicate the key targets. — Richard Bruton. [18547/23]

18. To ask the Minister for Health when changes will be made to the fair deal scheme to incentivise long-term nursing home patients to rent out their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [17945/23]

19. To ask the Minister for Health if the site on which St. Patrick's Hospital, Cashel, County Tipperary is located is suitable for the development of a new 60-bed residential care centre at St. Patrick's Hospital; the other site options being explored for this purpose (details supplied); when it was decided that other site options would be considered; what prompted the exploration of an alternative site; when a decision on the future development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [18485/23]

20. To ask the Minister for Health why PCR testing centres have been closed despite a recent uptick in infections and hospital admissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [17658/23]

21. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the establishment post-acute and long-Covid clinics within each hospital group; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16902/23]

22. To ask the Minister for Health his views on reports his Department is seeking to change access to codeine-based medicines from over the counter to prescription supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [18477/23]

23. To ask the Minister for Health the action his Department is taking to address the current critical shortage of dentists across the private sector and public service in Ireland, in view that at least 500 extra dentists are needed to meet the needs of a rising population and to replace retiring dentists as per this report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18473/23]

24. To ask the Minister for Health following the Governments support for the Labour Party motion on community and voluntary sector workers, if he will provide an update on his plans to ensure pay parity, given the vital role these workers play in healthcare in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [18474/23]

25. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to fit out the empty surgical day ward at Roscommon University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16901/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 129 of 16 February 2023, the status of the review by his Department of the Strategic Assessment Report for the new emergency department in University Hospital Galway; if the SAR examination has been completed to date; if the SAR has been submitted to the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for review; the expected timeline for the proposal to be developed into a Preliminary Business Case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [17292/23]

27. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made in providing a new community nursing home in Clifden, County Galway; the reason for the delay with this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18201/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Health if he can detail the position in relation to public health teams; if the number of public health doctors have been increased; the plans to ensure same are resourced to deal with any future public health crisis such as a pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [17655/23]

29. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline his plans to advance the fast-tracking of the development of two additional 96-bed ward blocks at University Hospital Limerick under the National Development Plan to address in-patient bed capacity shortage in the mid-west region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [10302/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Health the action his Department is taking to deal with the shortage of community beds in the Cork/Kerry region in view of the fact that 240 beds have been removed from the system in the past four years, and also taking into account that beds are being occupied in Cork University Hospital by patients who could have been discharged over three months ago into appropriate care in the community, and this delay in discharge is preventing the admission of patients to the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18472/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Health to outline his plans for the future use of a centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [17483/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Health the proposals to support healthcare workers who have long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [18206/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the significant backlogs in dental screening services for schoolchildren up to ten years of age, as some school children are not getting their first dental check until secondary school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17480/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on efforts to increase the number of GP's in training. — Brian Stanley. [17837/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 832 of 14 February 2023, for an update on the development of the new elective hospital in Merlin Park; the status to date of the development by the HSE of the detailed project brief, procurement strategy and

pre-tender business case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [17291/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made in developing a successor plan to the existing National Rare Disease Plan 2014 – 2018 as per his recent announcement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18484/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give consideration to the establishment of a national register of persons with neurodevelopmental disorders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [18586/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Health to engage with HSE regarding provision of staffing for the new MRI scanner which is due to be delivered within next six weeks at the Mullingar Regional Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [17944/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has sought to ascertain the reason there has been a 26% increase in abortions undertaken in Ireland in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [17710/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to provide home support hours to individuals assessed to need them in CHO4. — Holly Cairns. [18354/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Health to provide and update on the new primary healthcare centre for Finglas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [17947/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Health about the preventative measures in healthcare for addiction; the level of spending planned on these services for this coming year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [18482/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Health if the new homecare tender will be in place by 1 May 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [18119/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the payments to healthcare workers of the pandemic recognition payment to include an update on the estimated number of workers who are still awaiting payment; when they might expect payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [18496/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to raise awareness of sepsis with an emphasis on the patient experience; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [17946/23]

46. 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. [18483/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to increase the numbers of GPs in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [18578/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Health what decision will be taken regarding the future of the Lettermacaward health centre; if comprehensive remedial actions will be undertaken as a matter

of priority to ensure the health centre is open and available for the local community as soon as possible; and if he will provide a timeframe for its reopening. — Pearse Doherty. [18612/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the work of his Department in addressing the issue of premature deaths of single people experiencing homelessness. — Eoin Ó Broin. [11819/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the use of the National Treatment Purchase Fund to alleviate the waiting list for assessment of need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [18614/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the operation of the treatment abroad scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [17482/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Health the progress or update on the recognition of parentage for children born through surrogacy (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [15390/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Health about the delays in abolishing hospital in-patient charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [18481/23]

