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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

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

2. 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. — Mick Barry. [20293/23]

3. 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]

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

5. 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]

6. 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]

7. To ask the Taoiseach the average costs associated with the running of the shared island unit in his Department. — Mick Barry. [20294/23]

8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the shared island unit of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [20296/23]

9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the working of the shared island unit in his Department. — Brendan Smith. [20374/23]

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

11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plan for constitutional amendments. — Ivana Bacik. [20420/23]

12. 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]

13. 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]

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14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [20421/23]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [20529/23]

16. 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]

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

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on European Union and International Affairs will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [20528/23]

19. To ask the Taoiseach which Cabinet committee deals with the circular economy will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [19912/23]

20. To ask the Taoiseach which Cabinet Committee deals with the circular economy will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [19915/23]

21. To ask the Taoiseach which Cabinet committee deals with the circular economy will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [19918/23]

22. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will meet next. — Alan Dillon. [20576/23]

23. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [19983/23]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the North Sea Summit. — Mary Lou McDonald. [20297/23]

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

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [20422/23]

*26. To ask the Taoiseach to provide an update on the work of the child poverty and wellbeing unit within his Department. — Kathleen Funchion. [20134/23]

*27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a list of contracts his Department currently has with a company (details supplied); and the estimated value of those contracts. — Louise O'Reilly. [20195/23]

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

*28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason for the presence of the NATO vessel (details supplied) in Bantry Bay from 11 to 13 April 2023; the details of any engagement he or his Department had with NATO representatives with regard to the presence of the ship in Bantry Bay, and any permissions granted by his Department in this regard; if the ship was carrying out military exercises in Bantry Bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20586/23]

*29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will arrange for the evacuation of Irish citizens from Sudan with immediate effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [20228/23]

*30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of an application under the foreign birth registration for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [20291/23]

*31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will ensure two passports will be processed on time for the date of travel for siblings (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [20307/23]

*32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the timeframe for the establishment of a new election observation roster; the body that will be responsible for conducting the competition; where it will be advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [20347/23]

*33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a person (details supplied) will have their documents returned to them from the relevant office. — Gary Gannon. [20368/23]

*34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if passport applications for children (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [20398/23]

*35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the rights outlined in Article 36 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations 1963 apply to naturalised Irish citizens travelling on an Irish passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20406/23]

*36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to detail the refurbishment works that were carried out at Irish Embassies based in Washington DC and London in 2022 and to-date in 2023; the further refurbishment works that are scheduled to commence at either Embassy later in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [20458/23]

*37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of WTE staff by grade within his Department that are dealing with foreign birth registrations as of 25 April 2023; and the number of foreign birth registrations currently within his Department. — Catherine Murphy. [20502/23]

*38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the assistance being provided to the family of a person (details supplied) who was murdered in India on March 14, 2017; if he

is aware of the acute distress and trauma for the family as a result of the prolonged murder trial in India; and if he will meet with the family to directly discuss their concerns. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [20521/23]

*39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide details of any aid that the Government gives to organisations in Uganda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [20556/23]

*40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a foreign birth registration application (details supplied) will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [20583/23]

*41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a foreign birth certificate will issue to a person (details supplied) who applied in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [20592/23]

*42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [20652/23]

*43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when he expects all Irish citizens impacted by the conflict in Sudan to be exfiltrated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [20759/23]

*44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement he has had with Irish Aid agencies whose staff are still in Sudan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [20761/23]

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

*45. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the validation protocols his Department has in place to ensure the validity of figures produced by fish counters under the control of Inland Fisheries Ireland, as reported in its annual consolidated fish counter summary report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [20241/23]

*46. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason for the three-year delay in delivering an up-to-date long-term climate strategy, specifying how the Government aims to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, as required under domestic and EU climate law; when he expects to be in a position to deliver this plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20355/23]

*47. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if, in the context of Budget 2024, he would consider the restoration of the 50% SEAI grant rate on solar PV for community groups facing extreme pressure on running costs, with many facing closure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [20399/23]

*48. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide clarity on the rules surrounding the issuance of fines by local authorities for fly tipping or illegal dumping; if he will also clarify in terms of GDPR whether a fine can be issued where a member of the public finds contact details in illegally dumped materials; and if this is not the

case, if he will consider implementing changes to encourage this type of action by members of the public. — Robert Troy. [20427/23]

*49. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline his Department's work in respect of advancing the opportunity for Ireland in terms of offshore renewable energy. — Paul Kehoe. [20433/23]

*50. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the statutory obligation imposed on An Post under the Postal and Telecommunications Services Act 1983 (details supplied); if he is aware that retired postal workers are now being treated less favourably in terms of their pension entitlements in apparent contravention of the obligation in the Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [20487/23]

*51. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 12 of 19 April 2023, the reason the total percentage(s) for the 'Better Energy Warmer Homes', 'Better Energy Warmth and Wellbeing', 'Better Energy Homes', 'Solar PV' and 'National Homes Retrofit (One Stop Shop)' SEAI schemes do not add up to one hundred percent; if there is data missing; and If so, can the absence be explained. — Darren O'Rourke. [20561/23]

*52. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the fish counts for 2022, in tabular form; and the number of counters which did not provide continuous reports, their geographical location and the duration. — Darren O'Rourke. [20594/23]

*53. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on Inland Fisheries Ireland's National Fish Counter Programme and the methods used for data collection; how the data is being collected; if it is available publicly; and how different species are distinguished from one another; and the methods for verification. — Darren O'Rourke. [20595/23]

*54. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and his Department support the conservation of invasive perch in Derryclare Lough under the Conservation of Coarse Fish Bye-Law No. 806 of 2006, to the detriment of the marginalised native Arctic char population and other native salmonids, particularly Atlantic salmon and brown trout (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [20605/23]

*55. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and his Department support the conservation of invasive perch in Lough Shindilla under the Conservation of Coarse Fish Bye-Law No. 806 of 2006, to the detriment of the marginalised native Arctic char population and native brown trout population (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [20606/23]

*56. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of plans by a company (details supplied) to significantly increase fees for waste collection across black, green and brown bins; if he is also aware that there is no competition in terms of waste collection across large swathes of north county Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [20608/23]

*57. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the National Energy and Climate Plan will be published. — Darren O'Rourke. [20642/23]

*58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures that have been undertaken by local authorities, in terms of CCTV monitoring of illegal dumping including dog fouling since the enactment of the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [20689/23]

*59. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline the schemes of grants and eligibility conditions for improving energy efficiency in private homes including upgrading work such as insulation and installation/replacement of boilers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [20698/23]

*60. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if persons who need to carry out energy efficiency works in their private homes can avail of grant-aid under existing schemes where some years ago small-scale grant aid was availed of by homeowners to carry out improvement works and further additional improvement works are now needed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [20699/23]

*61. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to outline Government policy on the importation of LNG and the commercial development of LNG infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [20722/23]

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

*62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the expenditure incurred in relation to Columb Barracks, Mullingar, per expense type and including a description of the works undertaken for 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [20234/23]

*63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the last report produced by his Department in relation to architectural significance and historical significance of Columb Barracks, Mullingar. — Sorca Clarke. [20235/23]

*64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if the runway at Baldonnell Aerodrome has the capacity to handle Airbus A380 types of Aircrafts. — Catherine Murphy. [20494/23]

*65. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he plans to have a bilateral meeting with his Italian counterpart. — Catherine Murphy. [20495/23]

*66. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if a person (details supplied) chair each of the four sessions of the Consultative Forum on International Security Policy planned for June 2023. — Gino Kenny. [20532/23]

*67. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the person or body that will be invited to the Consultative Forum on International Security Policy; and how their expertise will be determined. — Gino Kenny. [20533/23]

*68. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how long the Consultative Forum on International Security Policy will sit on each of the four days scheduled for June 2023. — Gino Kenny. [20534/23]

*69. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if all seven of the planned themes will be discussed at each of the four planned sessions of the Consultative Forum on International Security Policy. — Gino Kenny. [20535/23]

*70. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if members of the public will be permitted to attend the Consultative Forum on International Security Policy; and how they can apply for admission. — Gino Kenny. [20536/23]

*71. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when the final report of the Consultative Forum on International Security Policy will be published. — Gino Kenny. [20537/23]

*72. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the situation with respect to entitlement to a service medal for a person who served five years in the Permanent Defence Forces and continued a further seven years in the First Line Reserve; if such a person is entitled to a service medal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [20612/23]

*73. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will ensure the property management section of the Defence Forces approve a request for land leasing (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [20811/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*74. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will introduce measures to facilitate residents of terraced houses with no driveways to allow them to charge their electric vehicles at home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [20632/23]

*75. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the roll-out of EV charging points projected for the remainder of 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [20723/23]

*76. To ask the Minister for Transport the compensation he will provide to owners of vehicles incompatible with the newly mandated €10 petrol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [20258/23]

*77. To ask the Minister for Transport if a person (details supplied) should have to take another NCT on the same vehicle three months after passing the previous test as a result of lengthy waiting times for a test, and where the certificate will have expired three months later in the same year; and the rationale as to why a car would be required to be tested twice within the same 12 months. — Peadar Tóibín. [20279/23]

*78. To ask the Minister for Transport if he intends to extend the low-emission vehicle toll incentive (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [20288/23]

*79. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [20318/23]

*80. To ask the Minister for Transport the residents in Dublin south-west who have received or will receive a letter of compulsory purchase order for the construction of the BusConnects programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [20320/23]

*81. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the alleged backlisting of air traffic controllers by the Irish Aviation Authority; if he is aware this is happening at a time when Dublin airspace is regularly forced to close because of air traffic controller staffing issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [20353/23]

*82. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the alleged backlisting of air traffic controllers by the Irish Aviation Authority. — Louise O'Reilly. [20354/23]

*83. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people currently waiting to sit their driving test in the Dublin area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [20357/23]

*84. To ask the Minister for Transport if any of the recently announced additional driving instructor posts will be allocated to Dublin to alleviate the wait times for driving tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [20358/23]

*85. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps his Department is taking to alleviate the backlog of NCT appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [20359/23]

*86. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the delivery of MetroLink; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [20360/23]

*87. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that waiting times for driving tests in Dublin currently range from approximately four to eight months; what action is being taken by his Department to ensure waiting times are reduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [20375/23]

*88. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has considered opening further driving test centres to address the demand and delays currently experienced; if an additional testing centre for the Dublin area has been considered; if so, the outcome of the consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [20376/23]

