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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the proposed child poverty unit in his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18063/23]
2. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the child poverty unit to be established within his Department; and when he expects it to first meet. — Mark Ward. [18083/23]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the proposed child poverty unit in his Department. — Paul McAuliffe. [18852/23]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the proposed child poverty unit in his Department. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [19221/23]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the proposed child poverty unit in his Department. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [19260/23]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the proposed child poverty unit in his Department. — Gino Kenny. [19380/23]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the child poverty unit in his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [19241/23]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the proposed child poverty unit in his Department. — Gary Gannon. [19317/23]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the proposed child poverty unit in his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [19371/23]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the proposed child poverty unit in his Department. — Paul Murphy. [19374/23]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the proposed child poverty unit in his Department. — Bríd Smith. [19377/23]
12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the proposed child poverty unit in his Department. — Mick Barry. [19497/23]
13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18129/23]

14. To ask the Taoiseach his response to the recent National Economic and Social Council's report, *Understanding the Irish Economy in a Time of Turbulence*. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [19384/23]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the role of his Department in the north-east inner city initiative; and if his Department has any proposals for further such initiatives in other parts of the city, such as Ballymun and Finglas. — Paul McAuliffe. [18902/23]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Aindrias Moynihan. [19258/23]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the Queen's University Belfast conference to mark 25 years of the Good Friday Agreement. — Brendan Smith. [19259/23]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the working of the shared island unit in his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [19262/23]

19. To ask the Taoiseach the costs associated with the running of the shared island unit in his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [19264/23]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will list the projects funded by the shared island unit of his Department since he took office. — Peadar Tóibín. [19265/23]

21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will detail what investments have been made through the shared island unit of his Department in the northwest and Border regions. — Peadar Tóibín. [19266/23]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plan for constitutional amendments. — Mary Lou McDonald. [19137/23]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [19138/23]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. — Alan Dillon. [19441/23]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the publication of the fifteenth interim report of the IBRC Commission of Investigation. — Ivana Bacik. [19244/23]

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on European Union and International Affairs will next meet. — Seán Haughey. [19385/23]

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

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

*27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when the recognition of the state of Palestine will take place; and his views on the failure to do so during the 32nd Dáil (details supplied). — Patrick Costello. [19632/23]

*28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will recognise the Armenian genocide of 2015; if he will consult the Attorney General in relation to any legal concerns he may have about doing so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [19634/23]

*29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is monitoring human rights standards in Pakistan, and in particular if he has assessed the blasphemy law which it is alleged is oppressive to Christians; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [19681/23]

*30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 232 of 23 March 2023, if he will confirm if the Foreign Births Office has received the additional supporting documents from the applicants; when a decision on these applications is expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [19685/23]

*31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19717/23]

*32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will clarify whether Irish passport applications received from the North need a member of An Garda Síochána to witness the application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [19809/23]

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

*33. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications about warmer homes scheme particularly in relation to the finding of the 2020 ‘Social Impact Assessment - SEAI Programmes Targeting Energy Poverty’ that the level of data collected was not sufficient to provide an assessment of the schemes’ impact on recipients (i.e. does the scheme bring them out of energy poverty); if that data is being collected; and the impact of retrofitting on warmer homes schemes recipients. — Darren O’Rourke. [20021/23]

*34. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will extend eligibility for the warmer homes scheme to homeowners with traditional stone walls in their dwelling, given that many of the families/persons living in homes of this type are families/persons of limited financial means. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [19658/23]

*35. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will engage with domestic-waste-disposal companies to ensure that no charge is applied to the compost-bin lift (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [19665/23]

*36. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the meetings he has had to date in 2023 with domestic energy suppliers in the electricity and gas markets; the names of any companies he met with and the date they met; if he has written to them or raised directly with them the failure to lower prices for domestic customers following the fall in wholesale gas prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [19674/23]

*37. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department tracks the wholesale price of gas; if he is provided with regular briefings on the costs being paid by Irish energy supply companies for gas; if he will provide copies of any briefings,

memos or notes he has been given to date in 2023 on energy prices in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [19675/23]

*38. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the further measures he intends to introduce for consumers using the revenue from energy windfall taxes; the estimated revenue he expects to be available in 2023; if the revenue will accrue to his Department or the central fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [19676/23]

*39. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is satisfied with the level of regulation and oversight of the Irish energy market covering domestic and commercial supply of electricity and gas; if he is satisfied with the current powers available to the Commission for Regulation of Utilities; if he intends to provide stronger powers to the CRU to regulate energy prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [19677/23]

*40. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he last met with the Commission for Regulation of Utilities; the purpose of the meeting and the issues discussed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [19678/23]

*41. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he or his Department have been provided with advice by the Commission for Regulation of Utilities on retail energy prices in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [19679/23]

*42. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications regarding the warmer homes scheme particularly in relation to the finding of the 2020 ‘Social Impact Assessment - SEAI Programmes Targeting Energy Poverty’ that the level of data collected was not sufficient to provide an assessment of the schemes’ impact on recipients (i.e. does the scheme bring them out of energy poverty), if that data is being collected; and if he will outline the impact of retrofitting on warmer homes schemes recipients. — Darren O’Rourke. [19835/23]

*43. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the SEAI community grant scheme for solar installation; and the number of grants that have been provided to non-profits this year compared to previous years. — Darren O’Rourke. [19838/23]

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

*44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of enlisted personnel currently serving in the Air Corps who have not passed NCO courses but who have been promoted to an NCO rank, for example, an airman or woman promoted to corporal. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [19815/23]

*45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of enlisted personnel currently serving in the Air Corps who have been promoted multiple times in NCO ranks but have not passed an NCO course, for example, an airman or woman promoted to corporal and then to sergeant or higher. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [19816/23]

