



# DÁIL ÉIREANN

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH**  
**QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Health when he will publish a plan for achieving universal GP care; when he will publish the details of the free GP expansion promised in the Budget for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [17404/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Health when the report of the review of abortion laws in Ireland will be published; the steps he will take to ensure the law is amended to fully reflect the repeal referendum result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [17661/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Health when he will publish a multi-annual capacity expansion plan for the health service and for hospitals in particular; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [17405/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to introduce a no-fault vaccination compensation scheme for severe adverse reactions to State-promoted vaccination programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16903/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Health when he will provide for the recognition of parentage for children born through surrogacy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [17406/23]

**CEISTEANNA EILE**  
**OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 12181/23, 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

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

66. 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]

67. 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]

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

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

## CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

80. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he intends to provide financial supports for the sheep sector from the Brexit Reserve Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [18491/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how the current system of allocating the Irish public quota of fish species such as mackerel, herring and spur dog to the Irish fishing fleet, is compliant with the principles of Article 17 of the Common Fisheries Policy; and if he will outline his future plans in this regard. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [18343/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions he is taking to prohibited pair trawling inside the six-mile limit. — Holly Cairns. [18344/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline how his Department will operate the announced satellite inspections for basic income support for stability and areas of natural constraint schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [18628/23]

## CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

110. 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]

111. 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]

112. 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]

113. 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]

114. 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]

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

116. 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]

117. 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]

118. 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]

119. 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]

120. 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]

121. 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]

122. 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]

123. 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]

124. 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]

125. 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 Moynihan. [18538/23]

126. 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]

127. 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]

128. 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]

129. 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]

130. 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]

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

132. 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]



133. 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]

134. 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]

135. 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]

136. 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]

137. 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]

138. 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]

139. 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]

140. 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]

141. 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]

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

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

\*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will expedite an application for citizenship through the foreign births register of a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [18632/23]

\*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the details of each time his Department, or public bodies under the aegis of his Department, enlisted the services of consultants in 2022; the purpose and value of each contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18732/23]

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

\*144. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the arrangements being made for the tendering for a new contract to develop, implement, maintain and promote the national postcode system, Eircode which is necessary as the current contract expires in December 2023; the progress that he has made in consultation with the stakeholders to expedite the issue of Eircodes; the contractual obligations which the new tendering process stipulate for the new contract in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [18643/23]

\*145. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide assistance with obtaining Eircode for properties (details supplied) so the properties can be used by Westmeath County Council Ukrainian response, as they have clients that they wish to place in the properties but they must first have an Eircode; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [18660/23]

\*146. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current wait times from application to completion of works under the free energy upgrade scheme under the SEAI by county in each of the years 2019 to 2022, and to-date in 2023; the measures that are being taken to address long waiting times under this SEAI scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [18682/23]

\*147. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason not-for-profit community centres, sports clubs and small businesses can only get a grant of 20% for solar PV through SEAI, yet farmers can avail of grants of 60% through TAMS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [18701/23]

\*148. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the SEAI application made by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [18716/23]

\*149. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details of each time his Department, or public bodies under the aegis of his Department, enlisted the services of consultants in 2022; the purpose and value of each contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18730/23]

\*150. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for an update on the National Broadband Plan rollout for County Meath up to the end of Q1 2023, including overall target, number of properties currently passed and connected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [18760/23]

\*151. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the amendments to the An Post Superannuation Scheme which his predecessor approved in March 2014 apply to ex-civil servants who were transferred to An Post from the former Department of Posts and Telegraphs on 1 January 1984 and are covered by the guarantee on their pension



entitlements contained in Section 46(4) of the Postal and Telecommunications Act 1983; if the pensions of those ex-civil servants are linked to civil service grades; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [18766/23]

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

\*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the details of each time his Department, or public bodies under the aegis of his Department, enlisted the services of consultants in 2022; the purpose and value of each contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18727/23]

\*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the rationale for electing to hold a national forum on neutrality over a citizens' assembly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [18767/23]

\*154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence who will be invited to attend, as participants, the national forum on neutrality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [18768/23]

\*155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when invitations to participate in the national forum on neutrality will be issued; the way in which they will be issued; the selection criteria to be applied in relation to participants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [18769/23]

\*156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence who will speak at the national forum events; the selection criteria to be applied in relation to speakers; when the programme of speakers will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [18770/23]

\*157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence what outcome is envisaged following the national forum on neutrality, that is, a Dáil Éireann debate, Dáil Éireann motion, referendum or other; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [18771/23]

\*158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence what has prompted the decision to hold public debates on neutrality, that is, new polling, or some other indication of a shift in public opinion regarding neutrality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [18772/23]

\*159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence who was consulted prior to the decision to hold public debates on neutrality, for example, security experts, think tanks, the European Commission, the Defence Forces, Defence Forces representative organisations, or any other; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [18773/23]