*89. To ask the Minister for Transport if there have been any developments on reducing the unacceptable delays for driving test applicants and how the plans for the recruitment of additional testers are progressing, given that presently the delays are negatively impacting on some applicants' employment appointments and are inhibiting them from being offered positions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [20395/23]

*90. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of Road Safety Authority (Amendment) Bill 2021; the timeframe for when this Bill move to the next stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [20450/23]

*91. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of schools in counties Cavan and Monaghan that are enrolled in the Safe Routes to School Programme in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [20451/23]

*92. To ask the Minister for Transport the top ten highest yield of Dublin Bus routes in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [20505/23]

*93. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding provided in 2023, 2024 and 2025 to purchase extra LUAS carriages; and when will these new carriages come into operation, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [20506/23]

*94. To ask the Minister for Transport the names of major international airlines and or airline groups with whom he had bilateral meetings with senior officials in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [20507/23]

*95. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the Railway Safety (Amendment) Bill; and when this Bill will move to the next stage. — Catherine Murphy. [20508/23]

*96. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding the installation of the necessary technology to accept debit and credit cards for payment on the Dublin Bus fleet. — Catherine Murphy. [20509/23]

*97. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of a safe routes application for a school (details supplied) in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [20514/23]

*98. To ask the Minister for Transport when additional electric vehicle charging points will be provided in counties Cavan and Monaghan; the locations that will have such charging points provided in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [20557/23]

*99. To ask the Minister for Transport if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20558/23]

*100. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will support a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [20567/23]

*101. To ask the Minister for Transport if the case of a person (details supplied) will be resolved. — Kathleen Funchion. [20587/23]

*102. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people traveling to the UK from Ireland by air and by sea on an annual basis in 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [20626/23]

*103. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the 15b from stop 493 was listed on the TFI app as cancelled after two stops on 22 April 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [20650/23]

*104. To ask the Minister for Transport when the next phase of BusConnects in Dublin will be rolled out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [20786/23]

*105. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the bus ticket pricing structure in place for bus services between Cork and the various stops across County Cork; how the ticket prices are determined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [20816/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*106. To ask the Minister for Finance to confirm why there is a discrepancy in the figures provided in response to two different Parliamentary Questions (details supplied) in respect of the percentage of total packs of cigarettes sold that contain more than 20 cigarettes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [20976/23]

*107. To ask the Minister for Finance the plans, if any, in place to abolish the universal social charge, which was brought in as a temporary measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [20396/23]

*108. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has considered abolishing the universal social charge for occupational pensions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [20397/23]

*109. To ask the Minister for Finance if he aspires to have any major European Union or United Nations institutions headquartered in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [19629/23]

*110. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to widening the TBESS to assist businesses with energy costs who have attempted to apply for the TBESS but are encountering significant difficulties due to sharing one meter between a number of businesses, and whose bills are divided by the landlord for each cycle depending on their unit size, particularly in business campuses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20445/23]

*111. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of abolishing stamp duty on first-time buyers of homes of less than €425,000. — Catherine Murphy. [20510/23]

*112. To ask the Minister for Finance how much of the betting levy has been distributed to the League of Ireland and an association (details supplied) in the previous three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [20542/23]

*113. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of external consultant reports commissioned by his Department in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; the cost of same; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [20547/23]

*114. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of external consultant reports commissioned by the bodies under his Department's aegis in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; the cost of same; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [20548/23]

*115. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Nos. 208, 209 and 210 of 25 April 2023, if he will clarify with the Revenue Commissioners whether they are recovering amounts dating back to 2011 due to a rounding error in the amounts due versus the amounts collected in the context of the issuing of letters to persons liable for arrears. — Catherine Murphy. [20641/23]

*116. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the current operation of the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal; the current membership of the Board; when the latest members

of the Board were appointed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [20657/23]

*117. To ask the Minister for Finance the options available to a person (details supplied) who is unable to appeal a decision due to the absence of the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [20658/23]

*118. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 136 of 26 February 2019, the reason the data differs from that given in the answer to Parliamentary Question No. 347 of 21 March 2023 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [20660/23]

*119. To ask the Minister for Finance if he spoke with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue during his recent visit to the United States. — Kathleen Funchion. [20675/23]

*120. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to increasing the allowances for those who qualify for VRT and VAT relief for the purchase of a specially adapted vehicle under the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [20701/23]

*121. To ask the Minister for Finance if the 70% loan to value ratio required to avail of the help to buy scheme applies to the market value of the property or the discounted price of the property for a purchase of a local authority affordable homed under the Affordable Housing Fund; and if the former, to explain the reason. — Eoin Ó Broin. [20712/23]

*122. To ask the Minister for Finance when arrears will be paid to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20718/23]

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.

*123. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform on behalf of a person (details supplied) if the OPW will take responsibility for a pathway up to a ring fort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20267/23]

*124. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he has engaged with the operators of the National Lottery or the Regulator of the National Lottery in the context of gambling addiction in the past five years to date. — Catherine Murphy. [20310/23]

*125. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the deflator that is applied to expenditure projections by his Department in order to estimate the cost of maintaining the current level of public services and benefits in real terms in future years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [20370/23]

*126. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of framework contracts currently in place to provide roofing services, window fitters and gas engineers to carry out works on behalf of the OPW in the northeast region where the value of works does not exceed €1million; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [20460/23]

*127. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when a project (details supplied) which has been granted planning permission can proceed; if this project has been advertised in order that tenders can be submitted; when it is likely that the tender process will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [20478/23]

*128. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the Garda stations within the Kildare division that were refurbished by the OPW in 2022 and to-date in 2023; the nature of the refurbishment, in tabular form that exceeded works costing €50k and above; and if each refurbishment project is still ongoing or completed. — Catherine Murphy. [20496/23]

*129. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he has plans to review the current pension abatement arrangements for public service staff who complete their employment in one area of the public sector and subsequently take-up employment in another area of the public service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [20693/23]

*130. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of exemptions from pension abatement applied for and issued across all Departments under the Public Service Pensions Act 2012, for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [20694/23]

*131. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount of revenue generated under pension abatement arrangements for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [20695/23]

*132. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when the flood defence works on Strand Road, Sandymount will commence and be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [20780/23]

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

*133. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he plans to amend legislation to address the situation where job interviewees are given malicious and false references by a former employer, resulting in the offer of employment being withdrawn from the interviewee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [20211/23]

*134. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the criteria for companies to avail of the Ukraine enterprise crisis scheme; if his attention has been drawn to reports that Enterprise Ireland is advising companies that they must be clients of Enterprise Ireland to avail of the scheme, when no such condition exists under the terms of the scheme approved by the European Commission and by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [20227/23]

*135. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has had any correspondence with a company (details supplied) regarding collective redundancies; if he has read an article detailing alleged breaches of statutory obligations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [20281/23]

*136. 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 will comply with communication protocols in respect of redundancies and or requests to take unpaid leave and or any other deemed to be cost saving steps; 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. [20308/23]

*137. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has carried out research into the profiling of workers' electronic equipment by employers, given reports internationally of the increasing use of monitoring software and privacy-busting software to track workers throughout the working day. — Louise O'Reilly. [20340/23]

*138. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department will add general labourers to the critical skills visa list, given the labour shortage and ongoing housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [20443/23]

*139. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he met the Chief Commissioner of the Victoria Police (details supplied) during his recent visit to Australia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [20452/23]

*140. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if Enterprise Ireland will engage immediately with a company (details supplied) relative to an urgent proposal from the company. — John McGuinness. [20541/23]

*141. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of external consultant reports commissioned by his Department in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; the cost of same; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [20543/23]

*142. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of external consultant reports commissioned by the bodies under his Department's aegis in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; the cost of same; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [20544/23]

*143. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which a person (details supplied) can be facilitated in relation to the transfer of some staff members to Naas, who were concerned for their safety and well-being at Citywest; if the urgent necessity of the transfer is recognised in order to obviate a long drawn-out process, as seems to be required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20628/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*144. To ask the Minister for Education if funding will be made available for the urgent provision of modular classrooms for a school (details supplied) in advance of September 2023 as part of the SEN Reconfiguration and Modular Accommodation Programme. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [20213/23]

*145. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the building works for (details supplied); the reason changes have been made to the original recommended additional accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [20226/23]

*146. To ask the Minister for Education the options available to a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [20247/23]

*147. To ask the Minister for Education if all efforts are being made to ensure a school place in Kilcock will be accommodated for the forthcoming year in the case of the children of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20248/23]

*148. To ask the Minister for Education if she will support a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [20253/23]

*149. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department plans to provide more capacity for boys' secondary school places, which are very low in the school planning area of Clontarf, Killester and Raheny. — Richard Bruton. [20274/23]

*150. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update in respect of the accommodation brief for a building project (details supplied); if she will provide a further update in respect of the engagements that an education and training board has had to date with the patron; and the date on which the project will commence. — Catherine Murphy. [20275/23]

*151. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware that a school bus (details supplied) providing school transport for children with additional needs has ceased to operate since before the Easter school holidays; and her plans to immediately resolve the situation. — Louise O'Reilly. [20346/23]

*152. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she will take to ensure the temporary accommodation committed to for a school (details supplied) will be in place for September 2023; if her attention has been drawn to a meeting request from the five Wicklow Deputies with senior officials responsible for this project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [20350/23]

*153. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 383 of 21 February 2023 (details supplied), when a response will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [20352/23]

*154. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the number of new special schools expected to open serving the Dublin area for the September 2023/2024 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [20363/23]

*155. To ask the Minister for Education if any additional special school places in existing special schools are expected to come on stream for the September 2023/2024 school year in Dublin Fingal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [20364/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for Education when reliable and consistent school transport will be supplied by her Department to a pupil (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [20365/23]

*157. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a letter sent by this Deputy seeking an urgent meeting with senior Department officials responsible for the delivery of both temporary and permanent accommodation for multiple schools in Wicklow (details supplied); if she can confirm whether this meeting will take place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [20366/23]