*46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide a detailed estimated timeline of reforms under LOA 2 of the Defence Forces Commission. — Marc MacSharry. [19817/23]

*47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if the Defence Forces has established a group to study the lessons of the Ukraine war and how it will impact Ireland's capabilities and force structure. — Marc MacSharry. [19818/23]

*48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the expected timeline for a replacement of the Air Corps Pilatus PC-9M aircraft; and if consideration is being given to more capable jet aircraft for air policing missions. — Marc MacSharry. [19819/23]

*49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the expected timeline for the implementation of the Commission on the Defence Forces recommendation to acquire transport aircraft for the Air Corps. — Marc MacSharry. [19820/23]

*50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when he expects the Commission on the Defence Forces recommendation to acquire two additional medium-lift rotary wing aircraft will be completed. — Marc MacSharry. [19821/23]

*51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on when he anticipates his Department to tender for a primary radar system. — Marc MacSharry. [19822/23]

*52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if the purchase of two inshore patrol vessels from New Zealand are replacing his Department's plans to acquire vessels with countermine and counter-IED capabilities. — Marc MacSharry. [19823/23]

*53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the estimated timeline for delivery of a new multi-role vessel. — Marc MacSharry. [19824/23]

*54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if the multi-beam sonar echo sounder installed on the P60 patrol vessels is sufficient to monitor submarines operating near underwater cables in the Atlantic. — Marc MacSharry. [19825/23]

*55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if a joint military intelligence service has been established in line with the recommendations of the Commission on the Defence Forces. — Marc MacSharry. [19826/23]

*56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the estimated timeline to replace the existing ground-based air defence radar. — Marc MacSharry. [19827/23]

*57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if there are plans to replace the existing RBS-70 anti-air defence system with a more capable system. — Marc MacSharry. [19828/23]

*58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the status of the planned replacement of the 84mm anti-tank support weapon. — Marc MacSharry. [19829/23]

*59. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his plans to replace the Army's existing DPM uniform. — Marc MacSharry. [19830/23]

*60. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if there are plans to increase the number of light tactical armoured vehicles in service, known as the RG32m. — Marc MacSharry. [19831/23]

*61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his plans to replace the L118 and L119 light guns with a more capable artillery system. — Marc MacSharry. [19832/23]

*62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the breakdown of civil servants, by grade, in his Department. — Marc MacSharry. [19833/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*63. To ask the Minister for Transport regarding phase two of the development of offshore wind farms and the identification of ports to construct them in, the progress that has been made to date; and if any ports have been identified in advance of next month's auction. — Darren O'Rourke. [19836/23]

*64. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of installing a roofed bus shelter. — Patricia Ryan. [19648/23]

*65. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider installing a roofed bus shelter at a location (details supplied). — Patricia Ryan. [19649/23]

*66. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the National Transport Authority-tender documents include provisions for hydrogen vehicles in the absence of a national strategy for hydrogen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [19874/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*67. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will seek advice on concerns raised by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [19693/23]

*68. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of warehoused income tax liabilities and VAT liabilities at the end of March 2023; the amount of interest that is projected to accrue over the remainder of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [19796/23]

*69. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of dividend withholding tax paid by REITs in 2020, 2021 and 2022, respectively; the amount of personal income tax paid on the dividends from REITs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [19797/23]

*70. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount that was paid out as dividends by REITS in 2020, 2021 and 2022, respectively. — Ged Nash. [19798/23]

*71. To ask the Minister for Finance the expected additional yield in 2023 if the rate of dividend withholding tax levied on REITs was increased to 33%, or 50%, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [19799/23]

*72. To ask the Minister for Finance the methodology for determining what portion of corporation tax returns can be described as windfall; if he intends to commission an independent study of this to determine the prospects for future returns and what level may be one-off; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [19800/23]

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.

*73. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if all public service pensioners have had their pensions restored under the provisions of the Public Service Pay and Pensions Act 2017, which provides for the full unwinding of the public service pension reduction; if not, the number of pensioners that remain affected; the reason for this; and when these pensioners can expect to see their pension fully restored. — Willie O'Dea. [19671/23]

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

*74. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19692/23]

*75. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has been contacted or engaged by a company (details supplied) in respect of job losses at the company; if so, the nature of those discussions; if he is satisfied that the company has complied with communication protocols in respect of redundancies and or requests to take unpaid leave; if he will clarify the obligation of a company to inform him of plans to implement a voluntary time off programme for staff; and whether they are obliged to comply with the request. — Catherine Murphy. [19687/23]

*76. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the breakdown of the current funding and capital funding for IDA Ireland from 1979 to 2023. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [19700/23]

*77. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the breakdown of the current funding and capital funding for Enterprise Ireland and its predecessor bodies from 1979 to 2023. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [19701/23]

*78. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of persons granted work permits in respect of the critical skills list under heading 2211 in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and the number of these that were classified as general practitioners over that same timeframe. — Catherine Murphy. [19720/23]

*79. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if craft apprentices in their first and second year must be paid at least the minimum wage of €11.30 per hour, or if, under the terms of the recent SEO, that a year 1 apprentice will be paid 33.33% of the craft rate which is €21.49 an hour from 18 September 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [19801/23]

*80. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment since the enactment of the Industrial Relations (Amendment) Act 2015, the number of applications made to the Labour Court under Section 2 (1) of the Industrial Relations (Amendment) Act 2001, as amended; if he will provide a list of each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [19802/23]

*81. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if grant-aid is available to a small business that needs to purchase mechanical equipment (details supplied) for the expansion of the business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19806/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*82. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) will see work commence on its new school building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [19621/23]

*83. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); if she will provide an estimated timeframe from construction to completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [19651/23]

*84. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); if she will provide an estimated timeframe from construction to completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [19653/23]