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

\*160. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which traffic management proposals for Celbridge, County Kildare are being activated in a manner which meets with the satisfaction of the local authority and councillors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18896/23]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Transport if dialogue continues to exist between his Department and the local authority for Naas in the context of the traffic management proposals with a view to reaching agreement on the proposals supported by the local authority members and the residents most likely to be affected by the proposed changes; if he has been in recent contact with the local authority regarding these matters (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18897/23]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Transport when a driving licence will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [18630/23]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons waiting for a driving test; and the number of persons waiting for a theory test in County Cork, by test centre, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [18647/23]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Transport the average waiting time for a driving test in Ballincollig and Sarsfield Road test centres in Cork; and the number of persons waiting for less than 3, 3-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-18, 18-24 and for over 24 months, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [18648/23]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Transport the average waiting time for a theory test in test centres in Cork; and the number of persons waiting for less than 3, 3-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-18, 18-24 and for over 24 months, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [18649/23]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a list of all the locations on the N24 under the management of Tipperary County Council where Transport Infrastructure Ireland have found safety issues and asked Tipperary County Council in the past five years to do feasibility and options reports for road safety and improvement works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [18655/23]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a person (details supplied) estimated week of invitation to apply for their driving test not until 10 September 2023; the reason for the delay in driving tests; his plans to reduce the lengthy wait-times experienced by those seeking to sit their driving test; when the wait-time can be expected to return to normal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [18656/23]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Transport if vintage cars will have to be modified in order to run on E10 fuel; and if not, if they will be exempt and continue to be allowed to use E5 fuel as in the North and UK (details supplied). — Patricia Ryan. [18666/23]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Transport the current average wait time for driving tests category B, in each test centre in the State. — Peadar Tóibín. [18711/23]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is a process of geographical prioritisation for persons waiting for driving tests in category B, for example, those resident in the county where they are seeking a test versus those resident in another county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [18712/23]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will furnish a list of driving test centres which have opened in the State in each of the past ten years; and if he will provide a list of those which have closed within the same period. — Peadar Tóibín. [18713/23]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Transport the current longest length of time anyone has been left waiting for a driving test category B, in each test centre in the country, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [18714/23]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) can expect to sit their driving test, which they applied for in February; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [18715/23]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of each time his Department, or public bodies under the aegis of his Department, enlisted the services of consultants in 2022; the purpose and value of each contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18742/23]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he will take to address a safety concern in respect of an N4 junction (details supplied); and if he will engage with the relevant State body on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [18778/23]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Transport the reasons the 2023 grant allocated to Tipperary County Council for the N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction road project, at €1 million, is far below the sum of €3,250,000 requested; if there is an intention to address this shortfall in funding; his views on the impact this will have on the ability of the project to progress on time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [18811/23]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding the N86 road improvement project; the timeline for the completion of the entire scheme from Camp to Dingle; the anticipated progress to be made in 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18825/23]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding the N22 road improvement project between Baile Bhuirne and Macroom; the up-to-date timeline for the completion of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18826/23]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding the N22 road improvement project between Farranfore and Killarney, the up-to-date timeline for the completion of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18827/23]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of private aircraft landings per airport in all Irish airports both public and private in 2022; if he can provide a breakdown of the types of aircraft landing in each airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18828/23]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding the construction of the south Kerry greenway, the up-to-date timeline for the completion of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18829/23]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding the Tralee northern relief road, the up-to-date timeline for the completion of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18830/23]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding the construction of the Listowel bypass; the up-to-date timeline for the completion of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18831/23]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding plans to link the Tralee to Fenit greenway with the Listowel to Limerick greenway via Ardfert, Abbeydorney and Lixnaw; the up-to-date timeline for the completion of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18832/23]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of capital underspend in his Department for 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18833/23]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Transport if he or officials in his Department have received a request from the Department of Rural and Community Development to contribute financially to the LIS scheme, and if so, if he will state his response(s) to the request(s); if he will provide an up-to-date response on whether he will contribute to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18834/23]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding the N70 Milltown relief road project; the up-to-date timeline for the completion of the project; the cycling and walking infrastructure that is planned for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18835/23]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Transport if safety concerns have been expressed regarding the design of the N22 Macroom bypass entry junction from the Millstreet road; if the absence of a merging slip road requires further stop notification to motorists approaching the bypass; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18836/23]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Transport if drone activity has been identified in proximity to Irish airports outside of Dublin airport; if so, which airports has this activity resulted in flight disruption; if he will make provision for each airport to deal effectively with any future drone disruption attempts; how he plans to achieve this level of security; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18837/23]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has received an application from Kerry County Council to develop a safe walking and cycling facility alongside the R561 between Boolteens village and Keel GAA/ Ross, Castlemaine, County Kerry; if he will provide details of any such applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18838/23]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Transport what his Department's long-term plans are to alleviate traffic congestion in Kinsale town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18841/23]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Transport what his Department's long-term plans are to alleviate traffic congestion in Clonakilty town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18842/23]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the funding application by Cork County Council for the road upgrade project at Pewter Hole Cross; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18843/23]