*158. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to expand the provision of co-educational, non-denominational post-primary education in Westport, County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [20369/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for Education the procedure for enrolment into a national State school where the consent of one parent is withheld or not available; if the school can deny enrolment, stating the school needs the consent of both parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [20377/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for Education the length of time of absence from primary school after which a child's welfare must be referred to Tusla and other school authorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [20378/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for Education the action her Department is taking to increase teacher and SNA uptake of the Summer Education Programme for 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [20388/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport can be provided to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [20393/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update in respect of a site her Department owns and its intended use for a permanent building for a school (details supplied); if she will provide details of her engagements with the patron in respect of same; and the date on which the project will commence its stages to becoming a live project. — Catherine Murphy. [20394/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for Education when she intends to commence a national programme to deliver sports halls to the many schools that have no such facilities, thus remaining severely disadvantaged in terms of delivering the many elements of the physical education curriculum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [20436/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for Education if a person currently employed as an SNA is entitled to include years worked as a care assistant in the HSE/health board in their years of service record; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [20441/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for Education the number of educational welfare officer posts allocated to counties Cavan and Monaghan in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; the number of vacancies; the timeframe for these vacancies to be filled, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [20464/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for Education if she will give consideration to increasing the funding of €96 per student to schools to cover the cost of schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks, given that the cost is much greater (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [20465/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Education if she, and the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, will meet with a person (details supplied) as a matter of urgency with the aim of resolving the issues that have prompted their hunger strike. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20479/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for Education if there are plans to recruit extra doctors for a company (details supplied) in the midwest; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [20484/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for Education when an announcement will be made on the approval of funding for projects under the 2023 summer works scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [20493/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for Education the number of external consultant reports commissioned by her Department in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; the cost of same; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [20545/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for Education the number of external consultant reports commissioned by the bodies under his Departments aegis in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; the cost of same; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [20546/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for Education her Department's plans to tackle the shortage of teachers in primary and post-primary; her plans to incentivise the return of teachers from abroad; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [20562/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will provide a school place for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [20568/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will review the alternative education pathways and settings available for under-16s in the Clondalkin area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [20569/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for Education the progress that has been made on an extension for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [20601/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for Education in relation to the cycle to work scheme, which is a tax incentive to encourage employees to cycle to work, if her Department currently offers this scheme to its employees; if she will confirm the reason a substitute SNA employed by her Department might not be entitled to avail of the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [20610/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Education if she is considering providing free or reduced cost school transport seats in rural areas where there are not sufficient pupils who meet the criteria for free school transport for a bus to be viable; if she is considering any other solution to this problem to ensure that as few pupils are arriving to school in private vehicles as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [20625/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding any school in County Wicklow currently part of the pathfinder scheme, at any stage of completion and that seeks to fully retrofit older school buildings; the details of the work being carried out in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [20633/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the accommodation needs for a school (details supplied); if this is under review by her Department; if the drawings and plans drawn up in 2010 for a new building within the school are still valid and actionable; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [20726/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for Education the options that are available for a school (details supplied) with regard to funding to provide an all-weather pitch within the school grounds; if any active applications from the school are under review in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [20727/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education the total cost involved in emergency works for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [20764/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Education if access to a payslip for teachers requires the teacher to have a Public Services Card; her views on whether that access to a person's own payslip is not a public service; the reason for the requirement for a PSC; and if access will be made available without having to have a PSC. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [20767/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Education the grant-aid that is available for primary schools to develop play areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [20787/23]

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

*185. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will extend a scheme (details supplied) for new applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [20383/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will report on the success of a pilot scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [20384/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of applicants for the previous two rounds of the sports capital programme that were granted funding but did not draw down the grants fully, setting out for each round of the sports capital programme, the number of grants fully outstanding, the number of grants partially drawn down, the number of grants fully drawn down, and the total number of grants allocated, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [20444/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the status of all capital development plans, as provided for under the National Development Plan, Project 2040, in respect of each of the national cultural institutions; if there are any delays in securing sanction for any of these projects at the level of her Department or other Government Department; the projects she expects to see fully completed before 2030;

the projects she envisages will not be commenced in the next three years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20469/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her Department's expected capital funds draw down for 2023, 2024 and 2025, in respect of projects relating to the national cultural institutions, as provided for in the National Development Plan, Project 2040; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20470/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the exact stage of development approval each of the national cultural institutions (details supplied) capital development plans are at; the number that are awaiting approval by her to proceed to the next stage; what that stage is in respect of each institution; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20471/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount that has been spent on each national cultural institution's capital development under the National Development Plan from 2018 to date; the amount that has been spent in each year to date; the anticipated spend in each year to 2030; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20472/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the progress, at the level of her Department, in relation to the creation of a digital legal deposit infrastructure to support digital collecting at the level of the national collection; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20473/23]

*193. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad daoine a bhfuil cónaí orthu sa chuid de Limistéar Pleanála Teanga Dhúiche Sheoigheach agus Thuar Mhic Éadaigh atá laistigh de Chontae Mhaigh Eo, agus cé mhéad acu a bhfuil cónaí orthu i gContae na Gaillimhe. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20538/23]

*194. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad daoine a bhfuil cónaí orthu i nGaeltacht Chontae Mhaigh Eo, agus an bhféadfar é a bhriseadh síos de réir limistéar pleanála teanga. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20539/23]

*195. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad daoine a bhfuil cónaí orthu sa chuid de Limistéar Pleanála Teanga Bhearna/Chnoc na Cathrach atá laistigh de Chathair na Gaillimhe, agus cé mhéad acu a bhfuil cónaí orthu i gContae na Gaillimhe lasmuigh den Chathair. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20540/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will detail the total cost to date of Údarás na Gaeltachta's Páirc na Mara project, including staffing, media and communication costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20574/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the large-scale sport infrastructure fund will be open for applications. — Mary Lou McDonald. [20593/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of prosecutions that were made in 2022 for failure to pay a television licence. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20688/23]

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

*199. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will make available the available data that the NPWS is using in order to inform decisions on the review of the Open Seasons Order and transparency to who the stakeholders are that NPWS is engaging with as part of this public consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [20486/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the subsidies for local authorities that will be put in place to replace their income from development levies which are now being cut by him (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20217/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the funding framework to reimburse local authorities for the proposed reduction in development fees; the percentage amount of reimbursement; the timeline for implementation as it aligns with the implementation of the reduction of development fees; the budget line under which this will be included in the local government vote; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [20229/23]

*202. 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 West, with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size, for each of the years 2016 to 2022, and the number planned to be delivered in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [20242/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Government intends to reopen applications for the caravan loan scheme; the funding that will be allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [20243/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the procedure when a wind farm development goes through An Bord Pleanála for approval and not a local authority; the procedure around local residents receiving notification of planning; the timeframe for lodging an objection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [20252/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities can apply for the scheme to fix defects in apartments and duplexes. — Thomas Gould. [20256/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of licences issued to hunt fauna on State-owned foreshore over the past ten years; the number granted to gun clubs and individuals, in Ireland and outside the State; the breakdown of the number of birds killed by species and location; and if he will stop the granting of these licences given that many of the birds specified on the licence application form are threatened amber- and red-list birds of conservation concern. — Paul Murphy. [20265/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in instances in which his Department is funding the sale of the site back to a local authority for social housing, if he will outline the procedures that are in place to ensure there are no conflicts of interest in respect of the transaction; and if he will set out the due diligence his Department undertakes in respect of funding being released to local authorities for the purchase of lands that will be used for the construction of social housing. — Catherine Murphy. [20268/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the review of Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [20271/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will amend the legislation or regulations that limit the reconstruction of homes with defective blocks to the same footprint as the original house, in order that some homeowners have the option of building on their adjacent land holding and remaining in the existing home while their new home is being constructed; and if he appreciates that families with a person with a disability will struggle to find suitable temporary alternative accommodation and that this may be a workable option in some instances. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [20313/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 825 and 842 of 18 April 2023, the amount in grant-aid or funding awarded by his Department, or through schemes administered by it, to organisations (details supplied) in each year from 2010 to 2022, and the projected funding for 2023. — John Paul Phelan. [20315/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan will be published; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [20321/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the review that his Department conducted regarding domestic wastewater treatment systems and the grant schemes available to households; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [20323/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether local authorities must vote at a full council meeting to allow the individual sales of affordable homes to progress. — Thomas Gould. [20331/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average processing time for valuations to be processed by the Valuation Office; if there is a difference in processing times between different types of properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [20391/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the delays in the Valuation Office in processing properties seeking a rates exemption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [20392/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on his recent engagements with campaigners (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [20411/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons availing of the first-time home scheme since its recent introduction, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [20440/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will advise regarding planning exemptions in relation to the change of use of a property from commercial to residential; how compliance with building regulations and fire safety are to be established; if

it is a requirement that the buildings concerned must be vacant for a two-year period prior to commencement of works; if a commencement of works notice is still a requirement in the absence of a planning application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [20447/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will list the number of vacant property refurbishment grant applications received, approved, and issued to date by each respective local authority since the introduction of the grant, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [20482/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the budget allocation to croí cónaithe towns refurbishment grant scheme for 2023; and the target for delivery under this scheme in 2023. — Eoin Ó Broin. [20490/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the arrangements that are in place to ensure cross local authority tenant-in-situ purchases to proceed; and if a circular or guidance note has been issued to local authorities on this issue. — Eoin Ó Broin. [20491/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of persons that have received funding in County Mayo for refurbishments under the croí cónaithe scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [20515/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to bring forward a supplementary estimate for 2023 to find the cost rental subsidy scheme and development levies waiver; and if so, how much the estimate will request. — Eoin Ó Broin. [20524/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider putting a cap on how many social houses a local authority can purchase in a private housing development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [20526/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a grant is available to all local authorities to upgrade an existing septic tank; and if so, the criteria that is used in the assessment of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [20527/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with regard to reform of the university panel, if he will advise on plans to include additional higher education institutions in the university panel; if he will advise on the status of those plans and provide a timeline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [20559/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the Housing Commission are due to report back on the wording of the housing referendum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [20564/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will create a webpage to centralise all information and applications for affordable housing, including cost-rental, considering the different streams of delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [20565/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans in place to advance wastewater treatment plants under the Multi-Annual Developer Provided Water Services

