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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. 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]
2. 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]
3. 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]
4. 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]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Public Services will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [20325/23]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. — Cian O’Callaghan. [20669/23]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. — Mick Barry. [20682/23]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [21307/23]
9. To ask the Taoiseach which Cabinet committee deals with ethics reform; and when it will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [21482/23]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21528/23]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [21531/23]
12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. — Bríd Smith. [21534/23]
13. 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]

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14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the publication of the fifteenth interim report of the IBRC Commission of Investigation. — Catherine Murphy. [21537/23]

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

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

17. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on European Union and International Affairs will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [20324/23]

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on European Union and International Affairs will next meet. — Mick Barry. [20683/23]

19. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on European Union and International Affairs will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21529/23]

20. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on European Union and International Affairs will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [21532/23]

21. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on European Union and International Affairs will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [21535/23]

22. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on European Union and International Affairs will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [21485/23]

23. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe will next meet. — Mick Barry. [21669/23]

24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with the circular economy will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [19912/23]

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

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with the circular economy will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [19918/23]

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

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will meet next. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [21442/23]

29. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with the circular economy will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [21452/23]

30. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will meet next. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [21453/23]

31. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [21481/23]

32. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with the circular economy will next meet. — Mick Barry. [21667/23]

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

34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [21382/23]

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul McAuliffe. [21443/23]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [21444/23]

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [21445/23]

38. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [21480/23]

39. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21530/23]

40. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [21533/23]

41. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [21536/23]

42. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Mick Barry. [21668/23]

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

44. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the North Sea Summit. — Seán Haughey. [21501/23]

45. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the North Sea Summit. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [21502/23]

46. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the North Sea Summit. — Ivana Bacik. [21486/23]

47. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [20326/23]

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48. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Alan Dillon. [21425/23]

49. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Alan Dillon. [21423/23]

50. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on a Humanitarian Response to Ukraine will next meet. — Alan Dillon. [21424/23]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

51. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will introduce temporary and targeted mortgage interest relief for mortgage holders impacted by rising interest rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21747/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of the recent examination of the Section 481 film tax credit by the Oireachtas Committee on Budgetary Oversight, and in particular the concerns raised by an organisation (details supplied) regarding the use of buy-out contracts by producer companies on the intellectual property rights of performers and the issues raised by film crew representatives about the failure of producer companies to vindicate employment rights; and if he will address these concerns through changes to the film credit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21854/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has engaged with mortgage lenders with respect to forbearance measures and solutions in place for mortgage holders where their loan is with respect to, and secured against a property affected by defective concrete blocks; his views regarding the need for a coordinated approach among lenders with respect to such mortgage loans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21748/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Finance the initiatives his Department is considering in terms of tax measures to stimulate access to investment capital given that access to start-up and scaling finance is now the biggest challenge facing the micro and SME communities, as shown in recent surveys; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [21804/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 128 of 7 March 2023, his plans for the phasing out of the help-to-buy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21523/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

56. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the current position of his Department on the transfer of money between Ireland and Cuba. — Neasa Hourigan. [21314/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to mortgage interest rate increases (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [21447/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of the second three-month assessment of the temporary business energy support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [21489/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of homebuyers in counties Clare, Limerick and Tipperary have availed of the enhanced help-to-buy scheme since 23 July 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [21469/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is satisfied that the debts under tax warehousing can be successfully wound down by businesses; and if he has evolved methods for Revenue of working with companies who may have difficulties. — Richard Bruton. [21510/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will introduce a windfall tax on banks and vulture funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21569/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to assist sporting organisations that cannot access insurance cover at a reasonable cost. — Holly Cairns. [21232/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of homebuyers in counties Offaly, Laois, Longford and Westmeath, respectively who have availed of the enhanced help-to-buy scheme since 23 July 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [21517/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Finance if he formally enunciated his concerns at the ECB's policy of continuing to increase interest rates and the impact of this policy on households and businesses at the recent meeting of Finance Ministers and ECB officials in Stockholm in late April 2023; if this is the official position of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [21441/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in counties Clare, Limerick and Tipperary, respectively that have applied for assistance under the temporary business energy support scheme to date; and the number that have been successful in each county; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for businesses in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [21468/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Finance if he intends to make further tax changes to address the issue of vacant and derelict properties in Budget 2024, given the current housing emergency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21570/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Carlow homebuyers who have availed of the enhanced help-to-buy scheme since 23 July 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [21451/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Finance if the current tax rules regarding the importation of vehicles from the North, including the charge of VAT and 10% customs duty, are required under European law; his views on their impact on North-South trade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21538/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will stop the sell-off of two banks (details supplied) and use the State's majority stake as the basis for a publicly owned non-profit banking system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21571/23]

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70. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 76 of 7 March 2023, the status of the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal; when he expects the new board to be in place; the details of the body that will provide the facilities and secretarial service to the Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21524/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide this Deputy an update on the expected budget surplus in 2023-2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [21547/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Finance if he intends to review the rezoned land tax to ensure a fairer approach to land management in view of landowners being asked to review supplemental maps published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [21429/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of farmers who have availed of TBESS to date; the total number in Cork, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21525/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on further tax breaks which could potentially be offered to landlords to keep them in the rental market. — Emer Higgins. [11844/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is concerned that just €73 million of the more than €2.2 billion in warehoused tax debt under the relevant Covid scheme, and which is owed by companies, has been paid as of March, 2023; the steps he plans to take to address this issue which now involves approximately 64,000 firms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [21439/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the rates and bands relating to the application of USC to workers' incomes with a view to reducing the taxation burden on workers in the context of rapidly rising living costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21467/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to address high insurance premiums for SMEs. — Holly Cairns. [21233/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Finance his Department's forecast for headline inflation in 2023 and for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [21478/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the work being carried out in his Department to fix the anomaly where many workers who live in the North and who work in the South are precluded from working from home due to the significant Revenue implications for their employers; if he will detail any contacts his Department has had on the matter with the equivalent British department in the last six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [21476/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Finance the actions he and his Department are considering to promote switching for performing loans held by retail credit firms and credit servicing firms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21539/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the recently published Private Motor Mid-Year Report of the National Claims Information Database; if he will consider measures to ensure

that recent reforms in the insurance market are passed on to consumers in the form of reduced insurance prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21541/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to address the risks around windfall corporate taxes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [21477/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline plans to address regulation on independent operators of ATMs given that 75% of ATMs in Ireland are now owned by organisations that are not banks, not regulated as regards service standards or fees/charges and for whom the Central Bank's conduct of business rules do not apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [21313/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in counties Cavan, Monaghan, Leitrim, Donegal and Louth, respectively that have applied for assistance under the temporary business energy support scheme to date; the number that have been successful in each county; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for businesses in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [21508/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has read the recently published ECB paper entitled 'How tit-for-tat inflation can make everyone poorer'; if is he concerned at the evidence that profit-taking is contributing to price gouging and elevated levels of inflation; the action the Government plans to take in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [21440/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on applying a zero VAT rate on heat pumps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [21306/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has any plans to amend the €60,000 USC threshold for the over 70s; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [21521/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to figures showing a decline in the Irish economy in the first three months of 2023 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [21448/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will introduce a cap on mortgage interest rates to prevent mortgage holders and families being impoverished by rising interest rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21568/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is satisfied that all Irish-based financial services operations are adhering to financial sanctions imposed against Russia following its invasion of Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21466/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Dublin businesses that have applied for assistance under the temporary business energy support scheme to date; the number that have been successful; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for businesses in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [21470/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of the recent examination of the section 481 film tax credit by the Oireachtas Committee on Budgetary Oversight, and in particular the concerns raised by an organisation (details supplied) about the use of buy-out contracts by

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producer companies on the intellectual property rights of performers and the issues raised by film crew representatives about the failure of producer companies to vindicate employment rights; and if he will address these concerns through changes to the film credit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21572/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in counties Kildare, Meath and Wicklow, respectively that have applied for assistance under the temporary business energy support scheme to date; the number that have been successful in each county; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for businesses in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [21503/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware that credit unions are no longer issuing debit cards to customers who reside in the North on the grounds that they are no longer residents of the European Economic Area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21540/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Finance the current status of the review of the disabled drivers and disabled passenger's scheme; when the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal will be in operation; the number of outstanding appeals before the Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [21527/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Finance if he intends to expand the rent-a-room scheme; if he is considering additional supports to renters and landlords in the upcoming Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [21430/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Finance his estimate for corporation tax receipts in 2023; the proportion of tax revenues that corporation tax receipts will comprise in 2023; the proportion of corporation tax receipts that he estimates as windfall; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [21490/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to reduce the impact of interest rate rises on persons whose home loans rest with a non-pillar bank or vulture fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [21434/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in counties Cork and Kerry that have applied for assistance under the temporary business energy support scheme to date; the number that have been successful in each county; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for businesses in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [21464/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of individuals that have benefited from the help-to-buy scheme in Cork; if there are plans to extend the scheme beyond 31 December 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21526/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline his plans for the surplus of €16 billion estimated for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [21435/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount yet to be reclaimed in PAYE overpayments collected by the Revenue Commissioners for 2022; the number of individuals yet to make an

application under the rent relief scheme through Revenue for 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [21497/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Dublin homebuyers have availed of the enhanced help-to-buy scheme since 23 July 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [21471/23]

104. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the failure of banks to increase interest rates for deposit holders. — Jim O’Callaghan. [21229/23]

105. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of homebuyers in counties Cork and Kerry who have availed of the enhanced help-to-buy scheme since 23 July 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [21465/23]

106. To ask the Minister for Finance whether cryptocurrency constitutes a social and economic threat to Irish citizens. — Jim O’Callaghan. [21228/23]

107. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider the application of the relevant contracts tax instead of the application of the professional services withholding tax to high turnover contracts with a margin of less than 20% such as archaeological contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [21436/23]

108. To ask the Minister for Finance if he can outline the short to medium-term plans by Government to ensure reductions in premiums for customers for insurance products, particularly public liability insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [21475/23]

109. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in counties Offaly, Laois, Longford and Westmeath, respectively that have applied for assistance under the temporary business energy support scheme to date; the number that have been successful in each county; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for businesses in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [21516/23]

110. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has plans to review and expand the current tax incentives for home ownership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [21512/23]

111. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Carlow businesses that have applied for assistance under the temporary business energy support scheme to date; the number that have been successful; the estimated value or worth of the support to date for businesses in Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [21450/23]

112. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are plans to introduce weight and size-based taxes on private vehicles in Ireland to incentivise a switch to smaller and lighter vehicles in an effort to ensure that Ireland’s vehicle fleet is as efficient as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [21506/23]

113. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of homebuyers in counties Kildare, Meath and Wicklow, respectively who have availed of the enhanced help-to-buy scheme since 23 July 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [21504/23]

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114. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of primary medical certificate appeals currently outstanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [21513/23]

115. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of homebuyers in counties Cavan, Monaghan, Leitrim, Donegal and Louth, respectively who have availed of the enhanced help-to-buy scheme since 23 July 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [21509/23]

116. To ask the Minister for Finance how the projected surplus can be harnessed to strengthen Ireland's economic and social foundations. — Richard Bruton. [21511/23]

117. To ask the Minister for Finance the forecasted budget surplus or deficit of the Exchequer in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [21596/23]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*118. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [21483/23]

*119. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Public Services will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [21484/23]

*120. To ask the Taoiseach if he will list all reviews of Acts which have been carried out by his Department in line with the provisions of that Act from 2000 to date; and if a summary will be provided of any substantive amendments of the Act in question that occurred on foot of each review, and the amending legislation if any, in each case. — Carol Nolan. [21192/23]

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

*121. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a decision will be made on a passport application by a person (details supplied), given there is an urgent need for this passport as the applicant is travelling on 9 May 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21062/23]

*122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a decision will be made on an application for a passport by a person (details supplied), given there is an urgent need for this passport as the applicant is travelling on 12 May 2023 to take up work experience in Germany; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21064/23]

*123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if officials from his Department are using an application (details supplied) to conduct business; if his Department has had official meetings regarding the use of the application by officials; if his Department has assessed the risk of using the application by Department officials and the input of Government-related data into the application; if his Department is using or is considering using other forms of artificial

intelligence; if his Department is considering banning the use of the application by Department officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [21103/23]

*124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will list all reviews of Acts which have been carried out by his Department in line with the provisions of that Act from 2000 to date; if a summary will be provided of any substantive amendments of the Act in question that occurred on foot of each review, and the amending legislation if any, in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21184/23]

*125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the total number of Irish citizens and their dependents who were present in Sudan at the outset of recent violence in that country; their reasons for being present in the country, to the extent that his Department is aware; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21196/23]