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

\*194. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to extend the lobbying register so that the lobbying of senior officials in bodies such as the Central Bank, ComReg, the NTA and the HSE which have significant policymaking or development functions will need to be reported on the same basis as central and local government, as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18687/23]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of each time his Department, or public bodies under the aegis of his Department, enlisted the services of consultants in 2022; the purpose and value of each contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18731/23]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Finance if he and the Revenue Commissioners are concerned about the implications of the recent European Court of Human Rights judgment on Ireland's legislative framework which provides for the publication, under certain conditions, of the names of tax defaulters and certain details of their cases; what actions are open to him and the Revenue Commissioners to ensure that the regime which has been in place in Ireland since 1983 can be maintained in light of this judgment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18759/23]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason non-resident landlords must arrange for a collection agent to undertake to make annual tax returns and account to the Revenue Commissioners on their behalf; if he intends changing this to allow the landlord themselves fulfil these obligations without an agent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18763/23]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Finance the specific means through which his Department intends to achieve its objective of “establishing a deeper and more robust domestic capital markets environment for homebuilding” as per Parliamentary Question No. 139 of 30 March 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [18779/23]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Finance what contingency measures are in place to ensure capital is made available for homebuilding in the event that institutional investors continue to leave the Irish market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [18780/23]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Finance the availability of public funds to bridge any gap between funds required and funds invested by private investors for home building in the event that institutional investors continue to leave the Irish market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [18781/23]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Finance the scope to expand the funding capabilities of Home Building Finance Ireland, which has supported the development of over 5,700 homes to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [18782/23]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Finance if, in the event that the Government increases the targets for housing delivery, the funding for same that would be expected to come from public or private capital sources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [18783/23]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the vacant home tax; the number of properties qualifying for the tax; the anticipated revenue from the tax in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [18816/23]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the implications of the recent judgment by the European Court of Human Rights in a case, *L.B. v Hungary*, concerning the publication of the personal data of taxpayers, on the ability of the Revenue Commissioners to publish the details of tax defaulters; how he will respond to this development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [18824/23]

*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.*

\*205. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the total number of construction technical professionals, including architects, engineers, quantity surveyors, and so on, employed by his Department, or public bodies under the aegis of his Department, to oversee construction projects on behalf of public bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18722/23]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the details of each time his Department, or public bodies under the aegis of his Department, enlisted the services of consultants in 2022; the purpose and value of each contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18737/23]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline the benefits of establishing the Office of Government Procurement on a statutory basis; if he will provide a timeframe for establishing the OGP on a statutory footing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18743/23]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when the OGP will produce an information note to give guidance to public bodies on how apprenticeships can be incorporated into public procurement contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18744/23]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when the review of the Capital Works Management Framework which commenced in March 2019 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18745/23]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the status of the long-standing application with the OPW on the delivery of the new Coastguard Station in Kilmore Quay (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [18785/23]



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

\*211. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the details of each time his Department, or public bodies under the aegis of his Department, enlisted the services of consultants in 2022; the purpose and value of each contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18729/23]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when a person (details supplied) will receive a determination on their application for a critical skills employment permit; and if it might be possible to speed up the process given the exceptional circumstances in this case. — Peadar Tóibín. [18758/23]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of site visits to Kerry (real and virtual) facilitated by the IDA in the first quarter of 2023 and separately, all of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18844/23]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the up-to-date position regarding the development of a second advance technology facility at Kerry Technology Park; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18845/23]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of people currently employed by Central Pharma in the IDA advance technology facility at Kerry Technology Park; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18846/23]

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

\*216. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter in relation to financial support to first year trainees (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18658/23]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the additional accommodation application lodged by school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [18624/23]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the drawdown of funding by a school (details supplied) for a new extension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [18625/23]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has considered an external engineering report raising issues with a school building (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [18626/23]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Education when transport arrangements can be put in place for a pupil (details supplied) who is attending a special class; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [18639/23]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of the new school construction project for a school (details supplied); if this project will proceed to tender stage; the expected timeframe for completion of the new school building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [18665/23]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Education if discussions are expected to change the circular for incremental credits so that teaching experience abroad in non-EU private schools is recognised in Ireland (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [18708/23]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the additional school accommodation scheme application lodged by school (details supplied); if her Department is considering the concerns recently raised by the school principal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [18710/23]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Education if the fees for the State examinations, both Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate, will continue to be waived in 2024; when she will announce any provisions or changes to the Leaving Certificate in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [18721/23]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Education the details of each time her Department, or public bodies under the aegis of her Department, enlisted the services of consultants in 2022; the purpose and value of each contract; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18728/23]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Education when her Department will give the go ahead of the tender documents for a school (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [18753/23]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the supervision and substitution scheme; if the scheme currently exists and is open to new applicants; the way she will address the shortage of cover for supervision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [18761/23]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Education the number of middle management positions in primary schools which were removed or scaled back during the austerity years that have been reintroduced per county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [18804/23]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Education the number of middle management positions in secondary schools which were removed or scaled back during the austerity years that have been reintroduced per county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [18805/23]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Education the number of secondary schools that do not have a home economics teacher in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, by county, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [18807/23]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Education the initiatives, if any, she intends to roll-out to ensure that the number of special needs teachers matches the number of students who need them. — Sorca Clarke. [18808/23]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Education when the contractor for a school building project (details supplied) can expect to receive outstanding payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [18848/23]