Infrastructure Resolution Programme; if a scheme (details supplied) will be advanced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [20591/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the planned refurbishment of houses at an area (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [20614/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will examine and extend the designated bathing water season, taking into account the growth in popularity of bathing, and the fact that it is now a year-round activity; if he will mandate Uisce Éireann to provide UV treatment all throughout the year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [20629/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities were required to submit an acquisition plan to his Department before the lifting of the eviction ban on 1 April 2023; if so, if he has received the acquisition plans from each local authority; and if they will be published. — Francis Noel Duffy. [20651/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is concerned about the declining number of hares captured for coursing over the past ten years; and if on the basis of this, and in the interests of conservation, he will refuse to grant a licence for the capture of hares for coursing in 2023. — Paul Murphy. [20704/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is a scheme that local authorities can apply to in order to resolve housing stock defects. — Thomas Gould. [20706/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of tenant-in-situ purchases by local authorities purchased since the scheme reopened in 2022 with a break down by local authority, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [20713/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if hunting female deer in calf (details supplied) is accepted practice during deer hunting season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [20720/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the request by Limerick City and County Council for additional funding to acquire three additional staff for its housing Department; when a response to this request will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [20762/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will bring the wording for a referendum on the public ownership and management of water services, a commitment that was given by him that the wording was to be brought to Cabinet early in 2023. — Joan Collins. [20765/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the regeneration of an estate (details supplied); if he is aware of a move by Dublin City Council to cease its contract with a company; and the reason the contract has been terminated. — Joan Collins. [20810/23]

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

*240. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the guidelines in place for healthy eating in the new roll-out of the school meals programme; the supports in place for schools to stick to healthy-eating guidelines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [20223/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason child benefit is not paid for those aged 18 years who are still in full-time education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [20224/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason an adoption certificate is necessary when applying for a public services card when a person has already provided other legal documents to verify their identity; if she can look at a specific case (details supplied) in relation to this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [20225/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine a pension query (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [20238/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to the Exchequer of providing a recipient of one-parent family payment with access to the living alone allowance, household benefit package and the telephone support allowance. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [20244/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost to the Exchequer of providing a recipient of jobseeker’s transitional payment with access to the living alone allowance, household benefit package and the telephone support allowance. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [20245/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to support a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [20259/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [20312/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if it is possible to claim an additional half-rate carer’s allowance in respect of another person, when already in receipt of full-rate carer’s for a primary care recipient, i.e. the main social welfare payment is already carer’s allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [20356/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps that are being made to address the issue of foster carers having no access to PRSI contributions being paid while fostering a child (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [20426/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware of instances in which local Intreo offices have given incorrect advice, particularly around illness benefit; if she sees these instances as a pattern; the steps she is taking to minimise the instances of incorrect advice being given; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [20428/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if reconsideration of an application for exceptional needs payment will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20446/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has proposals to aid community employment schemes in filling their quota of participants on their schemes (details supplied). — John Paul Phelan. [20553/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration is being given by her Department to the rationalisation of the various employment activation schemes currently in operation as unemployment has fallen so substantially and community employment schemes are having grave difficulty filling places due to the range of other activation measures extant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [20554/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person can apply for carer's allowance while they are receiving jobseeker's allowance; what happens to their jobseekers payment while a decision is being made on the carer's allowance application; if it will be suspended as it will be deemed that they are not available for full-time work; and if their jobseeker's payment is suspended, could they receive supplementary welfare allowance while waiting on carer's allowance. — Paul Murphy. [20622/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the partner of a person is receiving half rate carer's allowance for their child, how the payments work if their partner is approved for carer's allowance for their parent, if they each have a child dependent on their claim. — Paul Murphy. [20623/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person who is granted carer's allowance is still eligible to complete their final year of a bachelor's degree via Springboard while also caring for the needs of their parent as the course is part-time in the evening. — Paul Murphy. [20624/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will advise in relation to a person (details supplied) who has been refused invalidity pension and supplementary welfare allowance, given that they have been without any payment since December 2022; and how her Department can provide them with the support needed. — Paul Murphy. [20664/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) will be assigned a place on a community employment scheme arising from a successful interview and formal notification that they had been successful. — John McGuinness. [20715/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on her Department's review report in relation to the expansion of free travel scheme to people with epilepsy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [20755/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will expedite an application for carer's allowance on behalf of a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [20763/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) is being asked to repay a welfare payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [20854/23]

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

*262. To ask the Minister for Justice the measures his Department is putting in place to assist those seeking international protection from Sudan, considering the current political conflict. — Gino Kenny. [20400/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will allow Sudanese nationals and non-EU nationals currently at risk or in danger in Sudan under the current political conflict, who have family members that are Irish citizens, to have access to apply immediately for reunification to enter Ireland. — Gino Kenny. [20401/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to review the Multi-Unit Developments Act 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [20410/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the status of an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [20214/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Justice if the proposed legislation for the regulation of the gambling industry contains provision for holding companies to account in the event that they make unsolicited contact with previous patrons who experienced problem gambling; if so, what that provision is; and if not, if a route for resolution for these occurrences will be considered in light of the traumatic impact they have on individuals. — Eoin Ó Broin. [20216/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Justice whether he has consulted with county registrars in respect of the proposed amendment to Section 35 of the Court Officers Act 1936 which is currently contained in Section 96 of the Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [20218/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a breakdown of the amount of criminal legal aid that has been paid out to solicitors in respect of their assignment to a client by the most paid (details supplied); and the amount paid to each of the top ten recipients in fees, by each solicitor and/or company name that received the fees in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [20249/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a breakdown of the amounts paid to private practitioners by year in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form, indicating the amount paid to each of the top ten recipients of fees, by the practitioner name and fees in those years (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [20250/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Justice the process to be followed by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20270/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Justice if applications for naturalisation have been submitted in the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20272/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Justice if a regulatory-impact analysis will be conducted on the Sale of Alcohol Bill 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [20276/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Justice if he is considering carrying out a public health assessment on the Sale of Alcohol Bill 2022, as recommended by the Oireachtas Committee on Justice in its pre-legislative scrutiny report of the Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [20277/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a schedule of meetings he and his predecessors have had with the chief constable of the PSNI and Ministerial equivalent in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [20282/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of PSNI police officers that have been seconded to An Garda Síochána in the past five years to-date; the number of Garda officers that have been seconded to the PSNI over that same time period; and if he will provide the rank of each officer that has seconded in either direction. — Catherine Murphy. [20284/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Justice the plans to provide for PSNI police officers to transfer into An Garda Síochána on a full-time basis at rank and file, sergeant level and inspector level. — Catherine Murphy. [20285/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of instances in which An Garda Síochána has made requests to him and or his predecessors to join PSNI counterparts on operations in Northern Ireland in the past five years to date. — Catherine Murphy. [20286/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will clarify if there are formal arrangements in place for the exchange of data and or intelligence between An Garda Síochána and the PSNI. — Catherine Murphy. [20287/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Justice his Department's views on the current level of involvement, if any, of current or former members of Sinn Féin or the Provisional IRA in organised crime on the island of Ireland; how such activity is being monitored by the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [20314/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide details on the anticipated timeframe for the enactment of hate crime legislation; if he will confirm when he expects the Bill to commence 4th stage in Dáil Éireann; if he will outline details of the work being carried out by his Department, if any, on the implementation and complementary measures to assist the rollout of this legislation, such as a public information campaign, training of judges and prosecutors, educational measures and victim support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [20348/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will commit to meet with the representatives of the Firearms Users Representative Group (FURG) in respect of the review of firearms legislation; if so, when; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20351/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Justice if his Department have consulted the Data Protection Commissioner or carried out a data protection-impact assessment in relation to the property marking scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [20367/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the work of the legal aid review group; when he expects the review to be concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [20402/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will make direct contact with a person (details supplied). — Joe McHugh. [20417/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Justice if the review (details supplied) of the effects of the Part 4 of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2020 has been published and laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas; if not, if he will clarify what the delay was, given that he has replied several times that the review was imminent; if he will now clarify the date for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [20425/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for permission to remain in the State on the basis of parentage of an Irish citizen child in the case of a person (details supplied) which was submitted on 1 February 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20432/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of knife crime prosecutions that have been confirmed since 2002; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [20435/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will ensure that both he and the Firearms Expert Committee immediately engage and consult with a group (details supplied) in a meaningful way and to appoint a representative from the group to the Firearms Expert Committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [20437/23]

*289. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will consider interim changes to the Guardianship of Infants Act 1964, whereby it will allow psychotherapists to provide reports if that psychotherapist is already working with the courts under Section 32(1)a, and if they are designated professionals who have practised or provided a service specifically for children or adolescents for a period of not less than five years with the ten years immediately preceding their appointment, and provided they meet all other criteria (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [20449/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times that the Criminal Assets Bureau has hired out external quantity surveyors to carry out works on its behalf in the years of 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; the amount paid for such works, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [20461/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of incidents of suspected needle spiking reported to An Garda Síochána in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [20462/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of full-time civilian grooms persons working in the Garda mounted unit in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [20463/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will give assurances that any proposals brought forward by the Firearms Expert Committee will be backed by publicly-available data and that all impacted parties will have a voice in the final decisions being made, including the actual firearms owners and those who will be most impacted by increased restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [20485/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank attached to each Garda divisional protective services unit as of 25 April 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [20503/23]

*295. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding has been provided in 2023 to purchase additional Garda prisoner transport vans. — Catherine Murphy. [20504/23]

*296. To ask the Minister for Justice given that the Guardianship of Infants Act 1964 Section 32(1)a allows psychotherapists to provide reports on the welfare aspect, but not Section 32(1) b voice of the child reports, and given that it may take years for CORU to establish a register of psychotherapists, if he will consider interim changes to the Act to allow psychotherapists to provide reports if that psychotherapist is already working with the courts under Section 32(1) a, if they are designated professionals who have practised or provided a service specifically for children or adolescents for a period of not less than five years with the ten years immediately preceding their appointment, and provided they meet all other criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [20604/23]

*297. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has plans to amend Article 19A of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017 which allows for the provision of counselling therapy records of a victim of sexual abuse to be made available to the accused abuser; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [20609/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Justice when the regulations on service charges and sinking funds, as required under sections 18.17 and 19.9 of the Multi-Unit Development Act 2011 will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the reasons for which they were not introduced in Quarter 4 of 2022, as indicated in the Housing for All plan. — Ivana Bacik. [20636/23]

*299. To ask the Minister for Justice when the regulations on service charges and sinking funds under sections 18.17 and 19.9 of the Multi-Unit Development Act 2011 which, according to Housing for All, were supposed to be introduced by Quarter 4 of 2022 will finally be introduced. — Eoin Ó Broin. [20637/23]