54. 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 public holidays. — Matt Carthy. [18553/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department and the Health Service Executive will urgently look at appointing a dedicated psychiatrist for children with disabilities in CHO3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [17942/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Health if he can provide a timeline for the construction of the new ED/Surgical Block at Sligo University Hospital. — Marian Harkin. [18617/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Health if the provision of new addiction services are planned for development this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [18540/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the provision of a minor injuries' unit for the St. Joseph's care campus in Longford town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [18479/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Health 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 An Garda Síochána; if he will provide a commencement date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17864/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to reclassify the drug pregabalin, marketed as Iyrica, as a class C or controlled drug; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [18539/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Health when Borris, County Carlow will get a primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17481/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Health for an estimate of the number of frontline workers, who worked on the frontline of the healthcare and community response to the COVID 19 pandemic, that are still awaiting receipt of the pandemic recognition payment; the plans there are to ensure these workers receive their payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [18475/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Health the steps his Department is taking to reduce the CAMHS waiting list. — Peadar Tóibín. [17711/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Health to discuss the steps being taken to address the capacity challenge at University Hospital Limerick, where, in March 2023, 2,080 patients were treated on hospital trolleys; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17863/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the emergency department expansion and additional bed capacity works at Mayo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [18579/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the allocation of resources for the national genetic services at Our Lady's Hospital, Crumlin in order to ensure a more efficient service for patients and a more efficient use of our healthcare resources due to more timely diagnoses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [18005/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reverse cuts and increase the number of beds in community and district hospitals in County Mayo to address the issues of patient flow and delayed discharges from Mayo University Hospital, as highlighted by HIQA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18486/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Health the role of genomic medicine in Ireland; his plans for a national genomics strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16904/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the various reviews and audits with regards to all CAMHS services. — Pa Daly. [17948/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the continued Covid-19 support funding to private nursing homes owned by international investments funds; the amount that has been spent in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [18476/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the lack of public health cover for people with serious and life-long allergies, and the significant financial costs they face, such as for epipens, eye drops and other medications; if he will confirm that people who suffer from serious allergies will be entitled to medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [17657/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the replacement and upgrade of the equipment at the x-ray unit at St. Joseph's care campus in Longford town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [18480/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Health if he will establish a public inquiry into the CAMHS service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [17660/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reform the fair deal nursing home support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16900/23]

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

75. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider re-examining the decision to increase business rents on Dinish Island, Castletownbere; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [18583/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the stakeholders who have been consulted as part of the Control of Dogs Act working group; when he will be publishing and acting on the recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18560/23]

77. 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. [16918/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what measures his Department is taking to address forestry felling licensing backlogs on a longer-term basis; if he has given consideration to extending current two-year licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [18494/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 12 of 9 March 2023, the status of the Programme for Government commitment to ensure that inshore waters are protected for smaller fishing vessels and that pair trawling will be prohibited within the six nautical mile limit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [17289/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a rescue package for the sheep sector can be set up through the Brexit Reserve Fund with respect to the extreme financial pressures being faced by sheep farmers in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [18589/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his proposals to support the group of farmers known as the so-called ‘forgotten farmers’; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [18577/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to monitor any potential erosion in the production capacity of Irish agriculture, with particular reference to the need to ensure increased output in the area given the degree to which Ireland’s economy has in the past depended upon the agri-food sector; the need to address climate change and emission issues, and at the same time avoid food shortages currently affecting many parts of the globe and resulting in starvation and famine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18532/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps his Department is taking to encourage young people into the agricultural sector. — Peadar Tóibín. [17709/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what plans are in place to review the sheep improvement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [18581/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action is being taken by his Department in conjunction with the Revenue Commissioners in assisting those importing second-hand agricultural machinery from the UK, given there are now significant delays and disruption being experienced as a result of the UK leaving the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18618/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to the Questions on Promised Legislation debate of 28 March 2023 (details supplied), how his Department plans to respond to the decision of the Court of Appeal regarding the ban on inshore trawling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [17868/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise what measures will be taken at national and EU levels to provide support around rising farm input costs and increased fertiliser costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [18493/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to use the learning from the 'priority areas for action' on nitrates to extend those measures that have helped to improve water quality. — Brian Stanley. [17843/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if grant-aid could be made available to support farmers to meet organic farming requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [18537/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of hectares of new afforestation that has been planted to date in 2023; and the estimated afforestation rates for the full year. — Matt Carthy. [18548/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of programme for Government commitments to complete a land use review ahead of the drafting of a land use strategy and a national soil strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16916/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications that have been received to date for the scheme of investment aid for the seed potato sector and the chipping potato sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [18556/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine with respect to recommendation 123 of the Citizens Assembly on Biodiversity Loss, which states that 'Existing legislation and regulations regarding hedgerows must be reviewed, strengthened and fully enforced', if his Department will urgently review the Environmental Impact Assessment (Agriculture) Regulations governing the removal of hedgerows; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [17867/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a land use strategy is being developed within which aspirations for forestry, for the protection of biodiversity, for climate, for