\*233. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date in relation to the triple school project incorporating replacement school for schools (details supplied); the extent to which all outstanding matters have been resolved in this regard; the number of issues outstanding; the timescale for the resolution of same; when it is expected the proposed new schools will be ready for occupation given the urgency of the situation driven by an increased population; the extent to which she and her Department continues to liaise with the relevant school authorities involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18895/23]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she continues to liaise with the parents and management of various schools throughout north Kildare, with a view to ensuring the availability of school transport in the widest form possible, whether on a concessionary or regular basis with particular reference to children attending schools in Maynooth from Straffan, Clane, Prosperous and Rathcoffey, given the present circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18898/23]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which ongoing discussions are taking place in relation to the location and development of a school (details supplied); the progress to date, the discussions currently taking place in this regard, when it is expected that the process will conclude to the satisfaction of the school authorities and her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18899/23]

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

\*236. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 389 of 21 March 2023, when she expects the National Swimming Strategy to be published; if she intends to open a capital grant process for the development of public swimming pools in towns such as Carrickmacross; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [18633/23]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the details of each time her Department, or public bodies under the aegis of her Department, enlisted the services of consultants in 2022; the purpose and value of each contract; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18741/23]

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

\*238. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in the constituency Cork south-central in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; and the number planned to be delivered in 2023 with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [18689/23]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of game birds currently under threat of possible extinction or already extinct such as the red grouse, partridge or others; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18892/23]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of cost rental and affordable purchase units, by unit type, delivered in Waterford in each of the years 2017 to 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [18623/23]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the funding stage 4 application and recommendation lodged with his Department on 23 March 2023 by Wexford County Council; if this can be processed as a matter of urgency with the ever increasing housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [18636/23]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project tosaigh in County Donegal in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; and planned number to be delivered in 2023 with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [18677/23]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project tosaigh in County Monaghan in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; the planned number to be delivered in 2023, with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [18678/23]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in the county and the constituency of Galway west, in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; and the planned number to be delivered in 2023 with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [18679/23]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in Limerick Council constituency in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; and planned number to be delivered in 2023 with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [18680/23]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in the Dublin central constituency in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; and planned number to be delivered in 2023 with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18681/23]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in Dublin south central in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; and planned number to be delivered in 2023 with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18683/23]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund

and project Tosaigh in east Cork in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; and planned number to be delivered in 2023 with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [18684/23]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in Dublin north west in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; and planned number to be delivered in 2023 with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [18685/23]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in County Mayo in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; and planned number to be delivered in 2023 with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18686/23]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in County Kerry in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; and the number planned to be delivered in 2023 with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [18688/23]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in County Wexford in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; and the number planned to be delivered in 2023 with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Johnny Mythen. [18690/23]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in County Louth in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; and the number planned to be delivered in 2023 with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [18691/23]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in County Waterford in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; and the number planned to be delivered in 2023 with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [18692/23]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in in Cork City and County Councils, respectively in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; and the number planned to be delivered in 2023 with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [18693/23]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in County Donegal in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; and the number planned to be delivered in 2023 with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [18694/23]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in counties Carlow and Kilkenny in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; and the number planned to be delivered in 2023 with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [18695/23]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in the constituency of Meath-east in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; and the number planned to be delivered in 2023 with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [18696/23]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in County Meath in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; and the number planned to be delivered in 2023 with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [18698/23]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in County Westmeath in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; and the number planned to be delivered in 2023 with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [18699/23]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in County Longford in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; and the number planned to be delivered in 2023 with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [18700/23]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in County Meath in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; and the number planned to be delivered in 2023 with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [18702/23]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in County Westmeath in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; and the number planned to be delivered in 2023 with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [18703/23]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in Kildare north for each of the years 2016 to 2022; and the number planned to be delivered in 2023, with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Réada Cronin. [18717/23]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in County Cavan and County Monaghan respectively for each of the years 2016 to