*300. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will consider making changes to the processing times for short-term stay visa applications whereby the application is for a business trip, and by a person who proposes to purchase goods or livestock from Ireland, given that a recent order and contract of livestock was cancelled due to this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [20671/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has any proposals to amend section 78 of the Succession Act 1965 to ensure that persons who witness wills would be required to identify the time and date of the execution of the will; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [20766/23]

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

*302. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20215/23]

*303. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider changes to the basic income support for the sustainability scheme (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [20230/23]

*304. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the start-up cost of the greyhound care centre operated by Rásaíocht Con Éireann in Croom, County Limerick; the date the centre opened; the cost to Rásaíocht Con Éireann of operating this centre; the number of dogs homed in Ireland by this centre since it opened; the number of dogs homed outside the country by this centre since it opened; the fee charged, if any, to a breeder or owner per dog placed in this centre and total yield to date in respect of same; the fee charged, if any, to an individual adopting a dog from this centre; and the total yield to date, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [20246/23]

*305. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the scheme of investment aid for the development of the commercial horticulture sector will be made available; if he is aware of the difficulties that the delay in this scheme is having on commercial horticulture farmers, particularly young farmers; if he can reassure farmers that the scheme will be made available in 2023; if he will provide a detailed timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [20251/23]

*306. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if proposed Statutory Instruments legislating that euthanasia of a greyhound must only be carried out by a vet, have been adopted (details supplied); if he has concerns that Greyhound Racing Ireland's Code of Practice states that non-vets can kill greyhounds for reasons including "the greyhound has behavioural and temperament issues that deemed the greyhound as being unsuitable for rehoming". — Paul Murphy. [20261/23]

*307. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of active and inactive greyhounds killed by vets and non-vets in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023. — Paul Murphy. [20262/23]

*308. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of greyhounds exported, rehomed, retained as pets and died in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, as recorded on Greyhound Racing Ireland's RCÉTS traceability system. — Paul Murphy. [20263/23]

*309. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 221 of 29 March 2023, if the numbers of thoroughbred horse deaths in 2022 (1,874) and to date in 2023 (375) include horses killed in slaughterhouses; and if he will specify the reason for each killing. — Paul Murphy. [20264/23]

*310. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason agricultural planners can no longer witness signatures for his Department's application forms, such as transfer of entitlements; if he is aware of the inconvenience and additional cost that this is causing farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [20266/23]

*311. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on the annual badger population figures for Ireland in each of years 2018 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [20333/23]

*312. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of the badger population vaccinated in each of the years 2018 to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [20334/23]

*313. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on the herd incidence of bovine tuberculosis in each the years 2018 to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [20335/23]

*314. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the target of 2030 to reach eradication of bovine tuberculosis remains realistic and achievable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [20336/23]

*315. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a food related trade mission to Vietnam will occur during 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [20459/23]

*316. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the new rodenticide recently approved for use by British authorities (details supplied); if he is concerned about the impact that this may have on the population of birds of prey in Ireland; if this rodenticide is being considered for use in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [20492/23]

*317. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of external consultant reports commissioned by his Department in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; the cost of same; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [20551/23]

*318. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of external consultant reports commissioned by the bodies under his Department's aegis in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; the cost of same; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [20552/23]

*319. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the proposed dairy farmer retirement scheme details have been finalised; and if there is a timeline on when farmers will be able to avail of this scheme. — Darren O'Rourke. [20570/23]

*320. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if legislation provides for sanctions where substandard AI straws are provided to farmers by bovine ai field service licence holders; if so, the possible sanctions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [20585/23]

*321. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when moneys owing for approved actions carried out in 2022 by farmers as part of the Hen Harrier Project in breeding Hen Harrier Special Protection Areas, as agreed with his Department, will be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [20615/23]

*322. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an ANC payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [20670/23]

*323. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a settlement figure will be provided to a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [20717/23]

*324. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20719/23]

*325. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 474 of 8 February 2023, if an exclusion order against a named person (details supplied) remains in place; if it was in effect on 3 February 2023 when the person was photographed at Shelbourne Park Stadium with a representative of Greyhound Racing Ireland after their greyhound finished first in a race; if this constituted a breach of the exclusion order which prohibits the excluded individual from being on any greyhound track; if so, the action that will be taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [20757/23]

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

*326. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total cost of the transfer of the Disability portfolio from the Department of Health to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [20579/23]

*327. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total allocation to the Disability section of the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [20580/23]

*328. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 518 of 6 December 2022, the status of the roll-out of the two community neuro-rehabilitation teams within CHO6 and CHO7; the status of recruitment in this regard; if he will clarify in which CHOs the promised two additional community neuro-rehabilitation teams will be located in 2023; the timeline for the roll-out of a community neuro-rehabilitation team in CHO2, and in all CHOs in which a community neuro-rehabilitation team is yet to be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20776/23]

*329. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has been made aware of the difficulties that a special needs pre-school (details supplied) that caters for children with complex needs is having sourcing a new premises, and that it faces closure in June 2023 if an approved premises is not found; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [20206/23]

*330. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans to amend legislation to address the situation where job interviewees believe they have been discriminated against by employers at job interview stage, especially in instances where interviewees have taken cases to the WRC and believe they have been discriminated against due to taking said cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [20210/23]

*331. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the drafting of legislation to ban conversion therapy in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [20236/23]

*332. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the research commissioned by his Department on capturing the views and experiences of people who have been subjected to conversion practices in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [20237/23]

*333. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will support a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [20257/23]

*334. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a definite timeframe for when a community neurorehabilitation team will be established in HSE area CHO7; when recruitment will begin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [20269/23]

*335. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to ban conversion therapy in Ireland; if he will provide an update on the research commissioned by his Department on capturing the views and experiences of people who have been subjected to conversion practices in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [20289/23]

*336. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current position regarding the rollout of the national neuro-rehabilitation team for CHO8 covering County Meath; if he will ensure that the neuro-rehabilitation team will be provided for CHO/Meath area as a matter of extreme urgency (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [20298/23]

*337. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of disabled adults on the HSEs list for services in County Meath; the number on a waiting list for services; the number of who are neuro-disabled people; and the number who are classified with an acquired brain injury, by number and percentage of the total, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [20300/23]

*338. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of disabled adults on the HSE list for services in County Meath who are on a waiting list to see physiotherapists, occupational therapists, psychologists, speech and language therapists, by number and percentage of the total, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [20301/23]

*339. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of physiotherapists, occupational therapists, psychologists and speech and language therapists, respectively who are delivering services in County Meath, that is, not allocated, but actually on the ground delivering services, by number and percentage of the total, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [20302/23]

*340. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current position regarding funding for acquired brain injury services in County Meath; the amount that is actually being provided via the voluntary sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [20303/23]

*341. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funds that are allocated to an organisation (details supplied) for the physical and sensory disability service in Dunboyne, County Meath; the allocation that is going to people with acquired brain injury; if there is a specific allocation for such service users with funding for appropriately trained staff and activities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [20304/23]

*342. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the HSE in partnership with an organisation (details supplied) will revert to providing physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and so on, directly to service users attending in relation to the physical and sensory disability service in Dunboyne, County Meath rather than at the HSE Bailis service in Navan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [20305/23]

*343. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the HSE plans to recruit co-ordinators, managers and other relevant staff to Meath disability services who have expertise and qualifications in managing disability services, with the ability to access funding to align disability services with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [20306/23]

*344. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE allocations for Carlow disability network team; the number of WTE posts vacant on 1 April 2023, broken down by discipline in tabular form; the current caseload numbers for this team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [20319/23]

*345. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth where a family is extremely dissatisfied with the manner in which they have been dealt with by TUSLA, the avenue that is available to them to have a full review of their case to have a new social worker assigned to their case and to raise concerns about the level of undue intrusion and requirements placed on the family; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [20404/23]

*346. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the pay budget amount for each children's disability network team, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [20408/23]

*347. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 200 of 22 March 2023, in relation to the €11 million that has been allocated to address waiting lists for clinical assessments identified through the assessment-of-need process, if it is possible to apply to receive funding for a private assessment under this allocation for a child on a waiting list; if so, the process by which one can do this; if not, if it is the case that the HSE will identify a private provider and refer children to them without a request from the child's parent or guardian; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [20409/23]

*348. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE allocations for the Kilkenny children's disability network team; the number of WTE posts vacant on 1 April 2023, broken down by discipline, in tabular form; the current caseload numbers for this team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [20412/23]

*349. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE allocations for the Thomastown children's disability network team; the number of WTE

posts vacant on 1 April 2023, broken down by discipline, in tabular form; the current caseload numbers for this team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [20413/23]

*350. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE allocations for the Clonmel children's disability network team; the number of WTE posts vacant on 1 April 2023, broken down by discipline, in tabular form; the current caseload numbers for this team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [20414/23]

*351. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE allocations for the Cashel children's disability network team; the number of WTE posts vacant on 1 April 2023, broken down by discipline, in tabular form; the current caseload numbers for this team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [20415/23]

*352. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will be ratified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20442/23]

*353. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on outstanding payments to an accommodation centre for Ukrainian refugees (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [20468/23]

*354. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will clarify the current position in respect of properties acquired in Cork city by his Department or by companies or organisations working with his Department in the provision of accommodation for asylum seekers, or refugees from Ukraine; if he will set out in full the number of properties currently being used; the number of properties which are vacant but which shortly will come in to use; the total number of asylum seekers/refugees now provided with accommodation in Cork city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [20481/23]

*355. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated full-year cost of providing 180 and 450 additional intensive support packages for children with disabilities who have high or complex support needs, respectively. — Catherine Murphy. [20511/23]

*356. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated full year cost of providing 75 additional emergency residential places. — Catherine Murphy. [20512/23]

*357. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the full estimated year cost of recruiting three additional senior staff grade physiotherapists and three clinical specialists in the area of psychology for children's disability network teams. — Catherine Murphy. [20513/23]

*358. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if irlen syndrome is a recognised disability within the HSE; if not, if there are plans to recognise it as such; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [20525/23]

*359. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children aged zero to 18 years of age in each CHO by individual area, awaiting first-time intervention in all areas of early intervention; the number on the public list; the number on the

CDNT list in each CHO; and the length of time they are awaiting intervention by age, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [20531/23]

*360. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of external consultant reports commissioned by his Department in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; the cost of same; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [20549/23]

*361. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of external consultant reports commissioned by the bodies under his Departments aegis in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; the cost of same; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [20550/23]

*362. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of plans to legally ban conversion therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20573/23]