*126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will consider streamlining the process by which a married person going through separation/divorce reverts to their maiden name on their passport (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [21213/23]

*127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he is taking to help address the humanitarian need in Sudan as a result of hostilities in the region. — Holly Cairns. [21239/23]

*128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the post of Irish Honorary Consul in Malaga has been filled. — Darren O'Rourke. [21288/23]

*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on recent activities of the Irish Consulate in Hong Kong, including staffing numbers. — Darren O'Rourke. [21289/23]

*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to visit Portugal this year. — Darren O'Rourke. [21290/23]

*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if two passports will issue in time for two children (details supplied) in County Donegal who are travelling next week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [21312/23]

*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the Passport Office is aware that in some instances the date of issue on the Irish Passport website differs from the dates on the internal Passport Office system; if so, the measures that are being taken to sync these dates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [21378/23]

*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the action he has taken specifically in relation to the three-week time period it takes the Passport Office to check the validity of documentation once received by it, in view of the exceptionally long delays and impact on families that existed in the weeks of summer 2022. — Sorca Clarke. [21479/23]

*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a foreign birth registration will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [21647/23]

*135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue on time for a child (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21689/23]

*136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a foreign birth registration of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21754/23]

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

*137. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if officials from his Department are using an application (details supplied) to conduct business; if his Department has had official meetings regarding the use of the application by officials; if his Department has assessed the risk of using the application by Department officials and the input of Government-related data into the application; if his Department is using or is considering using other forms of artificial intelligence; if his Department is considering banning the use of the application by Department officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [21101/23]

*138. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will list all reviews of Acts which have been carried out by his Department in line with the provisions of that Act from 2000 to date; if a summary will be provided of any substantive amendments of the Act in question that occurred on foot of each review and the amending legislation if any, in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21182/23]

*139. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the rollout of the deposit return scheme; the timeline for the development of the relevant IT, infrastructure and communication systems associated with the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [21227/23]

*140. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department can engage with a service provider (details supplied); if any grants or assistance are available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21244/23]

*141. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of WTE staff working in the National Cyber Security Centre as of 2 May 2023; and the number expected to work in NCSC at the end of 2023. — Darren O'Rourke. [21284/23]

*142. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if woodchip imported to fuel power plants in this country is sustainably sourced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [21300/23]

*143. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number waiting and the median waiting time between time of application and time of works completion under the warmer home scheme; the breakdown of same per county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [21325/23]

*144. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide his response to a semi-State company (details supplied) importing large amounts of

biomass fuels from other jurisdictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21340/23]

*145. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking to assist families meeting high energy bills between 1 June 2023 and 31 December 2023, inclusive. — Holly Cairns. [21341/23]

*146. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide both the allocation and the drawdown of Renovate Wave funding by Ireland in 2020, 2021, 2022 and the forecasted drawdown in 2023. — Ivana Bacik. [21580/23]

*147. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason a person (details supplied) has been given the wrong information after waiting two years on their insulation grant; the reason they have been told that they have gone from a C3 rating to an A3 after no work has been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21642/23]

*148. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will respond to the assertion made by Gas Networks Ireland in its Gas Forecast Statement 2022 (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [21730/23]

*149. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures that were proposed and adopted to reduce their total monthly gross electricity consumption by 10 %, per Article 3 of Council Regulation (EU) 2022/1854 of 6 October 2022 on an emergency intervention to address high energy prices. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21731/23]

*150. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures that were proposed and adopted to reduce its gross electricity consumption during the identified peak hours by 5% per Article 4 of Council Regulation (EU) 2022/1854 of 6 October 2022 on an emergency intervention to address high energy prices. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21732/23]

*151. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will publish the written inputs of the Government to the Council Regulation (EU) 2022/1854 of 6 October 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21733/23]

*152. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason electricity prices have remained so high in Ireland compared to Ireland's EU partners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21736/23]

*153. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average cost per retrofit in each of the SEAI's schemes per post-BER rating; and to report this in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [21741/23]

*154. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the median cost per retrofit in each of the SEAI's schemes per post-BER rating; and to report this, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [21742/23]

*155. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the solid fuel regulations that came into force on 31 October 2022; the measures in place to enforce it; how they have been resourced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [21743/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will clarify the way in which persons outside of the NBP intervention areas can access broadband provided by NBI and or others in instances in which a service provider was built into their new development resulting in a monopoly-type situation; and if ComReg can investigate this situation. — Catherine Murphy. [21866/23]

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

*157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will set out the supports available to former Defence Force personnel who find themselves in need of material support; if such supports also extend to funeral costs for family members of former Defence Force personnel; if he will set out the total amount paid out in such supports for each of the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [21046/23]

*158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the position Ireland took regarding the inclusion of a humanitarian or search and rescue mandate during EU negotiations for the renewal of Operation Irini; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [21070/23]

*159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if officials from his Department are using an application (details supplied) to conduct business; if his Department has had official meetings regarding the use of the application by officials; if his Department has assessed the risk of using the application by Department officials and the input of Government-related data into the application; if his Department is using or is considering using other forms of artificial intelligence; if his Department is considering banning the use of the application by Department officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [21099/23]

*160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will list all reviews of Acts which have been carried out by his Department in line with the provisions of that Act from 2000 to date; if a summary will be provided of any substantive amendments of the Act in question that occurred on foot of each review and the amending legislation if any, in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21179/23]

*161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide a detailed process of how military housing is applied for. — Gary Gannon. [21554/23]

*162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of applications received for military housing between 2018 to 2023, broken down by year, in tabular form. — Gary Gannon. [21555/23]

*163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of successful applications received for military housing between 2018 to 2023, broken down by year, in tabular form. — Gary Gannon. [21556/23]

*164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide a breakdown of the ranks held by successful applications for military housing from 2018 to 2023. — Gary Gannon. [21557/23]

*165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of married quarters and houses that remain within the possession of the Defence Forces or his Department; and the respective locations of each. — Gary Gannon. [21558/23]

*166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the married quarters and houses that remain within the possession of the Defence Forces or his Department; and the number that are currently occupied. — Gary Gannon. [21559/23]

*167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the married quarters and houses that remain within the possession of the Defence Forces or his Department; and the number that are currently vacant. — Gary Gannon. [21560/23]

*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide information on whether the occupied married quarters and houses within the possession of the Defence Forces or his Department are currently occupied by current or former members of the Defence Forces; and if he will provide a breakdown of their respective ranks. — Gary Gannon. [21561/23]

*169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how he can reconcile the involvement of the Department of Defence and his office in drawing up draft terms of reference for a statutory inquiry into what, if the review had included his Department, may well show findings of sharp, mal or poor practice within his Department and, his actions and/or the actions of the Minister of the day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [21858/23]

*170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he and the Government will be prepared to have an independent authority such as the appropriate Joint Oireachtas Committee, Standards in Public Office Commission or other such independent entity commence the process afresh, to engage in a complete fashion with all stakeholders in drawing up appropriate terms of reference for a statutory inquiry which are above reproach and enjoy the confidence of all stake holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [21862/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport if officials from his Department are using an application (details supplied) to conduct business; if his Department has had official meetings regarding the use of the application by officials; if his Department has assessed the risk of using the application by Department officials and the input of Government-related data into the application; if his Department is using or is considering using other forms of artificial intelligence; if his Department is considering banning the use of the application by Department officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [21100/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for Transport when legislation will be enacted to ensure that drug testing takes place at the scene of a road traffic accident (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21109/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps being taken to provide public transport links between Westport and Louisburgh; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21141/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Transport the make-up of the Coastal Unit Advisory Group, including the number of volunteers on the panel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21148/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will list all reviews of Acts which have been carried out by his Department in line with the provisions of that Act from 2000 to date; if a summary will be provided of any substantive amendments of the Act in question that occurred

on foot of each review and the amending legislation if any, in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21194/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport the legal basis for the restrictions against bringing 100 ml of liquids aboard aircraft; his views on whether these restrictions continue to be justified over two decades after their introduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21204/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that a regular bus service is put in place to service Clarinbridge into Galway city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [21214/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent by Transport Infrastructure Ireland cutting trees beside national roads and motorway networks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [21221/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of permits obtained for the cutting of trees beside the motorway and national roads network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [21222/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider a review of rules allowing tractors to drive on the motorway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [21231/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline his engagement with the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media concerning investment in Eblana Theatre in the basement of Busáras; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21243/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated yearly cost of extending the young adult Leap card to 24-year-olds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [21262/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated yearly cost of providing free public transport to under 25-year-olds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [21263/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated yearly cost of providing a 20% public transport fare reduction for under 25-year-olds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [21264/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide assurances that the N80 Mountmellick town bypass will be prioritised for funding in any review and included in the next phase of the National Development Plan. — Brian Stanley. [21309/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will raise with his senior officials and Transport Infrastructure Ireland the critical situation with the Mountmellick Road N80 in Portlaoise town which needs cycles lanes, three roundabouts, and road safety measures, as identified by an expert group and Laois County Council. — Brian Stanley. [21310/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that the NRA only mows embankments or cuts roadside hedging where necessary for safety to help protect these sites as nectaring habitats; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21350/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will engage with a trade union (details supplied) concerning the vesting day on the separation of the Irish Aviation Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21351/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to improve the frequency of train services stopping at all stations to help improve connectivity, especially at weekends and evenings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21352/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport if Transport Infrastructure Ireland has a complaint handing system where citizens can raise a complaint about national roads; the process involved in making and assessing complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [21399/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has plans to allow school groups, accompanied by a teacher, to use public transport without fares for expeditions; if he will consider the matter as a policy position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [21494/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to support school groups, accompanied by a teacher, to use public transport for expeditions; if he is aware of current operational difficulties in organising the payment of fares and/or collection of tickets for school groups using public transport in this way; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [21495/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 336 of 18 April 2023, his Department's plans to provide additional PSO funding for the provision of additional PSO services to increase AM rail services, particularly to ensure the provision of an earlier service from Dublin to Cork, following the demand for such a service as determined by the NTA public consultation held in September 2022, and the lack of relevant resources allocated in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [21578/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has engaged in ensuring that standards are being met in design for active travel in Cork city, particularly in relation to the routing of cycle lanes into footpaths. — Thomas Gould. [21582/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine a matter concerning a driving test (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [21584/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on plans to extend the Short Hop Zone to Newbridge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [21602/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason two applications for a school crossing made by Cork City Council for Bellevue, Grange and Colmcille Road were not approved. — Thomas Gould. [21606/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will confirm that his Department will engage with Cork City Council with a view to developing a park-and-ride facility on land which the council

owns at Monard, Cork, taking into account that these lands also adjoin the Cork-to-Mallow rail line where it is proposed to build a railway station long-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21617/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to make the Dublin mountains more accessible through public transport routes such as the plan proposed by the Dublin Commuter Coalition. — Francis Noel Duffy. [21648/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide his response to Cork County Council Northern Committee's disappointment with the allocation of only €100,000 for the Mallow Relief Road in 2023. — Holly Cairns. [21685/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the potential impact of E10 fuel on vintage vehicles; if E5 petrol will still be available to purchase for the owners of these vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [21712/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on a report (details supplied); the steps he intends to take on foot of that report; the consideration given to introducing affordable 'climate tickets' for public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21755/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport the discussions he has had with Dublin Bus to establish the reasons for its discontinuance of change receipts; the way in which passengers can recoup overpayment of fares in such circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21756/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that, in Dublin, monthly public transport for all means of public transport tickets are only available to employees; the reason such monthly public transport tickets are not universally available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21757/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of delayed arrival times for the Bus Éireann Expressway Route 30 X30 Donegal to Dublin service for the months January 2023, February 2023, March 2023 and April 2023; the reason for any such delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21763/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of delayed arrival times for the Bus Éireann Expressway 30 X30 Dublin to Donegal service for the months January 2023, February 2023, March 2023 and April 2023; the reason for any such delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21764/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*207. To ask the Minister for Finance if officials from his Department are using an application (details supplied) to conduct business; if his Department has had official meetings regarding the use of the application by officials; if his Department has assessed the risk of using the application by Department officials and the input of Government-related data into the application; if his Department is using or is considering using other forms of artificial intelligence; if his Department is considering banning the use of the application by Department officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [21091/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Finance if the 10% customs duty and 23% VAT requirement for vehicles imported from North to South, which were first registered in Britain, are a requirement under European Union law; the degree to which these charges can be amended as a national competence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21110/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Finance the Exchequer returns for reach USC bracket in 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [21144/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Finance the debt servicing costs in each year since 2006, in tabular form; and projections of debt servicing costs into the future. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21150/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will list all reviews of Acts which have been carried out by his Department in line with the provisions of that Act from 2000 to date; if a summary will be provided of any substantive amendments of the Act in question that occurred on foot of each review and the amending legislation if any, in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21183/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide tax incentives to support the tillage sector, including to adjustments to tax-free land rental incomes to incentivise the leasing of land for tillage or horticulture purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21237/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will adjust the rent tax credit to enable a person renting a room from a relative to claim the credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21238/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year yield that would be generated by establishing two new income tax bands of 47% on earnings between €135,000 and €200,000, and 55% on earnings over €200,001. — Darren O'Rourke. [21282/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking in response to concerns from trustees of a sporting organisation regarding registering with the Central Register of Beneficial Ownership of Trusts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21342/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Finance her views on adjusting the qualifications for single person child carer credit to both parents apply when they are legally separated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21349/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures he is taking to ensure that the current reductions in inflation will be passed onto consumers nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [21498/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of applications made under the help-to-buy scheme through the Revenue Commissioners for 2022 and to- date in 2023; the number of applications that were approved; the number declined in the same time period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [21499/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Finance the up-to-date position is in progressing a new board under the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal to ensure that clinics can recommence; the