2022; and the number planned to be delivered in 2023, with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [18720/23]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of construction technical professionals, including architects, engineers, quantity surveyors, and so on, employed by his Department, or public bodies under the aegis of his Department, to oversee construction projects on behalf of public bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18723/23]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of construction technical professionals, including architects, engineers, quantity surveyors, and so on, employed by each local authority to perform functions such as overseeing construction projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18724/23]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of each time his Department, or public bodies under the aegis of his Department, enlisted the services of consultants in 2022; the purpose and value of each contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18735/23]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project tosaigh in County Wicklow for each of the years 2016 to 2022; and the number planned to be delivered in 2023, with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — John Brady. [18746/23]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in County Tipperary for each of the years 2016 to 2022; and the number planned to be delivered in 2023, with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Martin Browne. [18747/23]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project tosaigh in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for each of the years 2016 to 2022; and the number planned to be delivered in 2023, with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [18748/23]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in County Clare for each of the years 2016 to 2022; and the number planned to be delivered in 2023, with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [18749/23]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in Kildare for each of the years 2016 to 2022; and the number planned to be delivered in 2023, with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Patricia Ryan. [18762/23]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund



and project Tosaigh in Fingal in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; and the planned number to be delivered in 2023, with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [18765/23]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in the constituency of Dublin west in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; and the planned number to be delivered in 2023, with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [18774/23]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in County Donegal in each of the years 2016 to 2022; and the planned number to be delivered in 2023, with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [18784/23]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in Dublin mid-west in each of the years 2016 to 2022; and the planned number to be delivered in 2023, with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [18788/23]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to the first home scheme and the right to first refusal for a tenant whose landlord wants to sell their rental home, if he is aware of the exact number of property owners who are prevented from selling their properties to a health board, local authority, housing authority or government agency due to a clause in their lease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [18789/23]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in the constituency of Louth east Meath in each of the years, 2016 to 2022; and planned number to be delivered in 2023 with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Imelda Munster. [18790/23]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in County Laois for each of the years 2016 to 2022; and the number planned to be delivered in 2023, with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Brian Stanley. [18797/23]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in County Offaly for each of the years 2016 to 2022; and the number planned to be delivered in 2023, with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Brian Stanley. [18798/23]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding the development of two marinas at Nutgrove Marina, Whilliamstown, and Whitegate, County Clare, as these marinas appear to be outside the jurisdiction line; and if there is either an encroachment licence or a lease in place with Waterways Ireland. — Sorca Clarke. [18806/23]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in County Roscommon for each of the years 2016 to 2022; and the number planned to be delivered in 2023, with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [18817/23]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the cost rental equity loan, the affordable housing fund and project Tosaigh in Galway County for each of the years 2016 to 2022; and the number planned to be delivered in 2023, with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [18818/23]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown of local authorities with an access officer in place as per the Disability Act 2005; the date they were appointed; their contact details; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [18847/23]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of completed housing schemes, public and private, in the various towns and villages throughout County Kildare currently awaiting allocation, sale and affordable process; the reason there appears to be an inordinate delay in relation to such matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18874/23]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which it is expected to expedite the LIHAF and/or other traffic management proposals for Maynooth, County Kildare approved for more than ten years and, as yet, remaining dormant; if urgent steps can be taken to activate the proposals within the current year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18894/23]

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

\*288. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a payment for disability allowance will be put in place for a person (details supplied) after an appeal was allowed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [18622/23]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current average processing times for all social welfare payments; the number of applications received for each payment; the number of applications processed to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [18650/23]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average wait time for an additional needs' payment application. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [18651/23]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when jobseeker's allowance will be reinstated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18662/23]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [18664/23]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Social Protection with respect to an e-tender (details supplied) if she will outline the rationale for the inclusion of facial image matching as part of the tender details, at a time when a report from the Data Protection Commission on facial matching processing by the DEASP in connection with the PSC is pending; if she will provide details of the proposals for the processing and use of such data by her Department; the Data Protection Impact Assessments which have been carried out in relation to the use of this technology; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [18674/23]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a disability allowance payment has been reduced for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18676/23]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) has only been approved for a reduced rate of the State pension (non-contributory) in view of the fact that their sole household means is their spouse's disability allowance; if she will arrange for an urgent review of this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [18718/23]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details of each time her Department, or public bodies under the aegis of her Department, enlisted the services of consultants in 2022; the purpose and value of each contract; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18739/23]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people currently in receipt of professional artists on jobseeker's allowance; and to provide a yearly breakdown of the number of people who have received the allowance since the scheme was made permanent in September 2019. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [18819/23]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will advise how many community employment supervisors have been paid to date under the agreed gratuity payment scheme; if she will confirm what the total cost of the scheme is to date; how many applications to the scheme have been denied, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [18820/23]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the entitlement to an increase in pension and the basis of the entitlement of a person (details supplied) from another EU member state; the entitlement they might qualify for here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18872/23]

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

\*300. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications for international protection currently being processed; the countries of origin of the applicants and the number of applicants from each country, in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [18839/23]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Justice when Ireland intends to sign up to and ratify the Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [18849/23]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Justice the Private Security Authority protocol in place for events where there are a mixture of registered security personnel and volunteers for example, sporting events operating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [17228/23]