*363. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if will report on the progress of the €3 billion allocation to remove 18 young adults from the nursing home setting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [20581/23]

*364. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total allocation of his Department's budget to the provision of personal assistance services, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [20582/23]

*365. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when IPAS will issue a payment to an accommodation provider (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [20590/23]

*366. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a person (details supplied) who is awaiting a substantial payment yet again for housing Ukrainian families receive this payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [20600/23]

*367. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has engaged with his colleague in the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform in the context of seeking funding to directly fund or devolve to Tusla for use in youth-focussed community and voluntary organisations. — Catherine Murphy. [20662/23]

*368. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will increase funding for youth services in view of new census data as it is published; if he will outline the rationale for the freezing of funding at 18% below 2009 levels; and his plans to increase funding to the sector in Budget 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [20663/23]

*369. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on plans to increase respite for children and adults with disabilities in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [20690/23]

*370. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many assessments of needs were completed in CHO7 in 2021 and 2022, broken down by CDNT areas. — Patrick Costello. [20691/23]

*371. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many service statements were delivered to families in CHO7 in 2021 and 2022, broken down by CDNT areas. — Patrick Costello. [20692/23]

*372. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on IPAS plans to use a location (details supplied) in Dublin 22 for the provision of temporary accommodation for people seeking international protection in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [20705/23]

*373. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a response will issue to a request made by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [20775/23]

*374. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE allocations for the Carlow disability network team; the number of WTE posts vacant on 1 April 2023, broken down by discipline; the current caseload numbers for this team, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [20777/23]

*375. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE allocations for the Enniscorthy children's disability network team; the number of WTE posts vacant on 1 April 2023, broken down by discipline; the current caseload numbers for this team, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [20778/23]

*376. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE allocations for the Wexford children's disability network team; the number of WTE posts vacant on 1 April 2023, broken down by discipline; the current caseload numbers for this team, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [20779/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*377. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who applied for, but were not granted, a primary medical certificate in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [20756/23]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to children requiring paediatric intensive care, and the fact that transportation services only operate between the hours of 8 am to 8 pm, if consideration will be given to extending the service to a 24/7 basis, in line with accepted emergency services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [20207/23]

*379. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be admitted to the National Rehabilitation Hospital in Dún Laoghaire; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [20208/23]

*380. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm when funding will be made available for a five-storey extension to Cork University Hospital to facilitate additional dedicated paediatric

facilities, given that planning permission has already been received for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [20220/23]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that when the new five-storey extension to Cork University Hospital to facilitate additional dedicated paediatric facilities is constructed, it will include an intensive care unit that can take care of very seriously ill children who can be cared for in a timely manner without having to be transported at a crucial time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [20221/23]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm when the project for a five-storey extension to Cork University Hospital to facilitate additional dedicated paediatric facilities can proceed to the next stage, given that planning permission has already been received for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [20222/23]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details on the amount of money spent to date on the design and assessing the suitability of St. Patrick's Hospital, Cashel, for the development of a community nursing unit in Cashel; if he will outline the source of financing for the proposed new greenfield site if such a site should be selected; if he will provide details surrounding the funding avenues available for such a site if chosen; the timescale that may be involved in securing such funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [20231/23]

*384. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 24 of 20 April 2023, if he will provide the reports and assessments that determined that the site of St. Patrick's Hospital, Cashel, is not suitable for the new 60-bedded CNU and which identified challenges regarding the amount of parking space and access to the building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [20232/23]

*385. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a complete list of the HSE's National Clinical Guidelines programmes, including the names of the members of each National Clinical Guidelines, including all sub-groups within each programme, such as Working Groups, Clinical Advisory Groups and so on, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [20254/23]

*386. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a complete list of each of the HSE's National Framework for developing Policies, Procedures, Protocols and Guidelines, including the names of the members of each PPPG, including all sub-groups within each PPPG, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [20255/23]

*387. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a young child (details supplied) is waiting so long for surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20278/23]

*388. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite a hospital appointment for a child (details supplied) in County Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [20280/23]

*389. To ask the Minister for Health when the parents of a child (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect to get an appointment with a child psychologist in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [20290/23]

*390. To ask the Minister for Health when the rollout of the National Epilepsy Care Programme will take place; when patients in CHO8 can expect to see an improvement in epilepsy services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [20299/23]

*391. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not received their €1,000 pandemic payment from the HSE as announced for care workers in 2022. — Niamh Smyth. [20311/23]

*392. To ask the Minister for Health the amounts in grant-aid or funding awarded by his Department, or through schemes administered by it, to organisations (details supplied) in each year from 2010 to 2022, and the projected funding for 2023. — John Paul Phelan. [20316/23]

*393. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for a hip operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [20322/23]

*394. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) in County Mayo has not received reimbursement for a payment made in February 2023 under a scheme in view of the length of time that has passed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [20330/23]

*395. To ask the Minister for Health if he is personally aware that accounts for in-patient charges in public hospitals are referred to collection services within two months of non-payment from the date of issue of the invoice by the hospital; if this is standard practice; if he considers this appropriate practice (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [20337/23]

*396. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the pay differential between professionals such as occupational therapists and speech and language teachers in an organisation (details supplied) and the HSE; the starting pay for occupational therapists when they enter the HSE and the organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20339/23]

*397. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time there has been no paediatric neurologist at UHL; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [20342/23]

*398. To ask the Minister for Health when the position of paediatric neurologist was advertised at UHL in the past 12 months; the steps that have been taken in the past 12 months to fill the position of paediatric consultant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [20343/23]

*399. To ask the Minister for Health the services that have been provided to patients in need of paediatric neurology care at UHL in the past 12 months; the person or body that is clinically responsible for the care of such patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [20344/23]

*400. To ask the Minister for Health when a paediatric neurologist will commence seeing patients at UHL; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [20345/23]

*401. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 371 of 8 February 2023, if he will provide an update on the introduction of pension increases (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [20349/23]

*402. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria used when deciding a disease or condition is added to the long-term illness card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [20361/23]

*403. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department is considering widening the list of diseases and conditions currently included on the long-term illness card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [20362/23]

*404. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GMS patients that are attached to a practice (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [20379/23]

*405. To ask the Minister for Health what the policy is in an area that has no GP service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [20380/23]

*406. To ask the Minister for Health what the policy is in an area that has no pharmacy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [20381/23]

*407. To ask the Minister for Health if a medical practice (details supplied) receives the rural general practice grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [20382/23]

*408. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 572 and 573 of 25 April 2023, if he is aware of research from the University of Bristol and Cambridge University (details supplied) which shows that people smoke more when smoking cigarettes from larger-size packs; if he will commission research into the link between larger packs of cigarettes and added consumption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [20385/23]

*409. To ask the Minister for Health the funding streams available to a charity (details supplied) given the difficulty it is facing providing mental-health supports due to a drop in charitable donations as a result of the cost-of-living crisis. — Louise O'Reilly. [20386/23]

*410. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been refused a drug; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20390/23]

*411. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an orthopaedic appointment at Galway University Hospital; if they are on the routine or urgent waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [20403/23]

*412. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update as of April 2023 on the production and publication of a review of the access and reimbursement issues surrounding the availability and access to the drug cariban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [20405/23]

*413. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for orthopaedic outpatient appointments and surgeries at Galway University Hospital, by length of time, in tabular form; the steps being taken to reduce the waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [20407/23]

*414. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a fair deal application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20416/23]

*415. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to make the new mortuary at UHW available to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20423/23]

*416. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting so long to see a consultant neurosurgeon at Beaumont Hospital. — Niamh Smyth. [20424/23]

*417. To ask the Minister for Health when a GP visit card eligibility will be extended, as announced in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [20429/23]

*418. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hoist for a child (details supplied). — Brendan Griffin. [20430/23]

*419. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hoist for a child (details supplied). — Brendan Griffin. [20431/23]

*420. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a schedule of neurology nurse specialists by location in the State; and his plans to engage with the HSE with a view to the provision of increased capacity and resourcing in this specialist area. — Catherine Murphy. [20438/23]

*421. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a schedule of neurology rehabilitation specialists by location in the State; and his plans to engage with the HSE with a view to the provision of increased capacity and resourcing in this specialist area. — Catherine Murphy. [20439/23]

*422. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for hip replacement surgery at Cavan General Hospital as of 24 April 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [20453/23]

*423. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant optometry and ophthalmology roles in primary care services in CHO1; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [20454/23]

*424. To ask the Minister for Health his views on establishing midwife-led clinics for community-based maternity services in areas of the country more than 45 minutes from a maternity hospital unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [20455/23]

*425. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe within which we will see the opening of the new primary care centres in both Clones and Monaghan town; the services that will be provided in each of these primary care centres, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [20456/23]

*426. To ask the Minister for Health the number of theatre slots for dermatology surgeries that were allocated each week in 2022 and to date in 2023 in Our Lady Of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [20457/23]

*427. To ask the Minister for Health his views on income thresholds for GP cards (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20466/23]

*428. To ask the Minister for Health when a catering assistant who worked in a nursing home all through the pandemic for a company (details supplied) will receive their pandemic special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20467/23]

*429. To ask the Minister for Health if a person's (details supplied) 60 care hours in the absence of a suitable provider can be transferred into a grant so that the family can get some respite; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20474/23]

*430. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who, following an endoscopy on 23 February 2023, was referred to the cardiology department of University Hospital Limerick and has yet to receive an appointment date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [20477/23]

*431. To ask the Minister for Health if he will put in place a refund scheme which would allow persons (details supplied) who have to rent medical equipment such as breathing assistance machines to receive repayments of the monies which are due to them for the cost of the use of these machines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [20483/23]

*432. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) who is in constant pain, has been told that they cannot get physiotherapy until after the summer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [20488/23]

*433. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the special Covid leave scheme will cease on 30 June 2023 despite the large number of healthcare staff on long-term leave due to long-Covid; if he will review this decision; the number availing of this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [20489/23]

*434. To ask the Minister for Health if the posts of both national director for genetics and genomics and the bioinformatics lab director have been filled for the Genetic Testing Service at CHI Crumlin. — Catherine Murphy. [20497/23]

*435. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have availed of HSE stop smoking classes within each CHO in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [20498/23]

*436. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE staff by job title working in the long-Covid clinic at Tallaght University Hospital; the number of WTE staff vacancies by job title at this clinic; and when these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [20499/23]