number of appeal requests under the primary medical certificate are awaiting recommencement of such clinics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [21500/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to ensure mortgage holders, where their mortgage loan is secured against a property affected by defective concrete blocks, are treated fairly and transparently by lenders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21563/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason insurance premiums are not falling at a comparable rate to the reduced cost of claims; the steps he is taking to ensure that savings are passed on to customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21564/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on intentions to extend consanguinity relief, given the deadline for this relief is approaching and he indicated the measure would be extended in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [21660/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Finance if the small cider producer excise relief scheme will be extended to include other fermented beverages, such as mead; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21679/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Finance whether students who attend university in the UK can write off the cost of their student accommodation against tax; whether any consideration is being given to providing such relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [21696/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of nitrous oxide seizures made by the Revenue Commissioners in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the number of cannisters included in each seizure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [21728/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Finance the supports he will put in place to support mortgage holders who are in receipt of disability allowance and are on fixed income where the repayments are increasing as a result of increases in the interest rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [21744/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 422 of 18 April 2023, the action he will take to protect the interests of people in Ireland when adopting decisions from the European Central Bank in relation to mortgage interest rates; how Ireland compares to other European countries in terms of mortgage and savings rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [21772/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which the economy continues to be based on sound economic principles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21777/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which the Government's economic policy continues to be able to withstand economic shocks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21778/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which his Department continues to monitor any and/or all potential economic threats to the economy here and retain the ability to respond in the event of unforeseen difficulties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21780/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Finance his intentions to continue to ensure best practice economic performance in the future, keeping in mind the need to protect the stability of the economy and having regard to experiences in the past; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21781/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he can encourage the existing Irish banks to assist mortgage holders who may have had to resort to fund operators in respect of mortgages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21782/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the prospects for mortgage relief to mortgage holders who are in debt to fund operators; if any study has been carried out as to the possibility of reducing mortgage repayments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21783/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which this country's economy continues to compete with all others within and outside the Eurozone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21784/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which this country's economy remains competitive with other traders throughout Europe, the Eurozone and globally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21785/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he can continue to support sectors currently making a major contribution to the economy, such as the agrifood business, given the urgent need to ensure continuity of supply in the future and economic independence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21786/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures his Department will take to support struggling mortgage holders considering the ECB increased its interest rates again on 4 May 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [21871/23]

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.

*238. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the Magazine Fort, Phoenix Park; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [21068/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when the HIV and AIDS national monument will be installed in the People's Park. — Mary Lou McDonald. [21069/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if officials from his Department are using an application (details supplied) to conduct business; if his Department has had official meetings regarding the use of the application by

officials; if his Department has assessed the risk of using the application by Department officials and the input of Government-related data into the application; if his Department is using or is considering using other forms of artificial intelligence; if his Department is considering banning the use of the application by Department officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [21092/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when the environmental assessments will be completed in relation to the River Deel flood relief scheme; when he will confirm the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21140/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide a schedule, by Garda station and or Garda premises to include the amount derived, in respect of the licences issued to mobile network operators to install telecommunications equipment on telecoms masts; and if he will provide a breakdown by mobile phone company and amount for each of the years 2019 to date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [21164/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will list all reviews of Acts which have been carried out by his Department in line with the provisions of that Act from 2000 to date; if a summary will be provided of any substantive amendments of the Act in question that occurred on foot of each review and the amending legislation if any, in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21189/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the status of the Civil Service Regulation (Amendment) Bill 2018. — Jim O'Callaghan. [21225/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when payment arrears arising from the implementation of the 3% pay increase awarded from 2 February 2022 under the revised Building Momentum pay deal will be paid to staff members who retired in the second half of 2022 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [21259/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when payments will be made to retired OPW workers in relation to backpay due to them, given that this money has already been paid to current OPW workers, but some retirees are awaiting payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [21379/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the measures his Department is taking to prevent digital exclusion in the context of the delivery of public services; the steps his Department has taken to give effect to the recommendations in the Citizen Information Board's report on digital exclusion and eGovernment in Ireland; if there are any grant schemes paid from public funds that are only accessible to online applicants; his views on any such schemes in the context of combatting digital exclusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [21615/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which his Department intends to select the most vital issues for public

expenditure in the current year, having particular regards to the need of housing and health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21779/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an overview of flood remediation works and arterial drainage schemes for County Clare in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [21864/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on any remedial works his Department intends to undertake on OPW sites in County Clare in 2023. — Cathal Crowe. [21865/23]

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

*251. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if officials from his Department are using an application (details supplied) to conduct business; if his Department has had official meetings regarding the use of the application by officials; if his Department has assessed the risk of using the application by Department officials and the input of Government-related data into the application; if his Department is using or is considering using other forms of artificial intelligence; if his Department is considering banning the use of the application by Department officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [21089/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will list all reviews of Acts which have been carried out by his Department in line with the provisions of that Act from 2000 to date; if a summary will be provided of any substantive amendments of the Act in question that occurred on foot of each review and the amending legislation if any, in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21181/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of prosecutions initiated, and the outcome of each, by the CCPC in each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [21230/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the WTE staff vacancies, by job title, currently in the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission; the estimated full-year cost of filling each of the vacancies, in tabular form; and when these vacancies will be filled. — Darren O'Rourke. [21291/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of WTE staff vacancies, by job title, in the growth markets division in IDA Ireland; and when these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [21292/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the engagement, if any, his Department has had with a company (details supplied) with a workforce in its manufacturing facility in Athlone, County Westmeath and its operations in Dublin to minimise job losses as the company announced plans to cut 6,000 jobs globally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [21398/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the engagement his Department has had with an organisation (details supplied) to ensure that a company is abiding

by the Workplace Relations Commission guidelines regarding redundancies, particularly given, reports of staff concerns in respect of the company's compliance with such guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [21643/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the engagement his Department has had with an organisation (details supplied) to ensure that severance packages are similar to those given to other workers in the technology sector and that the company follow best practice in respect of offering a financial contribution for staff seeking independent legal advice to review such severance offers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [21644/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the efforts being made by his Department to encourage the take up of paternity leave in the workplace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [21729/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*260. To ask the Minister for Education the current position in respect of the payment of instalments to builders who have contracts for the building of new schools in view of the fact that there appears to have been a delay over the past three months in the making of such payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21043/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Education if all payments due under the contract for the erection of the new school (details supplied) will be brought up to date in view of the fact that the most recent request for payment was submitted in January 2023 but has not been paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21044/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Education if she will urgently complete the stage 3 tender review currently with her Department (details supplied) and allow the school to progress the building programme as soon as possible; if she will acknowledge concerns about rising building costs affecting tenders meaning further delays for schools if tenders are not responded to quickly; if she will take into consideration that the disrepair of the prefabs in question is worsening daily including asbestos issues; when a decision will be forthcoming; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [21058/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Education if the case of a person (details supplied) will be investigated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21073/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Education whether any allowances can be made for students currently in 5th year studying for the Leaving Certificate, given the interference with their education, particularly regarding languages during 2nd and 3rd year. — Jim O'Callaghan. [21074/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Education if she has introduced flexibility to the teacher allocation process to enable schools to deliver the full curriculum without lowering the standard of teaching, given the large number of Ukrainian children seeking refuge in the State who are entering the school system at different dates throughout the school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [21075/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Education the location of the new special school in Dublin 7. — Mary Lou McDonald. [21085/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Education when the special school in Dublin 7 will open; and when parents can enrol their children. — Mary Lou McDonald. [21086/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Education if officials from her Department are using an application (details supplied) to conduct business; if her Department has had official meetings regarding the use of the application by officials; if her Department has assessed the risk of using the application by Department officials and the input of Government-related data into the application; if her Department is using or is considering using other forms of artificial intelligence; if her Department is considering banning the use of the application by Department officials; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [21095/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider accepting all applications for the school transport scheme, given the difficulties experienced by some students (details supplied) who did not receive tickets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [21107/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the planned building works at a school (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [21122/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Education when the outcome of an application for additional learning support in a school (details supplied) in County Donegal will be notified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [21123/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 265 of 25 April 2023, if a board of management can contact those teachers who have been refused continuation of a career break, to ascertain their intention to return to school or resign prior to the date that they are to resume duties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [21129/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Education if she will engage with the Minister for Transport to deliver public transport links between Westport and Louisburgh in order to support the student traveling from Westport to attend a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21142/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to establish a stream of beginner, novice and advanced swimming lessons as part of primary education. — Catherine Murphy. [21165/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Education if she will list all reviews of Acts which have been carried out by her Department in line with the provisions of that Act from 2000 to date; if a summary will be provided of any substantive amendments of the Act in question that occurred on foot of each review and the amending legislation if any, in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21180/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which the State Examinations Commission is permitted to hire individuals who are not working as or qualified as teachers to correct the State exams; if there is scope to extend the ability of the Commission to engage additional suitable persons in 2023; the number of such persons who have been engaged to correct the exams in each of the years from 2019 to date as a proportion of the total number of examiners; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21195/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine the case of a person (details supplied); when this student will be offered a primary school place in this special unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [21246/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Education if she has spoken with her British counterpart to date in 2023. — Darren O'Rourke. [21276/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Education if she will urgently request that her Department clears the monies for a school (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [21294/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Education the additional resources that are available for a school (details supplied); if she will consider providing a full-time EAL teacher; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21296/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary schools that provided the Summer Programme in 2022; the number of primary schools that are expected to provide the Summer Programme in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [21326/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration has been given to early years education staff with experience in special need education, who do not hold teaching qualifications, being eligible for employment under the Summer Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [21327/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update with regard to a school (details supplied) which in August 2022 was offered a purchase option on a six-room modular building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [21355/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Education if she will intervene in a matter involving two bus routes for Ukrainian schoolchildren (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [21357/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Education if consultation with the parents' association or parent representatives on the board of management satisfies the criteria for consultation when a school is changing its uniform; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [21377/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline all of the courses taught in secondary school to teach children about fake news and equip them with the necessary skills to spot misinformation; her views on whether adequate hours are being devoted to this topic currently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [21380/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Education the supports that are available to early years children with special needs or additional needs who are not enrolled in a full day care setting such as a sessional ECCE service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [21389/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the progress of a school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [21394/23]

*289. To ask the Minister for Education if she will support a project (details supplied). — Seán Canney. [21403/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the provision of autism specific units for schools (details supplied) in County Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [21552/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the process through which a student can obtain an exemption from the study of Irish at secondary school level; and the criteria to be met in order to eligible for the exemption. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21566/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Education the special education pre-school facilities that are available for a child (details supplied) who has a diagnosis of autism and their parents cannot find a suitable place for them. — Mark Ward. [21583/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Education the name and location of the proposed new special school in Dublin 7; the proposed commencement date for the school; the estimated number of students that the school will cater for; the estimated number of teachers that will be employed at the school; what the enrolment process will involve; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [21605/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details in respect of schools (details supplied) in County Laois; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [21630/23]

*295. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details in respect of schools (details supplied) in County Laois; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [21632/23]

*296. To ask the Minister for Education if information will be provided in respect of schools (details supplied) in County Laois; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [21635/23]

*297. To ask the Minister for Education if information will be provided in respect of schools (details supplied) in County Laois; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [21636/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Education if a modular unit will be provided at a school (details supplied), given that it has been sanctioned for a third ASD class and will require this additional space in order to accommodate these students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21639/23]

*299. To ask the Minister for Education if she will assist a disability service for young people (details supplied) to run the Summer Programme; if she will ensure that her Department officials engage with this service to facilitate same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21676/23]