\*303. To ask the Minister for Justice if he is aware that the Courts Service is unable to confirm if there have been any convictions under the Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Act 2020 as prosecutors may use free text codes for which it is not possible for the service to run reports; the action he will take to rectify this serious matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18637/23]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of complaints of alleged electoral offences which have been made to An Garda Síochána for each year from 2000 to date; the number of Garda investigations which have been conducted on foot of such complaints; the number of individuals against whom charges were brought; the number of convictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [18640/23]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Justice the current legal provisions which govern the establishment of women's prisons separate from men's prisons; the policy basis for housing male and female prisoners in separate facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [18642/23]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Justice if engagement has occurred between his Department and the Garda Commissioner in relation to the Sale of Alcohol Bill 2022, in particular the need for increased Garda resources resulting from the extension to the hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18652/23]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Justice the details of each time his Department, or public bodies under the aegis of his Department, enlisted the services of consultants in 2022; the purpose and value of each contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18736/23]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will ensure that 116000, the EU missing children hotline number, will be on public display at airports and ports. — Joan Collins. [18754/23]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Justice when he plans to ratify the 2nd optional protocol on the UNCRC OPSC in 2023; and the specific legislative barriers that are preventing Ireland from ratifying the OPSC. — Joan Collins. [18755/23]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the work of youth diversion programmes in County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [18793/23]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of sexual assaults reported in Irish hospitals in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [18810/23]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Justice if he is aware that the HSE has not put in place special support services required by victims and survivors of FGM as set out in Action 2.4.12 of the Department's Third National Strategy on Domestic Sexual and Gender Based Violence Implementation Plan; and what actions he will take to address this matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18813/23]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Justice if he is aware that the HSE has not completed the mapping of current FGM service provision and allocated funding as set out in Action 2.4.12 of the Department's Third National Strategy on Domestic Sexual and Gender Based Violence

Implementation Plan committed to be completed by Q4 2022; and what actions he will take to address this matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18814/23]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications for citizenship currently being processed; the countries of origin of the applicants; and the number of applicants from each country, in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [18840/23]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Justice when a favourable decision in respect of residency and naturalisation is likely in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18875/23]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which consideration in respect of naturalisation is ongoing in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18900/23]

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

\*317. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of the issues farmers applying under the Liming Programme are experiencing (details supplied); the assistance that is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [18654/23]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he believes his Department's inspections of greyhound owners are overzealous (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18663/23]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether heifers will be included in quota numbers in the new suckler scheme in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [18705/23]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of each time his Department, or public bodies under the aegis of his Department, enlisted the services of consultants in 2022; the purpose and value of each contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18725/23]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of ACRES applicants who have applied for the tree planting measure in the scheme; the estimated number of plants required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [18775/23]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of ACRES applicants who have applied for the tree planting measure in the scheme, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [18776/23]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the number of applications made to the ash dieback replanting scheme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18801/23]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications made to the ash dieback replanting scheme which have been processed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18802/23]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of successful applications made to the ash dieback replanting scheme; the total amount of funding paid out to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18803/23]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to encourage compliance to meet emission reduction targets, while at the same time ensuring that the agri-food industry is not damaged given the prospect of world food shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18876/23]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding the future of the dairy industry, with particular reference to the need to reduce carbon emissions while at the same time ensuring the development of the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18877/23]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which animal diseases such as bovine tuberculosis continue to be eliminated in a meaningful way; the extent to which any breakdowns have occurred by region; the efforts being made to identify the causes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18878/23]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he and his Department continue to encourage the fishing industry, with particular reference to ensuring that the Irish industry can compete with all others; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18879/23]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to ensure that the interests of Irish agriculture and the food industry in general does not become any more penalised in order to meet global emission reduction targets when compared with other European countries with a similar dependency on the food industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18880/23]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which efforts continue to protect the sheep farming industry, with particular reference to the need to ensure and protect the markets for Irish lamb as well as the viability of the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18881/23]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is satisfied that no further reduction in viable agricultural land is conceded to the forestry industry or other sectors thus reducing the food production capacity of the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18882/23]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of the likelihood of a reduction in food supply to major urban centres, including Dublin, that may experience a reduction in reliable food supplies in the event of a reduction in capacity to produce same necessitated by global warming issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18883/23]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which large scale beef seed feedlots are likely to be affected by emission issues in the same way as beef producers dependent largely on grassland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18884/23]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to promote and support the Irish dairy sector at home and at EU level with a view to ensuring adequate supplies for the home market as well as exports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18885/23]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he and his Department continue to promote Irish food products abroad to the maximum possible extent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18886/23]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to ensure the application of the highest standards in beef and dairy production, with a view to ensuring that Irish products can adequately compete on national and world markets given the various potential threats at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18887/23]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the value and volume of food and food product imports into this country in the past three years; the degree of fluctuation, if any; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18888/23]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the value and volume of beef and dairy exports from this country in the past three years; the degree of fluctuation, if any; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18889/23]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which bovine TB continues to be a problem for the beef and dairy sectors; the new efforts being made to examine the deer population and other non-farm animals that might be potential carriers in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18890/23]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which he proposes to address the issues raised in the horticultural sector, with particular reference to the need to ensure the industry can be supplied with adequate moss peat to meet the full requirements of the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18891/23]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the natural drainage of agricultural land continues given the extent to which heavy machinery has a tendency to break down the drains resulting in over wetting of productive agricultural land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18893/23]