*437. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase direct access to echocardiography for general practitioners through community-based ambulatory care hubs. — Catherine Murphy. [20500/23]

*438. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a report on the waiting list for genetic test for BRCA1; the number of persons on the waiting list; and the average waiting times per hospital, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [20501/23]

*439. To ask the Minister for Health the current average processing time for the CORU international recognition process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [20516/23]

*440. To ask the Minister for Health how many international qualifications were recognised by CORU in 2021 and 2022 for physiotherapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [20517/23]

*441. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that processing times with CORU, particularly for the international recognition process, are acceptable and that such applications are dealt with in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [20518/23]

*442. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide information on excessive delays in the processing of the qualifications of an international recognition applicant (details supplied) by CORU. — Duncan Smith. [20519/23]

*443. To ask the Minister for Health when details of State subvention for IVF treatment due to start in September 2023 will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [20520/23]

*444. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect to receive an appointment for an operation in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [20560/23]

*445. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the case of a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20566/23]

*446. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of dentists that take medical cards in east Galway, in tabular form. — Anne Rabbitte. [20571/23]

*447. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of dentists that take medical cards in Galway county and city, in tabular form. — Anne Rabbitte. [20572/23]

*448. To ask the Minister for Health if a national psychology placement office has been established; if funding models have been identified for psychology students at doctoral level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [20588/23]

*449. To ask the Minister for Health the reason minutes of a meeting from February 2023 of the HSE Board's Safety and Quality Committee, at which the closure of the Owenacurra Centre, Midleton was discussed, had not yet been published as of 25 April 2023; when the minutes of the meeting will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [20584/23]

*450. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure an in-patient hospital charge is removed for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [20589/23]

*451. To ask the Minister for Health the funding and supports that are available to the charity organisation (details supplied) to fund salaries; the application process for these supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [20598/23]

*452. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 644 of 28 March 2023, the reason for the delay in issuing a response (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [20599/23]

*453. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on pandemic bonus payments for a person (detail supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [20603/23]

*454. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm whether pharmacies use a different supplier for medical card holders and those who are buying their medications. — Paul Murphy. [20607/23]

*455. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the number of patients currently under the care of psychology services within the Waterford primary care service; if he is aware that the current psychologist has gone on maternity leave in March 2023 and no alternative or temporary psychologist has been recruited to take- up the position for the duration of her maternity leave; if he will acknowledge that this will have a detrimental effect on patients (details supplied) and that the patients affected simply cannot be left without support for this length of time; if he will commit to immediately ensuring that funds and recruitment procedures are put in place to provide for a temporary replacement psychologist for the duration of the maternity leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [20611/23]

*456. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on talks with Trinity College Dublin about funds for counselling psychologists; and when she anticipates that the details of the agreement will be published. — Ivana Bacik. [20613/23]

*457. To ask the Minister for Health if a gastroparesis specialist will be immediately recruited to the HSE; and if in the meantime, patients who need treatment from a gastroparesis specialist will be referred to a specialist outside the State. — Louise O'Reilly. [20634/23]

*458. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20639/23]

*459. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting on an operation in the Mater hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20640/23]

*460. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that appropriate treatment is made available for children suffering with ailments (details supplied) as is provided in other countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [20653/23]

*461. To ask the Minister for Health if he has plans to introduce legislation in the area of safeguarding for vulnerable adults; the status of the legislation; when it will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [20654/23]

*462. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland regarding a nursing license for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [20655/23]

*463. To ask the Minister for Health when his Department will conduct a full review of the Tobacco Free Ireland Programme; and if there will be public consultation on the programme. — Louise O'Reilly. [20659/23]

*464. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE paediatric speech and language therapists working in each primary care centre within CHO5 in each of the years 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [20672/23]

*465. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of public health nurses operating in the relevant areas in counties Carlow and Kilkenny; the locations in which vacancies exist at present; and when these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [20673/23]

*466. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE advanced nurse practitioners in older persons' services in CHO5 in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [20674/23]

*467. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reduction on income thresholds for GP-visit cards from 23 April 2023; and if this has been actioned. — Sean Sherlock. [20676/23]

*468. To ask the Minister for Health the action that is being taken to expedite the processing of applications for medical card holders in the south-east CHO5 area who require care under the HSE community ophthalmic services scheme for persons who require eye examination and optical appliances, in view of the fact that the processing of these applications is taking anything up to eight weeks and persons are being denied access to ophthalmic services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [20686/23]

*469. To ask the Minister for Health when the 2% pay increase for staff working in the health sector which was due to come into effect on 1 March 2023 will be paid to staff (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [20687/23]

*470. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) cannot get their appointment in Cavan General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20696/23]

*471. To ask the Minister for Health when an application for the special recognition pandemic payment will be processed for staff at a nursing home (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [20703/23]

*472. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline he is working towards for recruitment of chief executives for the new regional health areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [20707/23]

*473. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to publish a plan in relation to the role of the HSE centre following implementation of regional health areas; the timeline he is working towards for publication; if this plan will include provisions for voluntary redundancy or other exit routes, in view of recent comments from the CEO of the Health Service Executive (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [20708/23]

*474. To ask the Minister for Health the number of complaints made to the HSE in relation to breaches of the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2008, and to which sections of the Act they refer to, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [20709/23]

*475. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to increase the budget for the HSE Environmental Health Service for monitoring and enforcement of the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2008; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [20710/23]

*476. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1768 of 18 April 2023, if a healthcare award at level 6,7, or 8 instead of the QQI healthcare support level 5 award will be accepted for employment permit purposes for healthcare assistants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [20711/23]

*477. To ask the Minister for Health if patients on waiting lists will be encouraged to opt for the treatment abroad scheme where appropriate; and if the scheme can be streamlined in order to make it more efficient and user friendly. — John McGuinness. [20714/23]

*478. To ask the Minister for Health if the use of the cross-Border directive will be proactively encouraged by the HSE to try to reduce waiting lists where appropriate for patients. — John McGuinness. [20716/23]

*479. To ask the Minister for Health the progress with the provision of an MRI scanner at Mullingar Hospital; the timeline for the provision of this service; the budget that is allowed for the staffing of this facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [20758/23]

*480. To ask the Minister for Health if the addiction service for those under 18 years in the midlands counties, which was delivered by the Midlands Regional Drug and Alcohol Taskforce in counties Laois, Offaly, Longford and Westmeath, is now fully staffed and operational. — Sorca Clarke. [20760/23]

*481. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 403 and 404 of 8 February 2023, how certain titles came to be used in two CHOs (details supplied); the means by which these titles were conferred and by whom, given that they are not recognised as being currently in use by the HSEs National HR office; if these individuals should refrain from using these titles, given that they imply a wider remit or higher level of authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [20774/23]

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

*482. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a matter could be investigated as a student (details supplied) is at risk of losing out on a year of SUSI grant through no fault of their own; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [20212/23]

*483. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has considered the deterring impact of the matriculation requirement of Leaving Certificate Irish, or in some cases, Higher Level Leaving Certificate Irish in order to enter certain level 8 CAO degree courses; if he has considered advocating for the abolition of this requirement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [20387/23]

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*484. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the selection criteria and tendering process for new retrofitting centres; the progress of establishing these new centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [20563/23]

*485. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the allocation made to each educational and training board under the Mitigating Against Educational Disadvantage Fund, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [20788/23]

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

*486. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department funds community groups with a stream of grant aid in the context of persons with gambling addiction; and if his officials have developed any support and or educational programmes in that context. — Catherine Murphy. [20309/23]

*487. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will outline the guidance provided by her Department to local authorities in relation to public library membership; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [20448/23]

*488. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if consideration has been given towards the provision of funding for a community centre and library for Kill, County Kildare, given the population growth in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20597/23]

*489. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when a decision will be made to approve additional funding for Loughrea town hall; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [20602/23]

*490. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide a schedule on a county and by local authority basis that her Department has provided to youth-focussed community-based organisations to deliver support services in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the amount she has provided to Tusla in respect of same. — Catherine Murphy. [20661/23]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 4 MAY, 2023**

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

1. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of the fines for service failures over the past two years for Dublin Bus and Go Ahead; and the reasons and rationale for deciding these fines. — Mark Ward. [20734/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that are being taken to improve suburban rail services in Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [20769/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will develop plans to target EV grants towards lighter, smaller vehicles to encourage a market for the types of electric vehicles frequently observed in other European cities, which would generally be priced lower than the €14,000 threshold that is set for eligibility for grants in Ireland, with a view to ensuring that the new vehicle fleet is as efficient as possible and less of a safety risk to pedestrians and cyclists than heavier SUV model vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [20804/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider instructing the NTA to delay the closing date for submissions on BusConnects Cork STC routes pending publication of traffic data. — Thomas Gould. [20744/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can clarify any plans to remove or penalise workers who avail of car parking spaces in their workplace; how any scheme aimed at removing or charging for such places might affect frontline workers or those with no viable public transport option due to their shift patterns and workplace location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [20771/23]

6. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the implementation of camera enforcement as part of the BusConnects programme; if this measure will be brought forward as part of a road-safety strategy by his Department, as outlined to the Oireachtas Committee of Public Accounts in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [20240/23]

7. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered that free access to shared cars or hourly car library schemes should be part of free public transport; what he anticipates the impact of this could be on reducing private car ownership and use; if this was taken into account by a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [20785/23]

8. To ask the Minister for Transport the discussions his Department has had with regards to the development of a Freezone area at Rosslare Europort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [20815/23]

9. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on his Department's engagements to date in relation to the re-opening of Killucan train station, Westmeath. — Sorca Clarke. [20741/23]

10. To ask the Minister for Transport the basis on which funding will be made to local authorities to fund mobility hubs for the different elements which can be provided; and when he expects that the first ten such hubs will be in place. — Richard Bruton. [20732/23]

11. To ask the Minister for Transport if he agrees with the view of Transport Infrastructure Ireland that the Mallow Relief Road project is consistent with relevant objectives of national policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [20728/23]

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12. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update regarding the progress of a park-and-ride facility in the Dunkettle area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [20679/23]

13. To ask the Minister for Transport when he received a Public Service Obligation application from the Shannon Airport Group in respect of a proposed Shannon to Amsterdam Schiphol route; if this application is congruent with state aid rules; when he expects to make a decision on this application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [20802/23]

14. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of extra carriages that have been allocated on the Dublin to Waterford train and the Waterford to Dublin train; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [20801/23]

15. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will engage with Bus Éireann to increase the frequency of 101 bus services at peak times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [20825/23]

16. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the delivery of additional rail carriages for the Dublin - Sligo line to immediately address the overcrowding on many services on this line. — Robert Troy. [20685/23]

17. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the Finglas roundabout scheme. — Paul McAuliffe. [20738/23]

18. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide sufficient funding in 2023 to permit the N2 Ardee-to-Castleblayney road project to proceed to the next stage. — Matt Carthy. [20523/23]

19. To ask the Minister for Transport when the Government will reinstate funding for the Derry to Dublin airlink in a partnership between his Department and the shared island unit. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [20746/23]

20. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on progress since November 2022 on the implementation of red-light cameras across the road traffic network and the stated commitment to further develop camera-based enforcement by An Garda Síochána, including at junctions and for management of bus/cycle lanes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [20239/23]

21. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the N4 upgrade from Mullingar to Rooskey; and if he will address the funding fears for the project. — Joe Flaherty. [20730/23]

22. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can detail any plans to provide funding for the installation of bike bunkers in urban areas; the funding that might be allocated to such schemes; if there are any plans to roll out such projects; if the recent withdrawal of plans by Dublin City Council can be reversed by Department policies aimed to encourage active travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [20794/23]

23. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has sought an update from Iarnród Éireann on the present state of the railway line from Claremorris to Collooney, including the length of the

line that has existing track on it; the condition of the fencing on it; when the last clearance of growth off the line took place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [20618/23]

24. To ask the Minister for Transport how it is proposed that the N2 Ardee to Castleblayney Road scheme will be progressed this year, as due to changes in Government policy and design standards, additional design works are needed, and the project team has indicated that more funding will be required to close out and complete the current Phase 3 design process but TII has not indicated that more funding will be forthcoming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [20753/23]

25. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the status of the business case for Cork light rail; the amount spent to date on consulting and engineering fees; when a route will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [20822/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which plans for the electrification of the Dublin-Maynooth line are actively in hand; when the project is likely to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20736/23]

27. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline a timeline for the commencement of the Metro North/Metro Link. — Martin Kenny. [20792/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on whether a report (details supplied) on free public transport is correct in its estimate of the impact of free public transport; the reason similar fare-free public transport schemes in other cities and regions have had a significantly greater impact than that suggested by the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [20793/23]

29. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans he has to maintain reduced public transport fees further, and to introduce reduced fares on other modes of transport and routes across the public transport network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [20823/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will make available the necessary funding to ensure that the N4 road can progress to the next stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [20684/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on future plans with respect to rail transport in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [20827/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the publishing of a Departmental ten-year strategic plan for the haulage sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [20814/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Transport if he would consider the expansion of the interdepartmental group work programme on identifying key enablers and barriers to transit-oriented design, as outlined in the Climate Action Plan Annex of Actions, to focus beyond the four Dublin local authorities to the regional cities, in order to consider transit-oriented

development as a way to achieve balanced regional development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [20807/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the rollout of EV charging points for the northwest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [20791/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Transport the current pass and fail rates for driving tests in County Kerry, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [20799/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of public EV charging points that have been installed in counties Sligo, Leitrim, Donegal and Roscommon from 2020 to April 2023; and if he has new proposals on incentives in conjunction with the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media on the roll out of such important infrastructure to assist local rural economies and attract people with EV vehicles to stay and holiday in rural Ireland. — Frankie Feighan. [19759/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will give consideration to adding a second track to a rail line (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [20826/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to increase the number of sheltered bus stops in Cork South West. — Holly Cairns. [19972/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an outline of the realignment and improvement projects that can be expected on the N71 in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [20665/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to significantly increase funding for the local transport network in rural areas amid an increasing uptake of the service, as well as demands for more frequent services and larger buses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [20731/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on how the provision of reduced funding for the N24 Cahir-Limerick Junction road project, compared to what was requested by Tipperary County Council for 2023, aligns with his focus on bringing market towns back to life and prioritising projects which provide for local bypasses and compact growth in Ireland's towns and villages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [20817/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the planned improvements to pedestrian safety on the M1/R104 in Dublin 9. — Paul McAuliffe. [20739/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to increase funding to the National Transport Authority and Bus Éireann to enable them to increase the capacity of overprescribed bus routes such as the 109x Dublin to Cavan bus route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [20808/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the improvements for active travel and public transport after the construction of the Macroom bypass; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [20748/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 54 of 2 March 2023, if he will provide a status update on the promised feasibility study for light rail in Galway; the timeline for the feasibility study; the status of the specialist team tasked with assisting the National Transport Agency in the updating of the Galway Transport Strategy; the membership of the specialist team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20667/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the current situation with the upgrading of the N53, particularly in relation to CPOs, decisions on which are awaited from An Bord Pleanála; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [20754/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the implementation to BusConnects in the Rathcoole and Newcastle, County Dublin. — Eoin Ó Broin. [20742/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is satisfied with the progress in preventing air traffic disruption from drones. — Richard Bruton. [20733/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 66 of 2 March 2023, if he will provide a status update on the rollout of park-and-ride facilities in Galway; if he will provide a further status update on the consultation process between the Park and Ride Development Office and Galway City and County Councils on the draft park-and-ride strategy for Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20666/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Transport if additional funding will be provided for the Non-National Roads Programme for 2023, due to the very substantial increase in road maintenance and construction costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [20751/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Transport if work is being done to increase the frequency of the service of the 424 bus to Ceantar na nOileán and Iorras Aithneach, or to provide a Local Link service between Leitir Mealláin or Carna and an Cheathrú Rua; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [20740/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the Connecting Ireland projects due to be delivered in 2023 in Galway - routes 438, 423, 424, 547, 350, and 425A; if these are on track to be delivered on the schedule set out earlier this year; and if he will provide details of the design of these projects. — Mairéad Farrell. [20332/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the next phase of BusConnects in Dublin mid west; the improvements that are planned; and when they will be implemented. — Mark Ward. [20735/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Transport the current waiting times for a driving test in County Kerry, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [20798/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the criteria by which greenway routes are selected in relation to their capacity to help achieve modal shift in adjacent towns and villages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [20806/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to ensure the preservation of all disused railway lines in the ownership of Iarnród Éireann, where they have not already been legally given over for use as a greenway, as railway lines and to re-open them on a phased basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [20617/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to support Local Link services. — Holly Cairns. [19973/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagements his Department has had with the National Transport Authority on the issue of illegal taxi operators over the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [20818/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Transport the preparations his Department is making at Irish ports to have the infrastructure for the development of offshore wind; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [18787/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Transport the provisions his Department is taking to increase roads maintenance funding to Wexford County Council following his visit to the county on 10 February; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [20812/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Transport the efforts being made to improve port infrastructure in order to support the offshore wind sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [10975/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position on safety improvement scheme works for the N22 junctions between Macroom and Ballincollig; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [20747/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the Southern Relief Road in Carlow and the Relief Road for Tullow. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [20800/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the Northern Ring road in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [20745/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has had any engagement with the Dublin Airport Authority, Irish Aviation Authority, An Bord Pleanála and Fingal County Council regarding the current operations at Dublin Airport on the use of the new north runway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [20821/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has discussed the establishment of a Garda public transport unit with the Garda Commissioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [20749/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide and update on the progress in relation to the construction of the new greenway in Glanmire; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [20680/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will develop plans to target EV grants to certain cohorts of the population based on socio-economic or geographic criteria to ensure that those who need private car travel the most are in a position to switch from an ICE vehicle to an electric

vehicle (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [20805/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Transport his Department's plans to construct new train stations in the Cork metropolitan region; if a timeline for the proposed new stations outlined in CMATS is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [20820/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to the construction of the Northern Distributor Road in Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [20768/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Transport the current earliest projected timeline for completion of the N2 Clontibret-to-the-border project; and if he will provide additional funding for this scheme and ensure that such funding is not dependent on EU co-financing. — Matt Carthy. [20522/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Transport when BusConnects in Dublin south west will be rolled out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [20784/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the completion of national road projects in County Cork, including the N73 Clogher Cross-Waterdyke scheme, the Dunkettle Interchange, and the N22 Macroom-Ballyvourney Scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [20819/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Transport if additional funding will be provided to Cavan and Monaghan local authorities for the Non-National Roadworks Programme in 2023, due to the importance of this particular road network for both counties and the substantial increase in costs for road maintenance and construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [20752/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can detail the position in relation to public transport companies hiring bus drivers; if shortages in staff are being addressed; the current number of staff shortages affecting Bus Éireann, Go Ahead and Dublin Bus; if he or his officials have had any discussion with these companies on plans to attract and retain staff, specifically in relation to improvements in pay and conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [20796/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Transport the rationale and reasoning behind the issuing of a Section 24 letter to Transport Infrastructure Ireland as part of the 2023 roads allocation to Cork County Council, which effectively overrules TII's proposal to fund the Mallow Relief Road project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [20729/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has any plans to publish legislation that would restrict or ban private jets from Irish airspace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [20824/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that the ongoing collapse of bus services in the lower Ballyfermot area, specifically the Number 60 route, is driving people away from public transport options and undermining confidence in public transport; if he is further aware of the refusal of the NTA to revise its failed plans; the issues that have arisen with BusConnects in

relation to similar withdrawn or reduced services in other areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [20795/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the electrification of the train line to Hazelhatch via Clondalkin, Lucan, and Adamstown. — Eoin Ó Broin. [20743/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he will take to ensure that ports are prepared to deliver on Ireland's offshore renewable potential; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [20372/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on bus route 981 in Sligo, which runs from Coolaney – St. Angela's College; and if the Maugheraboy area of Sligo will be included in this route without further delay, as was promised when the route was announced and was included in all media releases at that time. — Marian Harkin. [20373/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans that will be put in place to address the unacceptable long delays in the National Car Test system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [20813/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Transport given the recent increase in reports of anti-social behaviour, the measures his Department is taking to ensure the safety of passengers on the Dublin and commuter belt transport networks. — Jim O'Callaghan. [20750/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which passenger capacity is being or can be improved on the north Kildare commuter lines such as Naas-Sallins, Hazelhatch, Kilcock, Maynooth, Leixlip and Confey; if park-and-ride facilities are likely to be provided/extended on these very busy routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20737/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Transport if he intends to introduce legislation, regulations and/or guidelines for experimental road-traffic orders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [20371/23]