*300. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline her engagement with the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment concerning changes to the Health and Safety Authority's guidelines regarding the use of glyphosate on school grounds and in the vicinity of schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21677/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding a lease for a school (details supplied); when the matter will be finalised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [21727/23]

*302. To ask the Minister for Education if teachers are expected to teach new SPHE/RSE classes or modules without any formal training in same. — Pa Daly. [21734/23]

*303. To ask the Minister for Education if she has received a request from Bus Éireann to provide a school bus service on a route (details supplied); the number of students who are involved in this request; if she will accede to this request; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [21735/23]

*304. To ask the Minister for Education if she will set out the rationale for requiring teachers to have not just a MyGov account but also a public services card in order to avail of digital payslips. — Catherine Murphy. [21758/23]

*305. To ask the Minister for Education if she and or officials engaged with the Department of Social Protection in the context of using the public services card in order to access digital payslips; if she and or officials requested sanction for this from either the Minister For Social Protection or the Minister For Public Service and Reform. — Catherine Murphy. [21759/23]

*306. To ask the Minister for Education if she engaged with officials or the Ministers at the Department of Social Protection and or Education in the context of the use of the public services card in order to access payslips by teachers. — Catherine Murphy. [21760/23]

*307. To ask the Minister for Education if she and or her officials undertook a data protection impact assessment in the context of digital payslips issuing for teachers, the use of a public services card and my gov ID to access same; and if she will provide the outcomes of that assessment to this Deputy or publish them on her Departments website. — Catherine Murphy. [21761/23]

*308. To ask the Minister for Education if she will set out the rationale for setting up the digital service as an opt-in service rather than an opt-out one. — Catherine Murphy. [21762/23]

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

*309. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on whether it would be appropriate to organise the national and international famine commemoration days on the same day, the third Sunday in May. — Paul Murphy. [21066/23]

*310. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if officials from her Department are using an application (details supplied) to conduct business; if her Department has had official meetings regarding the use of the application by officials; if her Department has assessed the risk of using the application by Department officials and the input of Government-related data into the application; if her Department is using or is considering using other forms of artificial intelligence; if her Department is considering banning the use of the application by Department officials; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [21093/23]

*311. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if he is aware that the increase from 12 to 16 in the number of students that Mná Tí can house has resulted in households being unable to access insurance cover; if so, the action that has been taken to address this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21128/23]

*312. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will detail the consent permit required to transfer raw sewage from one Údarás na Gaeltachta facility to another; the competent authority with the statutory function to grant such consent; the reference number and date of issue of the consent permit granted to Údaras na Gaeiltachta to transfer raw sewage from its industrial estate at An Tulach, County Galway, to a discharge to sea facility licenced to Údarás na Gaeltachta at Ros a' Mhíl, County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [21176/23]

*313. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will list all reviews of Acts which have been carried out by her Department in line with the provisions of that Act from 2000 to date; if a summary will be provided of any substantive amendments of the Act in question that occurred on foot of each review and the amending legislation if any, in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21193/23]

*314. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if Tourism Ireland plans to open new offices abroad; and if so, where. — Darren O'Rourke. [21283/23]

*315. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on whether it is appropriate for an organisation (details supplied) to have many high-profile games exclusively available on a paid for subscription service; her further views on whether as a non-professional sporting organisation in receipt of significant Government funding, the organisation should provide all its matches on free-to-air television; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [21581/23]

*316. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps she is taking regarding the lack of accessibility a publicly-funded tourist attraction (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21686/23]

*317. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the engagement she has had with representatives of the hotel industry regarding room availability; and her views on whether this matter will present difficulties during the tourist season. — Sorca Clarke. [21872/23]

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

*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when funding will be given through the Government scheme to refurbish over 200 vacant local authority homes in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21059/23]

*319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the review of the Part B (Fire Safety) of the Building Regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [21077/23]

*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the review of the Part B (Fire Safety) of the Building Regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [21077/23]

*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if officials from his Department are using an application (details supplied) to conduct business; if his Department has had official meetings regarding the use of the application by officials; if his Department has assessed the risk of using the application by Department officials and the input of Government-related data into the application; if his Department is using or is considering using other forms of artificial intelligence; if his Department is considering banning the use of the application by Department officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [21096/23]

*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the steps that must be taken for a structure or site to gain national monument status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [21104/23]

*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding that each local authority gave to an organisation (details supplied) in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [21105/23]

*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the funding provided to an organisation (details supplied) by his Department for each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [21106/23]

*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will discuss with the Minister for Justice the issue of owner management company contracts and private owner leases in multi-unit developments preventing the sale of private apartments to local authorities for use as social housing including through the tenant-in-situ scheme; and if he will determine whether this may act as a barrier to the tenant-in-situ scheme; and if so, if he will agree how best to remove this barrier with the Minister for Justice. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21168/23]

*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason for the delay in granting approval by his Department both for the three Part V units to be purchased by Louth County Council and the 18 turnkey units to be purchased by North and East Housing Association at Clós Émer, Saltown, Dundalk, County Louth; and the reason for the very long delay in granting cost approval for these much-needed social homes. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21171/23]

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will list all reviews of Acts which have been carried out by his Department in line with the provisions of that Act from 2000 to date; if a summary will be provided of any substantive amendments of the Act in question that occurred on foot of each review and the amending legislation if any, in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21187/23]

*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify whether his Department owns a site (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [21241/23]

*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding allocation by his Department and by both Cork City Council and Cork County Council under the Housing Adaptation Grant funding for the years 2016 to 2023 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [21245/23]

*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify whether there is provision in the planning and development Acts, or in regulations made thereunder, that allow for the change of use of a house that is included in both the planning authority's Register of Protected Structures under section 51 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, and his own Department's National Inventory of Architectural Heritage, where the planning authority has made a determination under section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 that such change of use requires planning permission but no such permission has been obtained. — Catherine Murphy. [21254/23]

*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the report by the Economic and Social and Research Institute regarding the split-incentive problem, that incentives to invest in energy efficiency upgrades are misaligned between landlords and tenants in the residential rental market; the expected timeline for completion of this report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [21257/23]

*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of a stalled development of homes, some of which are intended for use as social housing (details supplied); if the council involved has made attempts to engage with the developer regarding a solution; if so, if he will indicate the outcome of that engagement; and if not, what other action is being taken to ensure the properties are completed and used as intended at the earliest opportunity. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21297/23]

*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which the extension of the €14,000 rent a room tax credit to social housing tenants will interact with their differential rent both in terms of how the income of the licensee will be treated and how the additional income to the social housing tenant will be treated for the purposes of determining their differential rent. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21298/23]

*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when his Department is going to send details to local authorities on the update for croí cónaithe funding levels, up to €70,000; when he expects the change to be fully operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [21303/23]

*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on offering greater protection to hedgerows as important habitats, including restrictions on hedgerow removals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21344/23]

*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the changes announced to the rent-a-room scheme, to allow council tenants to be eligible for the scheme, will also apply to tenants in Approved Housing Body tenancies. — Louise O'Reilly. [21392/23]

*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on proposals to permit council tenants to rent out rooms in their houses for up to €14,000 a year, tax-free; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21402/23]

*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Ireland has taken a position at an EU-level on the proposed date for the next European elections; and if Ireland has expressed a preference for 23 to 26 May 2024 or 6 to 9 June 2024. — Ivana Bacik. [21406/23]

*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to his announcement that an analysis into the availability of land for the delivery of social and

affordable homes through to 2030 has concluded; and to provide the estimated number of social and affordable homes for which land will have to be acquired. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21407/23]

*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm the amount of funding that has been allocated to the Land Acquisition Fund; and the estimated number of social and affordable homes that this amount of funding could provide land for. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21408/23]

*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the allocation put in place for 2022 and 2023 for the caravan loan pilot scheme nationally; the amount approved for each local authority; the spend to date for 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21419/23]

*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the review of the caravan loan pilot scheme has been completed; the process used to carry out the review; when the findings of the review will be published and a new scheme put in its place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21420/23]

*343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will extend the adaptation grants for people with disabilities to include the changing of windows and doors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [21575/23]

*344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide the average Exchequer expenditure per unit of cost rental housing when delivered through the affordable housing fund, the cost rental equity loan, and project tosaigh, broken down by funding stream, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [21589/23]

*345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of farmers who were successful in their applications to have their land dezoned in each local authority as part of the submission process for residential zoned land tax that closed on 1 January 2023, and for which decisions were issued at the start of April 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [21590/23]

*346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm that the residential zoned land tax will not be applicable to farm lands which are presently being used as part of a functional farm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [21591/23]

*347. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm that the residential zoned land tax does not apply to lands which are zoned phase 2 in local area plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [21592/23]

*348. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can confirm that the recently announced exemption from development charges includes exemption from water charge connection fees from group water schemes and connection charges to the ESB networks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [21593/23]

*349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action a person can take when they are looking to avail of the mortgage-to-rent scheme where they are not

named on the title deeds (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [21618/23]

*350. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the targets set out in Appendix 1 of the Laying the Foundations: Housing Action Report produced in 2016 by the then Department of Environment, Community and Local Government were met in respect of Fingal County Council; if he will confirm whether the proposed 1,376 units were delivered from 2015 to 2017; if not, the number delivered; the final spend on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [21621/23]

*351. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 50 local authority housing units approved for construction in Racecourse Commons, Lusk, Phase 2 in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reason for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [21622/23]

*352. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 25 local authority housing units approved for construction in Rathbeale Road, Swords, Fingal in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reason for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [21623/23]

*353. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the targets set out in Appendix 1 of the Laying the Foundations: Housing Action Report produced in 2016 by the then Department of Environment, Community and Local Government were met in respect of Tipperary County Council; if he will confirm if the proposed 832 units were delivered from 2015 to 2017; and if not, how many were delivered; the final spend on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [21624/23]

*354. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 20 local authority housing units approved for construction at Glenconnor, Clonmel, County Tipperary in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, the project completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; and when; and if not, the reason for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [21625/23]

*355. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the ten local authority housing units approved for construction at Wallers Lot, Cashel, County Tipperary in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, the project completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; and; and if not, the reason for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [21626/23]

*356. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will rectify a date issue impacting on a derogation on game control (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [21627/23]

*357. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the rules that govern the movement of housing assistance payment tenants from one local authority area to another; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21657/23]

*358. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a local authority can reject a housing assistance payment application for a tenant who's HAP application has been approved and processed by another local authority due to their income threshold; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21658/23]

*359. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities outside of the four Dublin local authorities can grant homeless the housing assistance payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21659/23]

*360. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of housing units (details supplied) in Limerick that have been completed since December 2022 but have yet to be occupied; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [21662/23]

*361. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the targets set out in Appendix 1 of the Laying the Foundations: Housing Action Report produced in 2016 by the then Department of Environment, Community and Local Government were met in respect of Louth County Council; if he will confirm if the proposed 778 units were delivered from 2015-2017; and if not, how many were delivered; the final spend on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [21663/23]

*362. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 35 local authority housing units approved for construction in Coxes Demesne, County Louth in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; and if not, the reason for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [21664/23]

*363. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 20 local authority housing units approved for construction in Father Finn Park, Louth Village, County Louth in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; and if not, the reason for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [21665/23]

*364. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the National Coastal Change Management Strategy Steering Group, including the expected date for the publishing of its report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21681/23]

*365. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will submit a new request to the Rental Tenancy Board (RTB) to designate Athlone, County Westmeath, as a rent pressure zone given rents have increased significantly since this issue was last examined in June 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [21692/23]

*366. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a detailed explanation on how An Bord Pleanála is prioritising its backlog of planning permissions awaiting decision. — Ivana Bacik. [21715/23]

*367. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in respect of the backlog of planning permissions decisions at An Bord Pleanála, the priority, if any, that is being given to local authority part 10 applications for housing, which come under strategic infrastructure development applications that includes major transport and other infrastructure projects. — Ivana Bacik. [21716/23]

*368. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in respect of the backlog of planning permissions decisions at An Bord Pleanála, the priority, if any, that is being given to strategic housing development applications. — Ivana Bacik. [21717/23]

*369. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in respect of the backlog of planning permissions decisions at An Bord Pleanála, the priority, if any, that is being given to applications based on their geographical profile. — Ivana Bacik. [21718/23]

*370. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in respect of the backlog of planning permissions decisions at An Bord Pleanála, the priority, if any, that is being given to applications based on time since initial lodgement. — Ivana Bacik. [21719/23]

*371. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of planning permissions awaiting decision by An Bord Pleanála, in quarterly date ranges from 2020 to date 2023; the expected timelines for decisions to be reached on outstanding application; and his views on the adequacy of these timelines. — Ivana Bacik. [21720/23]