*85. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); if she will provide an estimated timeframe from construction to completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [19654/23]

*86. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); if she will provide an estimated timeframe from construction to completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [19655/23]

*87. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the implementation of additional accommodation for a school (details supplied); if she will outline the works that are needed; if she will provide a timeframe for when this work will commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [19656/23]

*88. To ask the Minister for Education the action being taken by her Department regarding security concerns raised by a school (details supplied); the action and measures that will be implemented by her Department following the completion of an assessor report carried out in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [19657/23]

*89. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the ancillary services grant for the running of schools that is scheduled for payment in April 2023 is now being delayed until June 2023 (details supplied). — Mattie McGrath. [19659/23]

*90. To ask the Minister for Education if she will investigate the withdrawal of school transport from a child with Down syndrome (details supplied); and the measures that can be taken to ensure their transport is restored. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [19684/23]

*91. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a timeline for the implementation of the key actions in Cineáltas: Action Plan on Bullying; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19726/23]

*92. To ask the Minister for Education the legal basis on which she can refuse to answer Parliamentary Question No. 670 of 21 March 2023 in relation to the annual rental costs for the current temporary accommodation and site of a school (details supplied); if such a request for

those costs is not disclosed, how oversight and transparency on the expenditure of these public funds are to be achieved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [19732/23]

*93. To ask the Minister for Education if she will meet with representatives from a network (details supplied) to discuss urgent related matters. — Brian Stanley. [19736/23]

*94. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of lowering primary school class sizes in all primary schools to include DEIS Band 1 schools from September to December 2023, and for the full financial year 2023/2024. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [19803/23]

*95. To ask the Minister for Education the breakdown of the number of assistant principal 1 and assistant principal 2 (special duty posts) that existed in primary and special schools on 26 March 2009. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [19804/23]

*96. To ask the Minister for Education the breakdown of the number of assistant principal 1 and assistant principal 2 (special duty posts) that exist in schools as of today's date. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [19805/23]

*97. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of an additional accommodation request for a school (details supplied); if it will be ready in time to accommodate a newly sanctioned ASD class in September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [19839/23]

*98. To ask the Minister for Education if she will meet with a person (details supplied) who is currently on hunger strike and seeking a meeting with her. — Thomas Gould. [19840/23]

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

*99. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil sé i gceist aici go reáchtálfar toghcháin do Bhord Údarás na Gaeltachta go comhuaineach le toghcháin áitiúla agus Eorpacha na bliana 2024. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [19694/23]

*100. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad atá i gceist sna liúntais do chomhaltaí Bhord Údarás na Gaeltachta in aghaidh na bliana, agus an bhfuil sé i gceist go dtiocfaidh aon athrú ar na liúntais sin agus na toghcháin le cur ar siúl arís faoin mBille um Údarás na Gaeltachta (Leasú), 2022. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [19695/23]

*101. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén costas a bhain le toghcháin Údarás na Gaeltachta a rith sa bhliain 2005, agus an dtabharfaidh sí briseadh síos ar an gcaiteachas sin. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [19696/23]

*102. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an féidir léi torthaí na dtoghchán go léir a bhí ann do Bhord Údarás na Gaeltachta idir 1979 agus 2005 a roinnt ina n-iomláine de réir na dtoghcheantar go léir. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [19697/23]

*103. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an dtabharfaidh sí eolas maidir leis na riachtanais nó na critéir a bhí ann i dtoghcháin Údarás na

Gaeltachta idir 1979 agus 2005, i gcás daoine a bhí ina n-iarrthóirí do shuíochán ar an mBord. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [19698/23]

*104. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an dtabharfaidh sí briseadh síos ar an maoiniú reatha agus an maoiniú caipitil d'Údarás na Gaeltachta chuile bhliain ó 1979 go 2023. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [19699/23]

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

*105. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19834/23]

*106. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm the number and percentage of An Bord Pleanála appeals in the year ending 27 March 2023 that were decided within the prescribed 18-week timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19636/23]

*107. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of dwellings leased by Kildare County Council, broken down by new and second-hand dwellings. — Patricia Ryan. [19647/23]

*108. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the provision that is being made within the tenant-in-situ scheme for tenants who are renting a HAP property in one local authority area but are on the housing list of and receiving HAP from a different local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [19686/23]

*109. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown of the annual allowance and expenses for a councillor on a local authority. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [19702/23]

*110. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason behind the significant reduction in completed mortgage-to-rents as published by the Housing Agency in Q1 2023, which listed just 16 mortgage-to-rents completed nationally, versus the stated ambition in 'Housing for All' of 1,000 mortgage-to-rent units annually; if some of the recently reported underspend in his Department from 2020 to 2022 to the value of €1 billion of its capital budget might be a result of the failure to meet mortgage-to-rent projections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [19728/23]

*111. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the significant reduction in spending on new homes, connected to media reports on discussions between the Housing Agency and Home for Life, has resulted in any disadvantages for borrowers who wish to enter a housing scheme, or for the hundreds of families whose applications are in progress; if there is a plan to ensure that any difficulties being encountered will be resolved in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [19729/23]

*112. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the body that regulates construction companies, in particular those that do not build houses to the statutory building standards and planning guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [19731/23]

*113. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on Residential Tenancies Board response times (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19735/23]

*114. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the provision of buildings for housing Ukrainians refugees and other asylum seekers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [19812/23]

*115. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on any buildings provided to his Department of Integration in 2023; the location of the buildings; their capacity; if they are currently being fully occupied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [19813/23]

*116. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amounts collected, levied, owed and owed cumulatively under the derelict sites register; and the number of sites on each register by local authority for 2022, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [19841/23]