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

\*343. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the role of the HSE safeguarding team in regard to a person with a disability (details supplied) who is awaiting the outcome of a trust in care investigation; if he will provide the details on what the HSE has done to assist in safeguarding the service user in this instance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [18659/23]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will examine and increase in parental leave in the near future (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [18815/23]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of residents in IPAS-renated accommodation in County Wexford for the years 2018-2023, cross tabbed with the associated spend for each facility, in tabular form. — Johnny Mythen. [18634/23]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views in relation to any further plans for IPAS to engage properties in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [18635/23]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of each time his Department, or public bodies under the aegis of his Department, enlisted the services of consultants in 2022; the purpose and value of each contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18726/23]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on a contract (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [18757/23]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures being taken to alleviate the high rates of vacancy across children's disability services, which is affecting the role of the children's disability network teams. — Francis Noel Duffy. [18777/23]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children awaiting an assessment of need per county in the CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [18792/23]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to provide an enhanced package of resources to foster carers; if he and or his officials have undertaken an analysis of current supports; and if he will outline the way in which foster carers can access additional resources if required in the short and medium term. — Catherine Murphy. [18812/23]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when an accommodation provider (details supplied) for Ukrainian refugees who is experiencing financial difficulties will receive payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [18822/23]

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

\*353. To ask the Minister for Health what steps his Department has taken to ensure current first- and second-year educational psychology students will receive financial support, given the substantial course fees and the quantity of unpaid work in the HSE, CAMHS, primary care and NEPS sector (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [18800/23]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide financial supports to trainee educational psychologists; and his rationale for not providing supports at this time. — Catherine Murphy. [18823/23]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the services for speech and language therapy; the current waiting list figures for this service; if he will provide an update on

the recruitment of personnel to help with these long waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [15711/23]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the services for occupational therapy; the current waiting list figures for this service; if he will provide an update on the recruitment of personnel to help with these long waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [15712/23]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Health the treatment available in Ireland to a patient who is suffering from stage four oesophageal cancer which has spread; if no treatment is available, what options are available to the patient to have treatment outside of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [18620/23]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to increase capacity for adult inpatient eating disorder beds; how many beds are proposed; where they will be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [18621/23]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Health the plans to improve therapeutic and other services, and access to services, for under-18s with a diagnosis of ADHD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [15101/23]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify as to the new procedures that have been put in place to expedite the process for the development and the building for the new elective hospital for Cork; if he can provide a timeframe as to when his Department will allow the project to proceed to planning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [10401/23]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Health what steps have been taken to end the practice of children being admitted to adult psychiatric inpatient wards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15776/23]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Health to increase the hours allocated to a person (details supplied) as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [18629/23]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons employed in July 2020, 2021, and 2022 in community psychiatry, community psychology and community CAMHS areas in County Cork by area; and the positions recruited since January 2023 in County Cork in these sectors. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [18644/23]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting list for CAMHS services in County Cork by area; the average waiting time; and his plans to address this. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [18645/23]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young people on the CAMHS waiting list in Cork city for less than 3, 3-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-18, 18-24 and for over 24 months, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [18646/23]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Health if there are financial supports available to those with limited mobility and wish to purchase a motorised scooter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [18657/23]