*372. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will list the number of approved housing bodies as at 1 January in each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023; the amount of grant aid paid to each of those bodies in each of those years; the number of staff employed by each of those bodies in each of those years; the number of housing units acquired by each of those bodies in each of those years; the total number of housing units owned by each of those bodies as of 1 January 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [21722/23]

*373. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will list the local authorities which received funding from his Department to acquire housing units; the amount paid to each authority; the number of units acquired in each year since 1 January 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [21723/23]

*374. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of internships and/or traineeships offered by each local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [21726/23]

*375. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in instances in which his Department funded the purchase of lands via a local authority for their use; if he will outline the procedures that are in place to ensure there are no conflicts of interest in respect of a disposal transaction of that land at a later date; and if he will set out the due diligence his Department undertakes in respect of local authorities disposing of lands that were initially purchased with funds from his Department. — Catherine Murphy. [21737/23]

*376. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details relating to the Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks Act 2022 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [21738/23]

*377. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will urgently intervene to ensure major issues are resolved at a housing agency development (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [21775/23]

*378. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will, as a matter of urgency, authorise the purchase by Kildare County Council of a number of apartments (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21787/23]

*379. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if support or a scheme is available for a self-employed person on €140,000 who does not qualify for a mortgage due to lack of savings and is facing homelessness due to eviction. — Thomas Gould. [21805/23]

*380. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further Parliamentary Question No. 807 of 18 April 2023, if rent supplement will be considered a housing support for the tenant purchase scheme for the period prior to the introduction of the housing assistance payment in 2014, given that HAP was not available at the time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21845/23]

*381. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has studied the cost of construction review conducted by an organisation (details supplied) which compares the cost of construction across different countries; his views on the comparative costs of construction in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [21873/23]

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

*382. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a disability allowance payment will be reinstated for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21060/23]

*383. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if hardship funds are available for victims of domestic violence who are left in financial trouble after leaving their abusive partner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21076/23]

*384. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how An Post will rectify deductions made in errors to the extra cost-of-living Department of Social Protection payment of €200 for some recipients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21083/23]

*385. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if officials from her Department are using an application (details supplied) to conduct business; if her Department has had official meetings regarding the use of the application by officials; if her Department has assessed the risk of using the application by Department officials and the input of Government-related data into the application; if her Department is using or is considering using other forms of artificial intelligence; if her Department is considering banning the use of the application by Department officials; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [21097/23]

*386. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reasons qualified adults on partner's State pensions did not receive the €200 lump-sum cost-of-living payment in April; if she will consider including this cohort in future rounds of payments given that many of those impacted have little or no access to any other income in their own right; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [21117/23]

*387. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will amend the operational guidelines of jobseeker's allowance relating to the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 (as amended) to remove the payment differential for those aged between 18 and 24 years and those above the age of 24 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [21121/23]

*388. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to a community employment scheme sponsored by an organisation (details supplied) which is currently being delayed in its finalisation; if her Department will engage with the relevant parties in order for the scheme to be finalised and audited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [21124/23]

*389. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) is entitled to the fuel allowance, given they were informed by her Department on 12 November 2022 that their application would be reviewed on 1 January 2023. — John McGuinness. [21159/23]

*390. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a disability payment will be approved for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [21160/23]

*391. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will list all reviews of Acts which have been carried out by her Department in line with the provisions of that Act from 2000 to date; if a summary will be provided of any substantive amendments of the Act in question that occurred on foot of each review and the amending legislation if any, in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21191/23]

*392. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of male applicants for a gender recognition certificate to change their gender to female who had previously been convicted of sexual offences or had previously been on the sex offenders register; the number of such applications which have been accepted or rejected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21210/23]

*393. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 184 of 22 March 2023, if she agrees that, during an acute labour shortage in all sectors, it is extraordinary that over 11,000 people aged under 40 years and over 7,700 people in Dublin have been in receipt of jobseeker's for over three years; if there is any point at which payments to these individuals will be permanently suspended; the actions her Department is taking to reduce these numbers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21211/23]

*394. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the case of a person (details supplied) who received the April bonus payment of €200 but did not receive a second payment of €200 for their spouse, who is a qualified adult on his pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [21219/23]

*395. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the arrangements that are in place to ensure that meals of a poor nutritional rating are avoided in school meals, and that participating children consume a balanced mix of meat and vegetables over the course of each week; if the composition

of meals is tracked to ensure high standards of nutrition; and if the project has adopted targets in respect of the management of waste and packaging. — Richard Bruton. [21223/23]

*396. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on whether it is appropriate for a person (details supplied) to be left waiting six months for a decision from the social welfare appeals office. — Martin Browne. [21226/23]

*397. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who received the April bonus payment of €200 but did not receive a second payment of €200 for their spouse, who is a qualified adult on his pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [21260/23]

*398. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for a disability allowance in the name of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed immediately; and if the extensive medical evidence provided will be considered again with a view to granting the disability allowance. — John McGuinness. [21261/23]

*399. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is any further update with respect to making free travel passes available to persons diagnosed with epilepsy who are temporarily unable to drive due to their illness, further to the ongoing discussions with an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [21267/23]

*400. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review an application by a person (details supplied) for carer's benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21304/23]

*401. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a working family payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21324/23]

*402. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the case of a person (details supplied) and make contact with the relevant party to find a solution; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [21330/23]

*403. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps she is taking to enable full-time carers who are also pensioners access the State pension (non-contributory) €200 cost-of-living lump sum payment as well as the carer's allowance cost-of-living lump sum payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21346/23]

*404. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on adjusting the qualifications for the jobseeker's transition payment to enable single parents with joint equal custody of a child/children to apply for it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21347/23]

*405. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on adjusting the qualifications for the one parent family payment to enable single parents with joint equal custody of a child/children to apply for it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21348/23]

*406. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a means-tested payment will be affected by the new rent-a-room relief scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21353/23]

*407. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total amount stored in the Social Insurance Fund investment account; the amount stored in NTMA issued Exchequer notes for the most recent five years for which data is available, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21381/23]

*408. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an application for JobsPlus will be finalised for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21493/23]

*409. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated yearly cost of increasing the rate of jobseekers' allowance for all young people aged under 25 years in line with the maximum person rate for those aged over 25 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [21553/23]

*410. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine a matter concerning the rent-a-room scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [21588/23]

*411. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if financial statements are always required for social welfare payments, including the medical card and GP visit card schemes; if these schemes can be accessed by persons without a bank account; the safeguarding in place to protect the financial details of those who receive payments through social welfare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [21594/23]

*412. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a refund will be paid to a person (details supplied) whose additional €200 payment was reduced by an amount; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [21629/23]

*413. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if it is still the Government's intention that the State pension will be equal to 34% of gross average industrial earnings; if he is aware that the present rate of the State pension falls considerably short of that commitment; when this objective will be attained; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [21638/23]

*414. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for carer's allowance by a claimant (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [21666/23]

*415. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of the contributory pension application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [21672/23]

*416. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a full review of a refusal of an application for carer's allowance will be undertaken in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21682/23]

*417. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the cost-of-living measures for families announced on 21 February 2023 includes a payment to individuals receiving pensions as qualified adults; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21684/23]

*418. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of individuals that have taken up paternity leave each year since its introduction, up to and including 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [21725/23]

*419. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if supports are available for a person suffering with fibromyalgia who is working part-time and suffers with mobility and chronic pain; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [21753/23]

*420. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person in receipt of a disability allowance can enter full-time education and maintain their disability allowance payment. — Robert Troy. [21765/23]

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

*421. To ask the Minister for Justice what was and is the statutory basis and authority for the application of FEMPI reductions to the remuneration of a sector (details supplied) in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [21054/23]

*422. To ask the Minister for Justice noting that a previous Minister for Justice gave a commitment to a society (details supplied) four years ago that the Government would remove and reverse the reductions in the remuneration imposed on them, when those reductions in their remuneration will be reversed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [21056/23]

*423. To ask the Minister for Justice the plans that are in place to address the issues raised by an organisation (details supplied) in relation to persons with serious mental health problems detained in prisons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [21063/23]

*424. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will review the Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) Act 1980 specifically around the use of clauses by owner management company barring sale of apartments to a local authority, health board, housing authority or government agency (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [21079/23]

*425. To ask the Minister for Justice if officials from his Department are using an application (details supplied) to conduct business; if his Department has had official meetings regarding the use of the application by officials; if his Department has assessed the risk of using the application by Department officials and the input of Government-related data into the application; if his Department is using or is considering using other forms of artificial intelligence; if his Department is considering banning the use of the application by Department officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [21102/23]

*426. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will report on how people in prison access specialist supports on sexual assault trauma; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [21130/23]

*427. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will report on what data is available on the number of women in the Dóchas Centre who have experienced sexual violence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [21131/23]

*428. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will report on the reason voluntary supports from rape crisis centres are no longer available in the Dóchas Centre, Mountjoy unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [21132/23]

*429. To ask the Minister for Justice the action his Department is taking to reduce the eight month waiting time for the processing of visa application appeals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21133/23]

*430. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank and GSOC officers by rank that have been sanctioned, suspended and dismissed for unauthorised and or misuse of the Garda pulse system in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [21162/23]

*431. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of data access requests that An Garda Síochána, GSOC and CAB have made to telecommunications and social media companies in the past three years to date in 2023, under the Communications (Retention of Data) Act 2011; the number of access requests that were approved and declined by the companies that the data was requested from; and the reason the data was sought. — Catherine Murphy. [21163/23]

*432. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will list all reviews of Acts which have been carried out by his Department in line with the provisions of that Act from 2000 to date; if a summary will be provided of any substantive amendments of the Act in question that occurred on foot of each review and the amending legislation if any, in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21188/23]

*433. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of asylum applications which have been refused from 2016 to 2022, on the grounds that the applicant had already applied for asylum in another country, contrary to the Dublin Convention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21199/23]

*434. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of asylum applications for 2016 to 2022 where it has become apparent that the applicant has destroyed their travel or identity documents on arrival in Ireland; if, as a matter of Irish or international law, the destruction of travel or identity documents is a ground on which an application may be refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21200/23]

*435. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of complaints made to the Data Protection Commission in each year from 2016 to date which related to the right to be forgotten under Article 17 of the GDPR; the number of such cases in each year in which the DPC ruled in favour of the data subject; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21203/23]

*436. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Ukrainian refugees who have been welcomed to Ireland to date; the breakdown of the number which originated from each of Ukraine's 27 regions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21205/23]

*437. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will list all appointments to the boards of the Irish Film Classification Office and the Classification of Films Appeal Board from 1 January 2011 to date; when vacancies are next due to arise on both boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21206/23]

*438. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason the director of the Irish Film Classification Office has been appointed on an acting basis for much of the past decade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21207/23]

*439. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated full-year cost of increasing the training allowance of Garda recruits to €205 per week. — Darren O'Rourke. [21285/23]

*440. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda cars and vans attached to the Garda dog unit as of 2 May 2023; and if he will provide the corresponding figures as of 31 January 2021, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [21286/23]

*441. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of civilian WTE staff, by grade, working in the Garda National Economic Crime Bureau in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased. — Darren O'Rourke. [21287/23]

*442. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Programme for Government commitment to introduce domestic homicide reviews legislation can be delivered as he has yet to publish the study on familicide and domestic homicide reviews submitted to him in the summer of 2022; and if he remains committed to the zero-tolerance policy as set out in the Third Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence. — Mary Lou McDonald. [21323/23]

*443. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 342 of 21 March 2023, when he will introduce the second stage of the Criminal Justice (Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking) Bill 2022; and the interim measures he will take to ensure that the State is meeting its international legal obligations to children as it has still not ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. — Mary Lou McDonald. [21354/23]

*444. To ask the Minister for Justice if the legal assessment of economic models has been completed with respect to a report (details supplied) into insurance reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [21387/23]

*445. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will confirm when an independent report (details supplied) into insurance reform will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [21388/23]

*446. To ask the Minister for Justice the measures that are being taking to remove the bureaucracy associated with background checks/Garda clearance for Irish health service staff returning from an extended period abroad. — Darren O'Rourke. [21413/23]

*447. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will reply to correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [21505/23]

*448. To ask the Minister for Justice his position on the reinstatement of criminal legal aid fees to pre-2008 levels. — Pa Daly. [21640/23]

*449. To ask the Minister for Justice what is involved in the process of applying for citizenship through Irish associations and seeking to avail of his discretion provided under section 16 of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956; the specific criteria that must be met to receive his discretion on such an application; the processing times for such an application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [21654/23]

*450. To ask the Minister for Justice if a person may be eligible for citizenship (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [21655/23]

*451. To ask the Minister for Justice if a person living abroad may have grounds to apply for citizenship if they are the great-grandchild of an Irish citizen and have very strong ties to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [21656/23]