*117. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amounts collected, levied, owed and owed cumulatively under the vacant sites register; and the number of sites on each register by local authority for 2022, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [19842/23]

*118. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason nobody has moved into homes in Phase-1 Newton Heights, Cork city, despite these homes being completed in August 2022. — Thomas Gould. [19844/23]

*119. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social, affordable, and cost-rental homes delivered in Dublin Bay North in 2020, 2021 and 2022, broken down by year and tenure type, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [19856/23]

*120. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the funds for housing adaptation grants will be released to local authorities for 2023. — Martin Browne. [19880/23]

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

*121. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current situation regarding a farm assist appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Michael Creed. [19627/23]

*122. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will carry out a review on the length of time it currently takes to review and receive supplementary welfare allowance. — Patricia Ryan. [19645/23]

*123. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for carer's allowance will be processed in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19668/23]

*124. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for a disability allowance for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19669/23]

*125. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person in receipt of a disability allowance who inherits a house (worth less than €300,000) from his/her parent would have their weekly payment effected or reduced upon receiving such an inheritance. — Frankie Feighan. [19682/23]

*126. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are any supports for businesses that employ jobseekers who have temporary protection; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19734/23]

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

*127. To ask the Minister for Justice his plans, if any, to review and update the laws around trespass given the matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [19619/23]

*128. To ask the Minister for Justice if UK visa holders living in the North and commuting in and out of Dublin Airport require any further visas. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [19807/23]

*129. To ask the Minister for Justice the visa requirements needed for Ukrainian nationals living in the North commuting in and out of Dublin Airport. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [19808/23]

*130. To ask the Minister for Justice when the Criminal Justice (Mutual Recognition of Custodial Sentences) Act 2023 will be fully commenced; if applications from Irish prisoners serving sentences in the UK will continue to be processed under the current transfer scheme, or if they will have to lodge a new application under the new transfer system; the anticipated average length of time it will take to process an application to completion; the steps that will be involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [19843/23]

*131. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 197 of 22 February 2023, the timeline for Ireland to fully ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child; if he will provide details of the legislative requirements under Article 3.1 to ensure that Ireland is in compliance with the outstanding aspects of the Protocol; the timeline for the publication of the Criminal Justice (Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking) Bill 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [19855/23]

*132. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps he is taking to ensure that enforcement guards empowered to carry out evictions on behalf of landlords under the Private Security Services (Amendment) Act 2021 will not be used in illegal evictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [19881/23]

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

*133. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason there is no provision or reward for farmers who prioritise space for nature under the new basic income scheme, as Ireland strives to achieve climate targets (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [19635/23]

*134. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 282 and 292 of 23 February 2023, while noting his acknowledgement of the recommendations of the Comptroller and Auditor General Report for 2018 that the previous cost-benefit analysis for State Aid for forestry 2014-2021 failed to account for a number of factors, the reason he does not specifically address the recommendation to include the cost to the State of the

final tax-free sales of forestry; if he can provide an assurance that this specific recommendation of the Comptroller and Auditor General has been accepted by his officials and forms part of the cost-benefit analyses of Irish forestry undertaken in the context of Ireland's current application for approval by the European Commission of State aid to Irish forestry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [19660/23]

*135. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 286 of 23 February 2023, while noting his announcement that he is 'reassessing its policy with regard to future afforestation on organic soils and that this will be informed by the UN Global Peatlands Assessment', if he will re-examine his reply in the context of this report's recommendations to set a depth-defining peat (organic) soils at 10 centimetres to avoid GHG emissions, and as in his reply it was stated that 'applying a depth threshold that is based on the carbon stocks associated with tropical forests and wetlands is not appropriate' (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [19661/23]

*136. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the final payment will be issued to a person (details supplied) for the REAP scheme, which was approved for payment in December 2022 but has not yet issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [19672/23]

*137. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on new rules for TB testing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19673/23]

*138. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of horses that died as a result of injuries incurred at racetracks in Ireland from 2010, broken down on an annual basis; and the number of horses that died at each race course, in tabular form. — Paul Murphy. [19722/23]

*139. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are concerns within his Department regarding health and safety issues regarding rotten ash trees breaking off and falling within plantations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [19723/23]

*140. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will immediately and without further bureaucracy or prejudice grant permission to remove rotten ash trees resulting from chalarra fraxinea, ash dieback disease affected this year, given the serious health and safety risks associated with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [19724/23]

*141. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the legal position regarding liability where dead or rotten ash plants within plantations fall causing injury; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [19725/23]

*142. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a full list of payments and schemes available under his Department; if the list could include a brief overview of the purpose of each payment and when it is open to applications, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [19738/23]

*143. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason Ireland has lost an expected deal for the sale of 5,000 cattle to be exported due to delays in visa processing as reported in the media (details supplied); if his Department has become involved to resolve this

issue to ensure that export deals like this are not lost again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [19854/23]

*144. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline how the agricultural sector will reach the emissions targets for 2025 and 2030 given the continuing rise in Ireland's emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [19885/23]

*145. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will radically revise Coillte's remit towards having the primary objective of promoting biodiversity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [19886/23]

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

*146. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the recruitment process for neurorehabilitation teams under the national strategy for neurorehabilitation in CHO6 and CHO7; the reason for the delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [19625/23]

*147. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the position regarding a local community neurorehabilitation team for CHO6 to be based in Bray, County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [19680/23]

*148. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the length of time the HSE Disability Appeals Officer post has been vacant; and the steps being taken for recruiting a new one; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [19814/23]

*149. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if funding for a travel allowance can be paid to a family (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19875/23]

*150. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 368 of 8 February 2023, if he will provide an update on an assessment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [19879/23]

*151. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when outstanding invoices will be paid to an accommodation provider purchase order (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [19637/23]