\*367. To ask the Minister for Health the reason he does not attend the PNA conference (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18661/23]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Health how many homecare beds have been delivered by the HSE in each CHO area in 2022, in tabular form. — Patricia Ryan. [18667/23]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Health how many people who have been granted funding are on waiting lists for a carer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [18668/23]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Health how many support hours were provided in the past year on the national service plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [18669/23]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Health how many hours were provided in 2022 on intensive homecare packages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [18670/23]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Health how many hours were provided with the pilot statutory home support scheme in 2022-2023. — Patricia Ryan. [18671/23]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Health how many extra clinical nurses have been recruited into neurology in the past 12 months. — Patricia Ryan. [18672/23]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Health the additional finance that has been put into day and community services for older people, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [18673/23]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children seen by school dentists in the years 2019 to 2022 by county, in tabular form. — Richard O'Donoghue. [18706/23]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for ophthalmology appointments in each hospital, in tabular form. — Richard O'Donoghue. [18707/23]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners in each county, in tabular form. — Richard O'Donoghue. [18709/23]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Health if the pandemic recognition payment has been paid to nursing staff working for an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [18719/23]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Health the details of each time his Department, or public bodies under the aegis of his Department, enlisted the services of consultants in 2022; the purpose and value of each contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18734/23]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for CAMHS appointments in the north Tipperary and east Limerick LHO; and if he will provide a breakdown of the figures for those waiting between three and six months, between six months and 12 months, and 12 months and longer. — Martin Browne. [18750/23]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for CAMHS appointments in the south Tipperary LHO; and if he will provide a breakdown of the figures for those waiting between three and six months, between six months and 12 months, and 12 months and longer. — Martin Browne. [18751/23]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Health the number of high-dependency rooms which will be included in the new community nursing unit being built in Tuam; the application process for patients to access these rooms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [18752/23]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Health the reason parents working for Section 38 agencies in the health service have been re-granted any parental leave taken during Covid but parents in Section 39 agencies have not been; if it is intended to correct this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18764/23]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Health the action he has taken to ensure that a pandemic special recognition payment which has been issued to a private company (details supplied) has been passed on to its staff members; if he is satisfied that all those due the payment have now been paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [18786/23]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Health the number of FTE public health nursing posts in County Louth; the vacancy rate 2018 to date by year; if additional posts were provided for through budget 2023; any Government targets in relation to an expanded number of posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [18791/23]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Health if he and the HSE will reinstate full antenatal services at Naas General Hospital; if he will outline the rationale for scaling back the services; and if he will set out plans to establish a full-time antenatal service in Kildare; and if locations to hold them have been identified. — Catherine Murphy. [18794/23]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Health when student nurses will receive a payment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [18796/23]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the rollout of GP cards to include people on or below the median income as committed to under Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [18799/23]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Health why SSWHG has not met Kerry Oireachtas members for so long; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18850/23]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Health why a cardiologist is not in place at UHK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18851/23]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he remains focused on enabling rehabilitation and methadone treatments for those who have been adversely affected by drugs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18853/23]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of rare and orphan drugs currently being evaluated for use in Ireland; the length of time that normally required for this process; the drugs that have taken an inordinate amount of time to evaluate and approve for use here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18854/23]



\*393. To ask the Minister for Health the action being taken to ensure the availability of an adequate number of health professionals within the health services, including, but not limited to, consultants, GPs and nurses to meet the demand in all areas throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18855/23]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that the health services can be co-ordinated in such a way as to ensure a modern response to patients' needs in all areas throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18856/23]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for delay in dealing with the waiting lists of children seeking procedures for scoliosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18857/23]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Health when the promised phase of the Naas hospital development plan will be activated in accordance with the original projections; when the facility will be completed and opened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18858/23]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Health the proposed best protection for vulnerable groups, including the elderly, within the public health sphere to ensure their protection to the best possible standard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18859/23]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which efforts are being made to replace GPs where the incumbents have retired leaving vacancies throughout the country; the number of such vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18860/23]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the various changes and requirements needed to fully introduce Sláintecare are being pursued at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18861/23]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Health the degree by which it is intended to reduce the numbers on hospital waiting lists by whatever means over the next twelve months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18862/23]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which dental patients can have their requirements met and progressed as quickly as possible with particular reference to medical card holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18863/23]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which eligibility for medical cards for those diagnosed with serious or life-threatening illness can be upgraded to take account of the individual circumstances of their case not based on financial eligibility but hardship grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18864/23]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the provision of primary care centres throughout County Kildare is ongoing, with particular reference to the needs of Maynooth, a university town with a potential population of 40,000, Celbridge, with a growing population of up to 30,000, and Leixlip, with a growing population of up to 30,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18865/23]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Health the degree to which access to various medicines remains equally available to those in this jurisdiction, as compared with the rest of the single market

in Europe, and at a similar price; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18866/23]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which any shortcomings in the health services such as overcrowding at accident and emergency departments, lack of adequate accommodation, insufficient numbers of staff at various levels have been addressed throughout the health services, with a view to meeting the concerns of the public and internal staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18867/23]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which women's health specifically remains central to the provision and delivery of a reliable level and quality of health services in all areas throughout Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18868/23]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Health the priorities of his Department in the current year with a view to ensuring a high quality of hospital and community care service at all levels; the extent to which particular areas of sensitivity are being targeted with a view to resolution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18869/23]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to continue the ongoing need to upgrade the health services to meet the needs of an increasing population including the shortage of GPs, the need to retain staff at all levels and the ability to meet any challenges that might arise throughout the year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18870/23]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Health when a full medical card might be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18871/23]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) cannot qualify for a full medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18873/23]

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

\*411. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if access to university via the HEAR programme can be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18638/23]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will clarify if a veterinary college will be included under Munster Technological University (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18619/23]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports and advance guidance she provides to higher level institutions and 3rd level institutions regarding gambling addiction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [18675/23]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the details of each time his Department, or public bodies under the aegis of his Department,

enlisted the services of consultants in 2022; the purpose and value of each contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18733/23]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of vacant lecture positions per National University and subject in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [18809/23]

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

\*416. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the details of each time her Department, or public bodies under the aegis of her Department, enlisted the services of consultants in 2022; the purpose and value of each contract; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18738/23]