*452. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of citizenship applications that he has exercised absolute discretion and waived the statutory conditions in cases of Irish descent or associations in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [21661/23]

*453. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of vehicles seized by gardai for having no insurance within the Dublin Metropolitan Division in the years of 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [21697/23]

*454. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 1041 of 18 April 2023, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this PQ answered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [21698/23]

*455. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new Garda community support vans that came into the fleet in 2022 and to-date in 2023; the number of Garda community support vans that were withdrawn from the fleet during the same period; the Garda Districts within DMR that have been allocated a community support van, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [21699/23]

*456. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of cases that each Garda divisional protective services unit has dealt with in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [21700/23]

*457. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of each category of public order training courses provided to gardaí within the Dublin metropolitan division in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [21701/23]

*458. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 1039 of 18 April 2023, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this question answered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [21702/23]

*459. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí, by rank attached to Garda water unit as of 1 May 2023; if he will provide the same figures as of 31 December 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [21703/23]

*460. To ask the Minister for Justice if gardai that will be based at the new Garda Transport Hubs that will be located at both Heuston and Connolly Stations will be a full-time basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [21704/23]

*461. To ask the Minister for Justice when the next EU Council of Justice Ministers is next scheduled to take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [21705/23]

*462. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Senior Investigating Officers; the total full-time equivalent of each child protection unit since 2019 to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [21706/23]

*463. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 1040 of 18 April 2023, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this PQ answered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [21707/23]

*464. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of additional Garda cars and vans that were allocated to the Donegal Garda Division in 2022 and to-date in 2023; the number of Garda cars and vans withdrawn from this division during same period, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [21708/23]

*465. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount of revenue owed to An Garda Síochána as of 2 May 2023 in relation to non public duty policing costs from events held in 2022. — Jim O'Callaghan. [21709/23]

*466. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda Armed Support Unit vehicles withdrawn from the fleet in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [21710/23]

*467. To ask the Minister for Justice the ages of each horsebox vehicles currently within the Garda Mounted Unit, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [21711/23]

*468. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedure to be followed by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21847/23]

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

*469. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the person or body that will be monitoring the footage from CCTV cameras installed at horse racing courses to prevent doping; if the footage will be reviewed daily or just when an incident occurs; how long will footage be stored for; how it will be stored; by whom the footage will be stored; and if he will request a statement from the IHRB Chief Executive Officer in relation to this. — Paul Murphy. [21047/23]

*470. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if officials from his Department are using an application (details supplied) to conduct business; if his Department has had official meetings regarding the use of the application by officials; if his Department has assessed the risk of using the application by Department officials and the input of Government-related data into the application; if his Department is using or is considering using other forms of artificial intelligence; if his Department is considering banning the use of the application by Department officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [21088/23]

*471. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1271, 1272 and 1273 of 8 November 2022, the timeline to commence, and the proposed delivery date of the review of the Environmental Impact Assessment (Agriculture) (EIA) Regulations in relation to the removal of hedgerows, given the indication that a review would commence shortly, as outlined in the reply and as outlined most recently in Parliamentary

Question No. 102 of 20 April 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [21127/23]

*472. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the action his Department is taking to remedy the situation in which a person who has forestry land and the Forestry Service has refused to grant them a forest road licence in circumstances (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21134/23]

*473. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures his Department is taking to assist forestry owners who now find themselves in the position where they have been granted a felling licence but are having issues being granted a forest road licence as a result of changes to environmental policies, in particular with regard to watercourses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21135/23]

*474. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the action his Department is taking to ensure that forestry owners who have made financial investments in forestry will not encounter issues in future with regards to the issuing of forestry roads licences, in view of changes to environmental policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21136/23]

*475. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the young farmer payment was discontinued in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will arrange to have them included in the scheme. — John McGuinness. [21169/23]

*476. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for legislative change in light of recent tree felling at Ryevale House and the destruction of trees in hedgerows in Clare, in particular by, and the behest of, Clare County Council, since the commencement of the Forestry Act 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [21175/23]

*477. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will list all reviews of Acts which have been carried out by his Department in line with the provisions of that Act from 2000 to date; if a summary will be provided of any substantive amendments of the Act in question that occurred on foot of each review and the amending legislation if any, in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21177/23]

*478. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of hectares of forestry as defined in the Forestry Act 2014 that was logged in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [21220/23]

*479. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update to an individual (details supplied) seeking health certs for livestock. — Holly Cairns. [21234/23]

*480. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason his Department has not accepted any afforestation, ash dieback or forest road applications since 1 January 2023 from private individuals and companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21235/23]

*481. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he will publish the forestry licencing plan for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21236/23]

*482. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a timeframe for implementation of the legislation banning 18 metre vessels within the six-nautical-mile zone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [21266/23]

*483. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on proposals for a ploughing ban and regulations on the required use of minimum or no till cultivation techniques on carbon-rich soils; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21295/23]

*484. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide clarity on the percentage of commanage that can be active turbary without negatively affecting the ACRES payment available to farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [21302/23]

*485. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if owners of ash dieback within SACs or SPAs are excluded from circular 21/2022 issued by the Forestry Service, which allows for exemption for planning permission from replacing broadleaves with conifers; if so, if he will provide scientific-based evidence for their exclusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [21308/23]

*486. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise if Circular 21/2022 issued by the Forestry Service provides for an exemption from the requirement for planning permission for projects involving the replacement of broadleaf high forest by conifer species in all applications less than ten hectares; if not, if contrary to this circular, land owners within special protection areas or special areas of conservation, are being prohibited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [21311/23]

*487. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the new ash dieback scheme will be extended to forest owners who received the previous support but who have lost financially; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [21320/23]

*488. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures that will be implemented to deal with the increasing prevalence of wild deer, particularly in view of dangers posed to many motorists by deer running wild on public roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [21322/23]

*489. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the Forestry Service granted a licence to fell trees at a location (details supplied); if a licence was not required, if he will provide the date on which his Department was notified that felling was to take place and the date on which it was determined and communicated to the owners that the trees in question were exempted or not. — Catherine Murphy. [21329/23]

*490. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to regulate unincorporated agriculture associations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21332/23]

*491. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on increasing the funding for the straw incorporation measure by 50% and increase the acreage that can be applied for by an individual farmer from the current 40 hectares; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21333/23]

*492. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will increase to €200,000 the targeted agriculture modernisation scheme (TAMS 3) investment ceiling from the current €90,000 to reflect the current cost of equipment for tillage farmers; if he will expand the types of eligible equipment/structures, including combine harvester; if he will request teagasc tillage equipment specialists to provide a report on types of eligible equipment/structures under TAMS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21334/23]

*493. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he has taken to address his obligations under the Sustainable use of Pesticides Directive (2009/128/EC) regarding the tillage sector. — Holly Cairns. [21335/23]

*494. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to ensure that the tillage sector is represented on the Teagasc authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21336/23]

*495. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will adjust the tillage incentive scheme to support current tillage farmers, including the requirement that the land must remain in tillage for at least five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21337/23]

*496. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the decision of the UK government to commence legislation to prohibit the use of shock collars in England from 2024; his plans to prohibit the use of electronic shock collars, or sonic and spray collars for dogs in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [21401/23]

*497. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of vessels decommissioned under the recent post Brexit decommissioning scheme; the size of each vessel in length; the rated power of each in kilowatts; the tonnage of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21409/23]

*498. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the level of peat produced in Ireland from 2016 to 2021; and the level of peat exported from Ireland from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [21415/23]

*499. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the level of peat imported into Ireland from 2016 to 2023, broken down by country, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [21416/23]

*500. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports available for 'rewilding'/'wilding' of land; and the current level of takeup for these supports, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [21417/23]

*501. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the value of cross-Border agriculture trade in each of the past five years; and the measures being considered to boost cross-Border agriculture trade both to and from the North of Ireland. — Peadar Tóibín. [21418/23]

*502. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the targeted agricultural modernisation scheme will open to participants; his plans to extend the age limit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [21421/23]

*503. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the quantity in kilogrammes and value in euro of sheep meat, either chilled or frozen, by animal category (details supplied) exported from the State, by the country that it was exported over the past five full calendar years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [21454/23]

*504. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the quantity in kilogrammes and value in euro of sheep meat, chilled or frozen, categorised as of Irish origin exported from the State, by the country that it was exported to over the past five calendar years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [21455/23]

*505. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the quantity in number of head and value in euro by animal category (details supplied) of live sheep exported from the State, by the country that it was exported to over the past five calendar years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [21456/23]

*506. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the quantity in head and value in euro by animal category (details supplied) of live sheep imported into the State, by the country that it was imported from over the past five calendar years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [21457/23]

*507. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm the process that is in place and followed in Ireland to verify the accuracy of information recorded by those that export either live animals or animal products on TRACES - the European Commission's online platform for sanitary and phytosanitary certification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [21458/23]

*508. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm for the calendar year 2022 the total number of TRACES declarations for exports from Ireland of Intra-EU and EU exports for both live animals and animal products; the number of individual verification checks that were completed on these TRACES declarations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [21459/23]

*509. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm for the calendar year 2022 the total number of TRACES declarations for exports from Ireland to Intra-EU and EU exports of both live animals and animal products on which non conformances were found; the predominant nature of the non conformances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [21460/23]

*510. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm for intra-EU and EU trade to and from Ireland that is recorded on TRACES, if animal products such a meat from bovines, ovines or porcines that has not been processed beyond its raw state, either chilled or frozen, can be categorised as food on the system and thereby make it impossible to determine the species of animal it came from; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [21461/23]

*511. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm for intra-EU trade to and from Ireland whether TRACES is the only system that is used to record animal and animal products exports from and imports to Ireland, or if there is any other system or database used for the purpose of recording such trade-related information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [21462/23]

*512. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to correspondence from a person (details supplied); if he will review the responses that issued in order to satisfy himself that the information provided was accurate; and if he will engage with the person. — Catherine Murphy. [21565/23]

*513. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry received a reduced organics payment; if this payment will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21576/23]

*514. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the contribution of the Irish greyhound industry to GNP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [21577/23]

*515. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a person is permitted to burn off scrub land during the summer months if the purpose of the burn is to reclaim land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [21587/23]

*516. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a support package for the sheep sector can be established through the Brexit Adjustment Reserve Fund, given the extreme financial pressures faced by sheep farmers in Ireland; if he will direct officials in his Department to develop a case study for the provision of financial support through the fund, given that the sheep sector is one of the most affected sectors as a result of the UK's withdrawal from the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [21598/23]

*517. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to ensure that there is no digital exclusion in the delivery of public services by his Department; if he can confirm that all grant schemes and payment schemes under the auspices of his Department are accessible not just to online applicants, but can also be accessed and processed by people who are digitally excluded; if he will list all schemes that are only available to online applicants; how this sits with the Citizen Information Board report on digital exclusion and eGovernment in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [21616/23]

*518. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on banning or restricting the use of glyphosate. — Holly Cairns. [21674/23]

*519. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he can retrieve the herd number, now dormant, held by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [21745/23]

*520. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on increasing the funding for the Protein Aid and Protein/Cereal Mix (50/50) Crop Scheme by 50%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21868/23]

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

*521. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of people receiving Specialist Community-Based Disability Services from organisations funded under Section 39 of the Health Act 2004 and as a percentage of the total number of people receiving Specialist Community-Based Disability Services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [21048/23]

*522. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of whole-time equivalent staff working in Specialist Community-Based Disability Services funded under Section 39 of the Health Act 2004 and as a percentage of the total number of whole-time equivalent staff working in Specialist Community-Based Disability Services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [21049/23]

*523. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the additional cost of increasing the universal national childcare scheme subsidy by €1.00/ €2.00, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [21050/23]

*524. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the additional cost of increasing core funding by 50 cent, €1.00, €1.50 and €2.00 for the following early years pay grades; Educator, lead educator, graduate lead educator, duty manager, manager and graduate manager, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [21051/23]

*525. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if respite services can be provided for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21080/23]

*526. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the date he intends to ratify the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, as committed to in the Programme for Government; the reason for the delay in doing so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21081/23]

*527. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider providing funding to re-instate the employability support worker for the Finglas Targeted Youth Employability Support Initiative; if not, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21082/23]

*528. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if officials from his Department are using an application (details supplied) to conduct business; if his Department has had official meetings regarding the use of the application by officials; if his Department has assessed the risk of using the application by Department officials and the input of Government-related data into the application; if his Department is using or is considering using other forms of artificial intelligence; if his Department is considering banning the use of the application by Department officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [21094/23]

*529. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when outstanding invoices will be paid to an accommodation provider in Westmeath (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [21112/23]