Renewables and for the bioeconomy could be evolved in a coherent manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [18544/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will accept certification from foresters accredited with his Department as to the status of an ash plantation for the purposes of removal of dead trees and replanting, or whether he is insisting on certification by his own Department's officials on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [18552/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures being taken by his Department to support the overseas marketing of Irish agricultural and food products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [17485/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the anticipated steps needed in order to implement carbon farming as a reliable source of income for farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [18545/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains aware of the necessity to safeguard Irish food production given the distinct possibility of worldwide food shortages, Ireland's natural ability to contribute to food production while at the same time addressing climate change issues; if it is accepted that rewetting or rewilding should not impinge on the arable productive land in the country for whatever reason given the dependability of the sector in this country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18533/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine 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 it's the 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. [16917/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what his Department is doing to assist the sheep sector. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [18555/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the work that he is undertaking to support Ireland's wool industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16915/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to studies showing that Government policies to tackle climate change are causing a mental health crisis among farmers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [17708/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 278 of 8 March 2023, the status of the establishment of the Wool Council; the number of meetings held to date; the terms of reference for the Council; to clarify the status of his Department's role on, or reporting relationship with, the Wool Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [17290/23]

104. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the new Forestry Programme, including when it is expected that new applications will be accepted into the scheme. — Matt Carthy. [18549/23]

105. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how his Department plans to respond to the six recommendations, 120 to 125, in the Report of the Citizens Assembly on Biodiversity Loss that relate to forestry, woodlands and hedgerows; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [17870/23]

106. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the work of the wool council. — Niamh Smyth. [18490/23]

107. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the plans, if any, to facilitate farmers trading carbon credits; if he intends to establish a verifiable framework to record and manage net carbon sequestration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16914/23]

108. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how his Department plans to respond to the 17 recommendations, 74 to 90, in the Report of the Citizens Assembly on Biodiversity Loss that relate to agriculture; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [17869/23]

109. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he intends to introduce to help the sheep sector. — Robert Troy. [18488/23]

110. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what measures he will take financially or otherwise to assist farmers in meeting potential new targets with respect to the new Nitrates Action Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [18588/23]

111. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will extend the traditional farm buildings grant scheme to include all farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [18580/23]

112. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures his Department is taking to support inshore fishermen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [17484/23]

113. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide compensation, reconstitution grant-aid and annual forest premiums for forest owners impacted with the fatal Ash dieback disease and if so, when; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [18535/23]

114. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on negotiations with the EU on the possibility of an extension of the nitrates derogation in order to allow time for appropriate assessment of the effect of changes to previous regulations on water quality. — Robert Troy. [18487/23]

115. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to support the inshore fishing sector. — Holly Cairns. [18346/23]

116. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans on ending the use of creosote; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihán. [18538/23]

117. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to reassess the additional measures being put in place which have only commenced this year regarding nitrates and to work with the farm organisations to improve biodiversity on pasture lands. — Brian Stanley. [17842/23]

118. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide his response to a resolution from Cork County Council that he meets with a delegation of Dáil Deputies and councillors from west Cork to discuss funding to reconstruct Keelbeg Pier. — Holly Cairns. [18348/23]

119. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total mackerel quota available to this country this year; the amount of this quota last year allocated to the five biggest fishing vessels; the amount allocated last year to the inshore sector; the number of boats in the sector; if it is intended to re-balance the allocation of quota in order to give a greater share to the inshore sector this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18204/23]

120. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on the latest negotiations with the UK and Scottish governments on reinstating access for the Irish fishing to their traditional fishing grounds at Rockall. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [18286/23]

121. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress made to date on the development of a deep-water pier in Ros a'Mhíl; if his Department has sought an extension to the planning permission there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18203/23]

122. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to increase rates of afforestation. — Holly Cairns. [18347/23]

123. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will clarify whether a reduction in the genomic rating of individual bovines in a herd during the course of the new Suckler Carbon Efficiency Programme (SCEP) will impact on the herd owner's eligibility or whether the animal's rating at the commencement of the scheme or, in the case of livestock bought in, the rating at the time of purchase, will be maintained throughout for the purpose of eligibility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [18551/23]

124. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update in relation to Nitrates Derogation and discussions around proposed changes to current levels in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [18133/23]

125. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has considered to include multiple robotic milking units within the TAMS grants as the current scheme only allows for one robotic milking unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [18132/23]

126. 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 ensure a level playing field and equal opportunities for all fishers to allow for fair access to marine resources'; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [18345/23]

127. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has plans to provide immediate financial assistance to the private forestry sector given the failure of his Department to ensure the forestry programme was introduced in January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [18536/23]

128. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he will revisit the Nitrates Derogation Condition in accordance with the agreement reached with the European Commission to hold an interim review of the Nitrates Action Programme in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [18534/23]

129. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to clarify scoring under the scheme for farmers with commonage land where there is active turf cutting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18495/23]

130. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration will be given to Cork County Councils request for funding to carry out the necessary work to reconstruct Keelbeg Pier in Union Hall, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [18585/23]

131. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider putting specific supports in place for the sheep sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18559/23]

132. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the work of the Women-Only Knowledge Transfer Group. — Niamh Smyth. [18489/23]