*152. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number and location of emergency reception and orientation centres which were in use by IPAS as of 31 December 2022; the occupancy and contracted capacity of each centre as of 31 December 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [19667/23]

*153. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a person (details supplied) will receive an assessment of need and subsequent service statement from their local children's disability network team. — Paul Murphy. [19718/23]

*154. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will meet with representatives from a network (details supplied) to discuss urgent related matters. — Brian Stanley. [19737/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*155. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young people referred to CAMHS by CHO area in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the number of referrals accepted and refused; the reasons for refusal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [19614/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for Health if he or the Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People is aware of any issues that have been escalated by the Mental Health Commission from its current audits into CAMHS, to the HSE; if so, the nature of these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [19620/23]

*157. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to expand the scoliosis treatment provision at Cappagh Hospital, Dublin 11; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [19622/23]

*158. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has updated all of its computers, laptops, phones, servers and tablets since the cyber-attack; if so, if it has retrieved all of the obsolete items; if it has a comprehensive list of all such items and their current locations; and if they are disposed, if the HSE has proof of disposal. — Sean Sherlock. [19626/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for Health if the Government has plans to introduce a new income threshold to qualify for the GP visit card; what this threshold will be; when this will come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [19633/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for Health the increase that has been made in funding for safeguarding teams to protect adults at risk of abuse. — Patricia Ryan. [19638/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that have been taken to address employment issues in the home care sector to address home support shortages. — Patricia Ryan. [19639/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the latest research into people suffering from dementia. — Patricia Ryan. [19640/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for Health the investment that has been delivered in perinatal health care in CHO7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [19641/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for Health the updated plans that have been put in place regarding wrap-around services for those who no longer qualify for perinatal care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [19642/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ADHD teams available in CHO7; and if there are plans for more. — Patricia Ryan. [19643/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies available to date in community posts in CHO7. — Patricia Ryan. [19644/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for Health if all respite beds have now reopened after the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [19650/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Health if plans for extra respite beds are being made; and if so, the number of beds to be delivered, in tabular form. — Patricia Ryan. [19652/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a complete list of the HSE's National Clinical Programmes from 2015 to date in 2023, including programmes no longer in operation, the names of the members of each national clinical programme, all sub-groups within each programme, such as Working Groups, Clinical Advisory Groups, and so on, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [19662/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for Health further to commentary made by the Secretary General of his Department at a meeting of the Oireachtas Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach on 19 April 2023, if his laptop or mobile devices have ever been hacked; if so, the dates upon which the hacks took place; if he notified the Taoiseach of the hack; if confidential information was compromised or if there was a GDPR breach associated with the hack; if he notified potential victims of the GDPR breach of the situation; and if he will clarify whether or not the Secretary General's commentary was accurate. — Peadar Tóibín. [19666/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19683/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify whether staff (details supplied) working in the HSE-funded assisted living service are eligible for the Covid recognition payment; if so, if he will direct the HSE to make payment; if he will include staff of the association who work within respite, community or day services in the cohort of those eligible for the payment; if not, if he will set out the rationale for this; and if he will give further consideration to their inclusion. — Catherine Murphy. [19688/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which a person can avail of a medical card in instances in which they cannot secure acceptance by a GP to stamp their application form. — Catherine Murphy. [19719/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which a woman can access antenatal care in instances in which they do not have access to a general practitioner to confirm their pregnancy. — Catherine Murphy. [19721/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will urgently address the critical anomaly whereby children in the south east are currently deprived of the in-community palliative, end-of-life care available to children with such needs in the rest of the State (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [19810/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for Health if he will move immediately to ensure that every family requiring end-of-life care for a child at home will be guaranteed that care automatically as outlined in The Model of Care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [19811/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and when the person concerned can expect an appointment for admission at Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore. — Barry Cowen. [19876/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide additional capacity in public nursing homes; the number of additional public nursing home beds that have been provided in each of the past five years; if there are plans to develop new public nursing homes; if so, the location of these; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [19877/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1768 of 18 April 2023, the engagements he has had with employers in relation to the ‘sign-off’ process for healthcare assistants working under the General Employment Permit who have not completed the relevant QQI level-5 course but their existing qualifications and experience meet or exceed level-5; the steps he is taking to communicate this process with these workers and their employers; the date at which the standard form and further information will be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [19878/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Health if he supports abolishing the 12-week limit for abortion care on request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [19883/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for Health if he supports decriminalisation of abortion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [19884/23]

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

*182. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19727/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason swim instructor courses are not held (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19730/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide a breakdown of the amount of LEADER funding allocated in County Kerry in each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [19689/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when a decision will be made regarding who is to avail of the community recognition fund 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [19733/23]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH,
I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 27 AIBREÁN, 2023
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 27 APRIL, 2023**

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

I. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the measures in place to ensure the safety and protection of Irish citizens in Sudan. — Matt Carthy. [19749/23]

2. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent of his efforts to restore the Northern Ireland Institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [19926/23]

3. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the situation in Sri Lanka; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [19764/23]

4. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the fact that passport applications that are unsuccessful are not looked at until the end of the 'estimated issue date'; the reason the applicant could not be informed of the problem within the first week of the Passport Office receiving the application in order to speed up the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [19890/23]

5. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his current assessment of the situation with regard to Russia's war of aggression in Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [19703/23]

6. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he perceives opportunities to advance the letter and the spirit of the Good Friday Agreement in the aftermath of the visit of President Biden, and to reenergise the Good Friday Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [19860/23]

7. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps his Department is taking to condemn and seek an end to human rights abuses in China. — Peadar Tóibín. [19705/23]

8. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his latest engagement with Dóchas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [19765/23]

9. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his recent engagement with representatives of the British government. — Matt Carthy. [19752/23]

10. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his recent meeting with the Serbian Foreign Minister; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [19766/23]

11. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the measures Ireland has taken at EU and international level regarding the ongoing civil unrest and humanitarian crisis in Sudan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [19755/23]

12. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his Department's plans for contingency planning for the evacuation of Irish citizens from Sudan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [19892/23]

13. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagement with President Joe Biden and his administration during his recent visit to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [19774/23]

14. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has any recent discussion with the British government in relation to Northern Ireland legacy issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [19707/23]

15. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland will propose further measures to target Russia in response to its invasion of Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19894/23]

16. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is aware that human rights campaigners that will be outside the AGM of a company (details supplied) in Ballsbridge on 28 April 2023 to highlight the appalling impact of the company's operations in Colombia on the land rights of the indigenous Misak people, on the environment and on human rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [19869/23]

17. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 126 of 21 March 2023, if he will provide an update on Ireland's efforts at EU and UN levels to stop the war in Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [19871/23]

18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the implementation of the Windsor Framework agreed between the European Union and the United Kingdom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [19494/23]

19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has raised concerns that there are Irish citizens in Northern Ireland on remand for over three years who were refused bail and are awaiting trial; if so, the response he received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [19770/23]

20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his assessment of the implementation of the Windsor Framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [19598/23]

21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the efforts of the Irish Government to secure the release of a person (details supplied) who is currently imprisoned in Iran. — Matt Carthy. [19753/23]

22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 88 of 21 March 2023, if he will provide an update on his bilateral engagement to-date in 2023 with his Israeli counterpart with regard to the ongoing demolition and seizure of Palestinian property in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, as well as the recent escalation in violence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [19870/23]

23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the measures being undertaken by his Department to ensure that there are sufficient staffing numbers in passport services in order that the current processing times for passport applications are maintained, given the spike in volume of passport applications received by passport services often occurs in the lead up to and during the summer months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [19747/23]

24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on his plans for a consultative forum on international security policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [19493/23]

25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the deteriorating situation in Sudan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [19867/23]

26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he expects any further sanctions against Iran in view of the Iranian government's ongoing repression of protestors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [19704/23]

27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the current waiting time for persons applying for passports under the foreign birth registrations; and if he is satisfied with the length of time applicants have to wait for their case to be considered. — Frankie Feighan. [19769/23]

28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken to his counterparts in the EU on the situation in regard to China and Taiwan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [19868/23]

29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the average waiting time for a first passport in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [19790/23]

30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement he has had with the Sudanese ambassador regarding the civil unrest and humanitarian crisis in Sudan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [19754/23]

31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline how his Department is supporting returning Irish immigrants who wish to re-settle in Ireland but face difficult barriers in terms of housing, driving licences, opening bank accounts, educational and work opportunities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19780/23]

32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will engage with the President of the United States to ensure that families of those who lost their lives in the Ethiopian Airlines Boeing 737 Max ET302 crash in 2019, including a person (details supplied) from County Clare, are not hindered in their pursuit for justice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [19628/23]

33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has brought to the British government's attention the concerns of the family of a person (details supplied) who was killed by the RUC in 1973 and their desire for a public inquiry into the killing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [19447/23]

34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his most recent engagement with EU Commission Vice President; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [19690/23]

35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of meetings that have been held with the Israeli ambassador about the dramatic increase in violence in Palestine. — Thomas Gould. [19789/23]

36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the current waiting times for paper passport applications only, including new applications, children's and renewals; and if his Department would consider any way of expediting certain paper applications that are required urgently for emergency travel. — Frankie Feighan. [19768/23]

37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on any recent discussions with the political parties in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [19708/23]

38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has had recent discussions with the British government in relation to the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill; if he has outlined again that it is unacceptable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [19776/23]

39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on his recent engagement with the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [19767/23]

40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which he expects to take on board the various views arising from the recent and necessary focus on Northern Ireland, the Good Friday Agreement, the Northern Protocol and the Windsor Agreement and the advice and comments from national and international politicians, in order to continue and consolidate the peace process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [19859/23]

41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the most recent EU Foreign Affairs Council meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [19624/23]

42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has met with the Russian ambassador recently; the current complement of staff at the embassy at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19895/23]

43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the proposed timeframe to honour the Government commitment to recognise the state of Palestine. — Matt Carthy. [19750/23]

44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline the efforts being made to engage with the EU to progress the recognition of the State of Palestine among EU member states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [19775/23]

45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the EU policy towards China has been impacted by the war in Ukraine; and if he will indicate the emerging approach that is to be adopted in the future. — Richard Bruton. [19319/23]

46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his response to the actions of Israel at the al-Aqsa Mosque; and if he has raised this matter at EU-level. — Matt Carthy. [19751/23]

47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has raised concerns with the Northern Ireland and British authorities that there are Irish citizens there awaiting over eight years for a trial; if so, the response he received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [19771/23]

48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will detail his Department's support for the Irish humanitarian effort in Sudan, given the deteriorating situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [19851/23]

49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will call in the Israeli ambassador to Ireland to establish the steps that are being taken in relation to the escalating violence by Israel on Palestinians; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [19618/23]

50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the timeframe for the Consultative Forum on International Security Policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [19691/23]

51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline his views on a one-state solution for the situation in Palestine and Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [19865/23]

52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his assessment of the current situation in Nicaragua; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [19925/23]

53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his response to the recent issuing by the International Criminal Court of an arrest warrant for the President of the Russian Federation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [19623/23]

54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide details of Ireland's role as a co-facilitator of the upcoming SDG summit; the specific actions his Department is taking to ensure the successful implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, both domestically and internationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [19891/23]

55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has had any recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and with the political parties in Northern Ireland in relation to the need to have the Assembly, Northern Ireland Executive and the North-South Ministerial Council restored without further delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [19777/23]