*530. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when outstanding invoices will be paid to an accommodation provider in Westmeath (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [21113/23]

*531. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to extend parental leave in the future; and whether the age limits for children with a disability will be extended. — Richard Bruton. [21143/23]

*532. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a company (details supplied) has signed up to the core funding model for childcare and in doing so agreed to freeze fees at 2021 levels. — Bríd Smith. [21145/23]

*533. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if recent moves by a child care provider (details supplied) are a breach of any undertaking not to increase child care fees under the core funding model; if the attempt by the company to charge parents for after school fees while the child is out of school term represents a back door way to increase parents fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [21146/23]

*534. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the use by his Department of Ryevale House, Leixlip, County Kildare; and the recent planning enforcement from Kildare County Council with respect to his Department's use of this building. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21166/23]

*535. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of respite care for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21174/23]

*536. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will list all reviews of Acts which have been carried out by his Department in line with the provisions of that Act from 2000 to date; if a summary will be provided of any substantive amendments of the Act in question that occurred on foot of each review and the amending legislation if any, in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21178/23]

*537. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if, in view of the extreme displeasure he has expressed in his email of 28 April 2023 to elected representatives (details supplied) regarding the actions of persons providing services to his Department under an activated contract; the nature of engagements he has had with the service provider; and if he and or his officials have met with the service provider and or persons acting on its behalf. — Catherine Murphy. [21250/23]

*538. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1246 of 18 April 2023, if the service provider and or persons acting on behalf of the provider for the property in question have referred the declaration made by Kildare County Council for a review by An Bord Pleanála (details supplied); if his attention or that of his officials has been drawn to the fact that the statutory time limit for any such referral has passed. — Catherine Murphy. [21251/23]

*539. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1246 and 497 of 18 and 25 April 2023, if he and or his officials have engaged with the local authority in the context of its determination that the building environs, the building and changes of use regarding same requires planning permission; if he and or his officials have met with local authority officials in respect of the matter; and if he will set out the details of those engagements (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [21252/23]

*540. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will point this Deputy to the statutory instrument that he is referring to in his email of 28 April 2023 to elected representatives regarding the use of a building (details supplied) under contract to his Department. — Catherine Murphy. [21253/23]

*541. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has taken legal advice regarding its compliance with the law in respect of prompt payment for small businesses; and if his Department will arrange to make a payment immediately of all outstanding monies to an accommodation provider (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [21255/23]

*542. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he and or his officials has been contacted by and or if he has engaged with the National Parks and Wildlife Service on foot of the felling and removal of mature trees from a site in Leixlip, County Kildare (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [21321/23]

*543. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he and or his officials has been contacted by and or if he has engaged with the Forestry Service on foot of the felling and removal of mature trees from a site in Leixlip, County Kildare (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [21328/23]

*544. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an occupational therapist assigned to a school (details supplied) is solely employed to provide services to children attending that school; if he will confirm that this is a permanent post; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21338/23]

*545. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount and scope of support being offered to a school (details supplied) by the Carrigaline-Kinsale-Bandon children's disability network team, including ringfenced hours assigned to children in the school of a speech and language therapist and a psychologist; the timeframe the CDNT has been allocated to support children in the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21339/23]

*546. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a personal assistant will be provided for a person (details supplied) in five hour blocks, in line with what he had previously; if funding will be provided for him to complete a course at CIL, Thurles, County Tipperary; and if a response will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [21396/23]

*547. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the duty of care that he has provided to all emergency accommodation recipients under his Department with basic habitation and sanitation standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [21573/23]

*548. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will confirm whether tents are being used at a site (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [21574/23]

*549. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2023 will be signed into law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [21607/23]

*550. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will urgently review transport services for the residents of a centre (details supplied); if he will ensure that a full assessment of the residents' transport needs are carried out as part of this review; if he is aware that there are currently just two buses per day which the residents can avail of and neither of these travel at suitable times for employment. — Robert Troy. [21620/23]

*551. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline his engagement with the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media concerning the lack of accessibility at a publicly funded tourist attraction (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21675/23]

*552. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department plans to increase both the universal and means-tested subsidises available under the national childcare scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [21691/23]

*553. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there is a mechanism to request an independent review of specific cases involving Tusla and children who were the subject of care orders or other care arrangements; and if so, how this can be requested. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21739/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*554. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the work of his Department in relation to youth-specific mental health initiatives and promoting positive mental health among young people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [21045/23]

*555. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the representations he has received on behalf of a person (details supplied), if he or the HSE can provide assistance to this person to avail of treatment abroad which he believes would be beneficial to his health condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [21057/23]

*556. To ask the Minister for Health the plans he has in place to address the issues raised at a conference (details supplied) in relation to people with serious mental health problems detained in prisons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [21065/23]

*557. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21067/23]

*558. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that a person (details supplied) has still not been paid the pandemic special recognition payment Covid bonus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [21071/23]

*559. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that medical card patients can access dental treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [21084/23]

*560. To ask the Minister for Health if officials from his Department are using an application (details supplied) to conduct business; if his Department has had official meetings regarding the use of the application by officials; if his Department has assessed the risk of using the application by Department officials and the input of Government-related data into the application; if his Department is using or is considering using other forms of artificial intelligence; if his Department is considering banning the use of the application by Department officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [21087/23]

*561. To ask the Minister for Health when the outstanding frontline workers' bonus payment will be processed for those still awaiting payment, in particular those working in an agency (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [21111/23]

*562. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE primary care reimbursement service will consider including melatonin supplements on the list of medicines or aids provided under the medical card or drugs payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [21119/23]

*563. To ask the Minister for Health whether a review of policy to prohibit former nursing homes registered on 1 September 2022 converting to accommodation for Ukrainian refugees has been completed; if there has been any change to the policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [21120/23]

*564. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the number of people who have received phone call appointments compared to in-person appointments in long-Covid clinics over the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [21126/23]

*565. To ask the Minister for Health the total operational leasing costs of privately owned primary care centres each year since 2007, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21137/23]

*566. To ask the Minister for Health the average annual leasing cost of a privately-owned primary care centre in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21138/23]

*567. To ask the Minister for Health the average capital cost of delivering a HSE-owned primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21139/23]

*568. To ask the Minister for Health if GP visit cards will be made available to couples whose earnings do not exceed €46,000.00. — John McGuinness. [21147/23]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people and the percentage of the population covered by medical cards in each year since 2006, in tabular form. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21151/23]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people and the percentage of the population covered by GP visit cards each year since 2006, in tabular form. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21152/23]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health the number of acute beds; the number per 1,000 of the population; and the number per 1,000 of the population over 65 years in each year since 2006, as national aggregate and by each CHO, in tabular form. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21153/23]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details on the assessment of hospital-acquired infection; the comparative figures for other European Union member states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21154/23]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of public and private beds in each public hospital, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21155/23]

*574. To ask the Minister for Health the expenditure of the national treatment purchase fund in each year for which data is available; the number of patients that benefitted from the fund each year for which data is available; the number of patients treated in public hospitals and private hospitals, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21156/23]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health the number of high-dependency places in the private nursing home sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21157/23]

*576. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help staff employed directly in the public sector each year since 2001, in tabular form. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21158/23]

*577. To ask the Minister for Health if a medical card will be approved for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [21161/23]

*578. To ask the Minister for Health when a frontline health worker (details supplied) will receive their Covid1-19 recognition payment. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21172/23]

*579. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of an interim work place for the national ambulance base in Carlow; and the progress, if any, since his meeting with those concerned at the base. — John McGuinness. [21173/23]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health if he will list all reviews of Acts which have been carried out by his Department in line with the provisions of that Act from 2000 to date; if a summary will be provided of any substantive amendments of the Act in question that occurred on foot of each review and the amending legislation if any, in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21186/23]

*581. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated costs of the construction of independent living pods near the Millfield House mental health facility in Blackpool, Cork; the estimated costs of any additional renovations of Millfield House itself; the HSE managers who proposed these plans; when these proposals were first made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [21215/23]

*582. To ask the Minister for Health the date that capital funding committed to renovations of Millfield House and the construction of independent living pods nearby was applied for by local HSE management; the date that this capital funding was approved by national HSE management; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [21216/23]

*583. To ask the Minister for Health the projected timeline associated with the construction of independent living pods near the Millfield House mental health facility in Blackpool, Cork, and with renovations of Millfield House itself; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [21217/23]

*584. To ask the Minister for Health if current security arrangements for Millfield House, Blackpool, are expected to continue indefinitely or for a fixed timeframe; if the security

arrangement will also apply to the independent living pods near Millfield House that recently received planning approval from Cork City Council; if so, if the current security costs will increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [21218/23]

*585. To ask the Minister for Health if he has engaged with a person (details supplied) in respect of their request. — Catherine Murphy. [21224/23]

*586. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address GDPR issues with the HSE online self-service portal for staff, including individuals being able to access other individuals' personal information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21240/23]

*587. To ask the Minister for Health if he will personally intervene to ensure that a person (details supplied) is provided with home support on their discharge from hospital; if he is aware that essential surgery will not be carried out on this individual until such home support is put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [21247/23]

*588. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job advertisements for home care workers in CHO4 that the HSE has placed in 2022 and to date in 2023; the number of home care positions that have been filled to date in CHO4; the average timeframe between initial interview and commencement of employment, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [21248/23]

*589. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department provides financial assistance to families who wish to create equipped sensory rooms in their homes for children with autism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [21249/23]

*590. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that are in place to alleviate the crisis in homecare services delivery; the new initiatives that are being proposed to resolve the staffing shortages in this sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [21256/23]

*591. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to update pay scales for non-consultant hospital doctors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [21265/23]

*592. To ask the Minister for Health if a claim relating to an employment (details supplied) has been submitted for the pandemic bonus; if the claim is eligible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21268/23]

*593. To ask the Minister for Health the payment and subvention rates for private nursing homes via the NTPF; the total amount spent in each of the past five years; and the range and average of rates across the State, by county. — David Cullinane. [21269/23]

*594. To ask the Minister for Health the manner by which a payment for a nursing home bed is calculated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21270/23]

*595. To ask the Minister for Health if he will include in the criteria for medical cards patients who received transplants. — Peter Burke. [21274/23]

*596. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be urgently examined and the Executive's discretion used urgently in view of the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [21275/23]

*597. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of recruiting one additional WTE pharmacist chief 1, 1 WTE pharmacist chief 2, and senior pharmacist, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [21277/23]

*598. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of recruiting 170 additional paramedics for the National Ambulance Service. — Darren O'Rourke. [21278/23]

*599. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times for admission to the National Rehabilitation Hospital, Dún Laoghaire. — Darren O'Rourke. [21279/23]

*600. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant paediatric urologists attached to CHI Crumlin in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [21280/23]

*601. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GPs based in each health centre and primary care centre within CHO8 as of 2 May 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [21281/23]

*602. To ask the Minister for Health the number of lung injuries and all other injuries arising from e-cigarette use admitted to the HSE in 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [21293/23]

*603. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department plans to provide the HSE civil registration service at the primary care centre, Athlone, County Westmeath as it had been. — Sorca Clarke. [21301/23]

*604. To ask the Minister for Health the rules in relation to unhealthy food outlets being located close to schools; if she will introduce a national ban on unhealthy food being sold within 400 meters of schools, including transportable retailers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [21305/23]

*605. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE is engaging formally with an organisation (details supplied) with regard to assisting with its funding needs; if the HSE will provide an update on the status of that engagement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [21331/23]

*606. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that clinical employees in Section 39 organisations who engaged in clinical work with clients in residential care are eligible for the pandemic special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21343/23]