56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will urge the EU institutions and countries to collect information and intelligence of the forcible transfer of Ukrainian children to Russia and sanction Russian officials involved in these crimes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19781/23]

57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if any further sanctions are planned against Russia for its illegal war against Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [19711/23]

58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on his latest engagement with the Russian ambassador in view of the recent presence of Russian commercial vessels in international waters off Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [19748/23]

59. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs how Ireland is helping Moldova cope with the impact of the war on Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [19712/23]

60. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on his engagement with the United Kingdom government in relation to the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [19710/23]

61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is tracking the emerging situation in Myanmar; and if he will indicate what leverage the international community can exercise to ensure citizen rights are respected. — Richard Bruton. [19320/23]

62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the Climate Finance Report prepared by Irish Aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [19852/23]

63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the efforts that have been made by his Department to restore Stormont. — Peadar Tóibín. [19706/23]

64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the discussions he has had in relation to the restoration of Northern Ireland Executive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [19709/23]

65. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he would consider reissuing a copy of the Good Friday Agreement to all households on its 25th anniversary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [19893/23]

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

66. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details of a windfall tax on energy companies and how the additional revenue generated will help households with the cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [11383/23]

67. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the work of the National Youth Assembly on Climate. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [19740/23]

68. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has considered a re-introduction of public service bin collections to reduce its impact on fly-tipping and dumping. — Thomas Gould. [11502/23]

69. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the rollout of the National Broadband Plan to include the number of premises passed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [19763/23]

70. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has been notified of An Post's decision to sell its share in the National Lottery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [18000/23]

71. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason the coastal waters off County Clare designated for off-shore wind energy are much smaller in area than County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [19631/23]

72. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of the issue that houses that have outer leaf repairs carried out under the Mica redress scheme may

not qualify for SEAI home energy efficiency schemes grants; if it is the case they are prohibited from applying; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [11940/23]

73. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how he intends to act on the recommendations of the Energy Security Review; if he has assessed the environmental, social and economic impact of State-owned gas storage versus commercial LNG; if he will rule out the introduction of commercial LNG; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [19962/23]

74. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications in view of the inadequacy of the review of the proposed North-South Interconnector carried out in 2018, given that it did not take into account the concerns of householders, farmers and communities in relation to a number of aspects of this proposed project, if he will ensure that the concerns of local communities will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [19846/23]

75. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will clarify reports on the Government support for LNG of some sort in the State and specifically how such a proposal is compatible with the State's climate obligations and targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [19782/23]

76. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he intends to engage with community representatives along the route of the North-South Interconnector to hear their concerns in respect of the current approach of EirGrid. — Matt Carthy. [19743/23]

77. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the up-to-date position regarding the roll out of the National Broadband Plan in Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19902/23]

78. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the progress of the public warning system. — Willie O'Dea. [19900/23]

79. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the up-to-date position regarding efforts to strengthen Ireland's energy security; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19903/23]

80. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if current Government policy which sees large tracts of the State licenced for mining for rare elements and minerals in order primarily to facilitate the electrification of the private car fleet is sustainable or environmentally sound; if any reappraisal of the one million EV targets would result in a changed policy with regard to licencing mining operations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [19785/23]

81. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to respond to recommendations 72 and 73 relating to energy production under section 1.10 of the Report from the Citizens Assembly on Biodiversity Loss; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [19850/23]

82. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a person with stone-wall cladding can access SEAI retrofitting grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [19787/23]

83. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of retrofits completed under the SEAI one stop shop and warmer homes schemes in Q1 2023, and for the pre-BER, post-BER of completed projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [19963/23]

84. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if Ireland is on track to meet the goal of generating 80% of its electricity from renewable energy by the end of the decade. — Jim O'Callaghan. [19715/23]

85. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he plans to publish and implement the national hydrogen strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [19898/23]

86. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress made to date in upgrading the Irish electricity transmission system to carry the proposed wind energy output, onshore and offshore, due to come on stream by 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [19772/23]

87. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the supports for renewable energy under the National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [10259/23]

88. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the rollout of highspeed broadband in County Carlow. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [19739/23]

89. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the review of the Security of Energy Supply of Ireland's Electricity and Natural Gas Systems; when will this report be published; what policy statement will be prioritised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19778/23]

90. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he intends introducing legislation equalising the standing charge for domestic electricity between urban and rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [19773/23]

91. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has considered the policy implications of the ESRI assessment of the embodied emissions in Irish imports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [19322/23]

92. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the expected deadline for the NBI rollout of fibre broadband across the State; if he is satisfied with the current rate of the rollout with 109,000 out of 569,000 premises connected after the third year of the plan; how he plans on ramping up delivery of the rollout, particularly across the west, where areas are disproportionately in the 'survey pending' stage compared to other areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [19922/23]

93. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will tax the windfall profits of electricity companies for 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [19873/23]

94. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the review of the security of energy supply of Ireland's electricity and natural gas systems for the period to 2030; the timeline for the publication of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [19864/23]

95. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason for the continued delay by his Department in issuing a money message or a reasoned response following the request from the Oireachtas Committee on Climate Actions and this Deputy in relation to the Petroleum and Other Minerals Development (Amendment) (Climate Emergency Measures) Bill 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [19888/23]

96. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if grants will be made available for schools, community buildings and other groups that wish to install small scale anaerobic digesters for cooking purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [19853/23]

97. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has received the final report of the Citizens Assembly on biodiversity loss; the way in which his Department will respond to the report and its recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [19961/23]

98. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he can outline supports that energy users can expect in the coming period to deal with high gas and electricity bills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [19848/23]

99. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the geothermal study conducted at Carlinn Hall, Dundalk, County Louth, in 2022 will be completed; what the plan is when the study results are known; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [19762/23]

100. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how his Department is supporting and encouraging the development of floating offshore wind power generation; his future plans for the development of floating offshore wind power generation nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [19861/23]

101. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he intends to expand the Offshore Wind Delivery Taskforce to bring ports, the ORE industry and State agencies together to improve readiness to deliver offshore wind, including through the possible introduction of an Irish strategic port investment model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [19964/23]

102. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures his Department is taking to assist new build property owners who are not eligible for the solar electricity grant; if consideration will be given to the provision of additional financial supports to assist new build property owners purchase and install solar PV systems, where the properties were built and occupied after 1 January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [19742/23]

103. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking to address litter and illegal dumping. — Holly Cairns. [19761/23]

104. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will commission a full independent assessment of the potential for undergrounding the North-South Interconnector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [19744/23]

105. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications in view of the total opposition of communities in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath to the present proposals regarding the proposed North-South Interconnector, with particular reference to the concerns about transmission cables being put overground, if he will ensure that if the project proceeds, the transmission cables are put underground, as proposed for other major energy projects in the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [19845/23]

106. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update of the rollout for the National Broadband Plan for Cork east; the number of homes that have been connected to date for the same area; the number of homes that remain to be connected in the Youghal area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [19889/23]

107. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the Atlantic Marine Energy Test Site (AMETS) located off Annagh Head, west of Belmullet; when will this site be connected to the national grid given that it is an integral component of Ireland's Ocean Energy Strategy; if this site will be developed in accordance with the national Offshore Renewable Energy Development Plan (OREDPA); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19779/23]

108. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how the rights of disabled people are respected, protected, and fulfilled in the design, development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of all climate policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [19897/23]

109. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the work his Department has undertaken on requiring a certain amount of floor space in supermarkets of a certain size to be reserved for reuse and refillable products, following recommendations to the Oireachtas Committee on Environment and Climate Action in 2021. — Mairéad Farrell. [19923/23]

110. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps his Department is taking to tackle food waste. — Jim O'Callaghan. [19716/23]

111. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what role the proposed EU nature restoration law will play in meeting Ireland and the EU's climate commitments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [19899/23]

112. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when Ireland will develop a national strategy on the use of ammonia and hydrogen fuels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [19630/23]

113. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he can outline the wait times from application to completion of works under the SEAI scheme; the measures being taken to address long waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [19745/23]

114. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what engagement he or his Department has had with Galway City and County Councils to-date in 2023 with regard to the development of their Local Authority Climate Action Plans, and in particular in relation to the development of their decarbonising zones; the expected timeline for the implementation of the decarbonising zones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [19863/23]

115. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on a windfall tax on energy companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [10974/23]

116. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he intends to launch a public consultation into the use of direct lines and private wires; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [19746/23]

117. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on designating the post office network as the offline gateway of choice for citizens availing of State services. — Holly Cairns. [19760/23]

118. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the rollout of the national broadband plan in the west Muskerry area. — Aindrias Moynihan. [19325/23]

119. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which he continues to ensure a balance between meeting emission reduction targets and ensuring the future of the agri-food sector, ensuring the future of the agricultural production sector while meeting carbon reduction targets to the greatest possible extent; if he is satisfied that neither will progress at the expense of the other, that food security for the future is assured and that everything possible is being done to reduce emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [19857/23]

120. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications 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. [19714/23]

121. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan; the number of premises that were passed and connected as of March 2023; the way that he plans to accelerate the delivery of the plan and if he could provide, in particular, connection details for counties Sligo, Leitrim, Roscommon and Donegal. — Frankie Feighan. [19758/23]

122. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the rationale behind the virement of €1.5 million in Just Transition funding to support climate finance activities of the United Nations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [19713/23]

123. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of connections under the National Broadband Plan in County Mayo; how that compares to revised targets; the sanctions against the contracted company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [19872/23]

124. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps his Department is taking to put in place a mobile phone-based emergency text alert system on a national scale, which is mandatory under the European Electronic Communications Code. — Willie O'Dea. [19901/23]

125. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the immediate plans for the North-South Interconnector; the legal basis on which agencies intend to access private lands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [19965/23]

126. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the roll out of the National Broadband Plan in Cork; the total number of premises falling under the NBP remit in Cork; the total number of premises that are now available to pre-order/order broadband and the total number of premises still pending survey; if these figures are on target with the number of premises to be passed in Cork by 31 March 2023; his plans to accelerate the delivery of the programme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [19741/23]

127. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which broadband provision throughout the country is progressing as intended; if efforts continue to bridge communication gaps that have become obvious; if he can see a means whereby the provision of broadband throughout all the regions can be maximised in early date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [19858/23]

128. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he can detail proposals to increase the staff numbers and expertise working in the Commission for Regulation of Utilities specifically in order to deal with the administration of a proposed windfall energy tax on profits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [19786/23]

129. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department engaged disabled people in meaningful, informed and effective consultation with regard to climate policy-making; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [19896/23]

130. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the work his Department is doing to reduce emissions from the energy sector in the context of our climate action targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [19150/23]

131. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will indicate the processes which he has put in place to set sectoral targets under Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [19321/23]

132. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to adapt future iterations of the Climate Action Plan to integrate the Biodiversity Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [19849/23]

133. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if recent statistics released by the SEAI on retro fitting programmes are compatible with the targets for deep retro fitting previously announced by the Government; if he has any concerns on the nature of most of the work that has been carried out; if such work will result in any substantial or

verifiable reduction in CO2 emissions from energy use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [19784/23]

134. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will explain the rationale for granting ten prospecting licenses to an Australian mining corporation in east Mayo in view of the potential negative impacts this could have on water quality in the area. — Bríd Smith. [19783/23]