*607. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Parliamentary Questions he received in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and number of those per year he has referred to the HSE for a direct answer. — Catherine Murphy. [21376/23]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will be seen for therapies; and the dates for same. — Sean Sherlock. [21390/23]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health if the special leave with pay for healthcare workers who got Covid will be extended beyond June; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [21391/23]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 663 of 7 March 2023, when staff from an agency (details supplied) who worked as clerical staff at Mullingar Regional Hospital will receive their Covid-19 special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [21397/23]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health if staff working in the Irish Blood Transfusion Service are included in the Covid bonus payment as frontline workers; if so, when he expects that they will receive payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [21414/23]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Cork will receive a date for an urgent ophthalmology appointment. — Sean Sherlock. [21422/23]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health when GP visit cards will be extended to cover children aged six and seven years, as announced in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [21449/23]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Cork will receive a reimbursement of funds under the HSE EU Cross Border Directive. — Sean Sherlock. [21463/23]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 638 of 5 October 2021, 691 of 29 November 2022, 1553 of 18 January 2023, 204 of 15 February 2023, 1153 of 21 March 2023 and 1453 of 18 April 2023, the reason for a lack of any detail on staffing levels or basic service-planning for a new facility in Middleton, County Cork that will accommodate three residents with severe and enduring mental health difficulties (details supplied); how families whose relatives have already been offered placements in this service can be expected to make an informed decision on those offers in the absence of this information; the number of staff that will be deployed to the service on a day-to-day basis; if those regular staff who are on site daily will include psychiatric nurses or healthcare assistants or both; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [21507/23]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 596 of 25 April 2023, if he will provide details of any follow-up consultation that the Mental Health Commission may have had with residents who reported to the Commission that they were happy to move from the Owenacurra Centre, Middleton and satisfied with their new placements; in particular, the number of follow-up consultations and the time that had elapsed since they had made this transition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [21518/23]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 602 of 25 April 2023, the reason the Mental Health Commission has declined a request from the Oireachtas Committee on Health to comment on the provision of community residential mental health placement serving the combined HSE catchments of the Cobh/Glenville and Middleton/Youghal adult mental health teams (details supplied); his views on the Commission's lack of comment on the HSE's removal of the majority of east Cork's residential placement provision over the coming years without having an interim placement arrangement in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [21519/23]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of capital funding applied for by Cork HSE management in respect of the development of a ten-bed residential mental health service in Midleton, County Cork; the date this capital funding was applied for and for the managers making this application and the managers deciding on the proposals; if he will provide details of the level of communication that has taken place thus far on this proposal between HSE management and with any other stakeholders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [21520/23]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date situation in relation to ambulance services at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [21551/23]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive full payment from the Northern Ireland health care scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [21567/23]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1620 of 18 April 2023, if he will increase the level of funding requested for 2023 and ringfence additional annual funding for a meals-on-wheels service, without which the organisation will have to cease operations for a vital community service meeting the nutritional needs of a local elderly population in County Meath (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [21579/23]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown by county of the number of first appointments made for an abortion in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [21599/23]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown by county of the number of first appointments made for an abortion in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [21600/23]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown by county of the number of first appointments made for an abortion in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [21601/23]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health the actions being taken by his Department and the HSE to reduce waiting times for genetic testing at Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin; the investment that is being made in diagnostic services for the estimated 300,000 people living with a rare disease in Ireland at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [21611/23]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider setting up a working group to examine the feasibility of introducing a prescription card to record all medications issued within a particular time period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21612/23]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health the number of prescriptions issued for codeine as part of a public drug scheme or in a HSE hospital, psychiatric facility, or primary care setting and by a private GP from 2011 to date, according to age group, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21613/23]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide data regarding the number of deaths recorded as a codeine-related overdose from 2011 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21614/23]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health if there any options available for a person to be reimbursed for genetic testing which had to be sourced privately (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21628/23]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health the amount that was paid by the HSE to recruitment companies in each month in each of the years 2016 to 2022 and to date in 2023; the specific areas for which these companies were recruiting in the health service; and the number of staff that were successfully recruited each month for the same period, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [21631/23]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 234 of 7 October 2020, the breakdown of all payments made to each company; and the service they provided since March 2020 to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [21633/23]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of each contract entered into by his Department and the agencies under his remit to deal with Covid-19 management and reaction; and the name of the contractor in each case. — Sean Sherlock. [21634/23]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to tackle the issues highlighted in response to a Parliamentary Question (details supplied) in relation to current nursing resource capacity in an area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [21641/23]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the cost-of-living payment increases being provided to retired HSE workers pensions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [21645/23]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health the funding given for respite services, by CHO, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [21649/23]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health the funding given for residential respite services by CHO in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [21650/23]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health the funding given for the development of new respite services by CHO in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [21651/23]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications made for respite services by CHO in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [21652/23]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications made for residential respite services by CHO in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [21653/23]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health if reimbursement of surgery costs under the Cross Border Directive will be expedited for a person, given the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [21670/23]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting lists for all therapies for children, occupational therapy and so on, in primary care in counties Roscommon and Galway, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [21671/23]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place to improve the capacity for genetic testing to identify rare diseases. — Brian Stanley. [21673/23]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the number of eating disorder teams currently in place in each CHO, including the number of staff currently assigned to each team; the number of vacancies; his plans to recruit the required staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21680/23]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite a EHIC refund for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [21687/23]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the number of public health nurses currently employed, specifically whether on full-time or part-time basis; the number of vacant public health nurse positions in each location within CHO7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [21690/23]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the Covid bonus payment for a group (details supplied). — Colm Burke. [21693/23]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 433 of 8 February 2023, the status of the pandemic recognition payment for a person (details supplied); if this matter will be escalated to the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [21694/23]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health if programme assistants in the Irish Wheelchair Association will receive the pandemic recognition payment. — Catherine Murphy. [21695/23]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health his views on reports received by this Deputy that medical card holders are being denied the dispensing of prescribed solphedine due to shortages, despite the product being readily available for sale off the scheme in the same pharmacy store. — Paul McAuliffe. [21713/23]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the case and entitlement for further reimbursement of a person (details supplied) given the circumstances. — Peadar Tóibín. [21721/23]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of members of the Clinical Expert Group on the free contraception scheme in the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21724/23]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health the plans of the HSE to replace the three eye doctors in the County Donegal ophthalmology service that have vacated their positions in recent times; and if the newly appointed consultants for this service will be based in County Donegal rather than County Sligo to oversee the full ophthalmic teams there, in order that they can continue, at the very least, to deliver the same level of care to an enormous existing service and to reduce the growing waiting lists in County Donegal. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [21740/23]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 473 of 3 May 2023, the timeline he is working towards for finalisation and publication of the RHA Implantation Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21749/23]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that have been taken in his Department and the HSE to ensure that senior leaders have been freed up from some of their ‘business as usual’ responsibilities to devote time to Regional Health Areas implementation; if external experts and resources have been sought to assist with RHA implementation; and if so, to provide details; if he has established an implementation infrastructure as recommended in a letter from the RHA Advisory Group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21750/23]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health if the Regional Health Areas Implementation Plan will outline the proposed governance and accountability arrangements for RHAs; if consideration is being given to legislative changes required for implementation, including accountability relationships between and among RHAs, HSE Centre and his Department, as recommended in a letter from the RHA Advisory Group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21751/23]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on each of the ten key next steps in Regional Health Areas implementation, in tabular form (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21752/23]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health when the money for the fourth phase of eating disorder team progression will be released from Budget 2023; the CHOs that this will be used for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [21766/23]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults who presented to the HSE seeking treatment for eating disorders who received specialist inpatient treatment in a dedicated eating disorder service in each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [21767/23]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the nine community eating disorder teams; if timelines for their provision are being met; if there are any delays; and the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [21768/23]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the rollout of the eating disorder network and the implementation of the HSE National Model of Care Plan for eating disorders; the target operational dates for the remaining adult and CAMHS teams for eating disorders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [21769/23]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health the additional funding in Budget 2023 that has been allocated for eating disorders, excluding existing levels of service; the way in which this funding will be spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [21770/23]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health the number of eating disorder mini hub teams that currently exist; if he will provide a breakdown of each eating disorder mini hub team by staff and funding; the capital cost per hub by CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [21771/23]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons for the ongoing shortages of the medication concerta; the action he will take to ensure the regular supply of the medication is restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [21773/23]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on when the Long-Term Illness scheme will be reviewed in relation to the age restriction of 16 years of age on the mental illness category of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [21774/23]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant physiotherapy roles in children’s primary care services in CHO1; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21794/23]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant physiotherapy roles in children’s primary care services in CHO2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21795/23]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant physiotherapy roles in children’s primary care services in CHO3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21796/23]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant physiotherapy roles in children’s primary care services in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21797/23]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant physiotherapy roles in children’s primary care services in CHO5; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21798/23]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant physiotherapy roles in children’s primary care services in CHO6; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21799/23]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant physiotherapy roles in children’s primary care services in CHO7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21800/23]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant physiotherapy roles in children’s primary care services in CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21801/23]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant physiotherapy roles in children’s primary care services in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21802/23]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant speech and language therapy roles in children’s primary care services in CHO1; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21806/23]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant speech and language therapy roles in children’s primary care services in CHO2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21807/23]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant speech and language therapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21808/23]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant speech and language therapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21809/23]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant speech and language therapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO5; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21810/23]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant speech and language therapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO6; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21811/23]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant speech and language therapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21812/23]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant speech and language therapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21813/23]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant speech and language therapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21814/23]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychotherapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO1; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21815/23]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant psychotherapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21816/23]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant psychotherapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21817/23]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant psychotherapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21818/23]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant psychotherapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO5; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21819/23]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant psychotherapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO6; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21820/23]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant psychotherapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21821/23]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant psychotherapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21822/23]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant psychotherapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21823/23]

*692. 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. — Denis Naughten. [21825/23]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant optometry and ophthalmology roles in primary care services in CHO2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21826/23]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant optometry and ophthalmology roles in primary care services in CHO3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21827/23]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant optometry and ophthalmology roles in primary care services in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21828/23]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant optometry and ophthalmology roles in primary care services in CHO5; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21829/23]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant optometry and ophthalmology roles in primary care services in CHO6; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21830/23]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant optometry and ophthalmology roles in primary care services in CHO7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21831/23]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant optometry and ophthalmology roles in primary care services in CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21832/23]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant optometry and ophthalmology roles in primary care services in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21833/23]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health when respite care beds will be provided again in a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [21834/23]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant occupational therapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO1; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21835/23]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant occupational therapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21836/23]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant occupational therapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21837/23]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant occupational therapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21838/23]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant occupational therapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO5; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21839/23]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant occupational therapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO6; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21840/23]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant occupational therapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21841/23]

*709. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant occupational therapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21842/23]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant occupational therapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21843/23]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health when an application for the pandemic special recognition payment will be processed for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [21844/23]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health if a person who was employed throughout the period of the Covid-19 pandemic in the cleaning of ambulances is entitled to the pandemic special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [21846/23]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health the number of extra inpatient beds allocated to each hospital nationally for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [21851/23]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of inpatient beds by hospital nationally for the years 2006 to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [21852/23]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health the number of newly employed, full-time medical staff by hospital in the Saolta region for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [21853/23]

*716. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide further details regarding the recently announced €25 million in funding for 854 additional nursing posts to fully implement the Framework for Safe Nurse Staffing and Skillmix in all acute hospitals; the timeline he is working towards for filling these posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21863/23]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure individuals on waiting lists are made aware of their options to seek treatment under the Cross Border Directive. — Holly Cairns. [21869/23]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department is paying for private assessments to be carried out on all children with autism; if so, if his Department is paying it to everybody that has to have a private assessment carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [21870/23]

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

*719. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the principle of academic freedom and parity of esteem can be embedded in the Research and Innovation Bill 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [21072/23]

*720. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if officials from his Department are using an application (details supplied) to conduct business; if his Department has had official meetings regarding the use of the application by officials; if his Department has assessed the risk of using the application by Department officials and the input of Government-related data into the application; if his Department is using or is considering using other forms of artificial intelligence; if his Department is considering banning the use of the application by Department officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [21090/23]

*721. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of further reducing third-level fees to €1,000 in 2023-2024, and subsequently to abolish these fees in 2024-2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [21115/23]

*722. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total estimated yearly cost to the Exchequer of abolishing apprenticeship registration fees, broken down by consortia-led and craft; the average cost per apprentices, broken down by craft and consortia-led apprentices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [21116/23]

*723. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the Government expenditure on free fees initiative contributes towards calculations of Government spending on research and development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21149/23]

*724. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will list all reviews of Acts which have been carried out by his Department in line with the provisions of that Act from 2000 to date; if a summary will be provided of any substantive amendments of the Act in question that occurred on foot of each review and the amending legislation if any, in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21185/23]

*725. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in relation to the potential dangers of a commercially driven research system in the name of innovation in the Research and Innovation Bill 2023, if he considered that the national research funding agency will be solely driven by enterprise and industrial initiatives, which will lead to under-investment in all research other than those that may deem to have immediate commercial benefits and the potential for profiteering; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [21271/23]

*726. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in relation to the Research and Innovation Bill 2023, if he considered the under-representation of research and researchers in the arts and humanities and social sciences, given that most western countries have specific funding agencies and programmes for social sciences and humanities research; the reason this Bill appears to have the intention of eradicating them altogether; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [21272/23]

*727. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science given that the Research and Innovation Bill 2023, appears to place extraordinary power in the sitting Minister in appointing board members and directing public funds in research, and considering this Bill can lead to irrecoverable damages to the research and higher education systems the reason the decision was made to have no consultation process for such an important development in Irish research (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [21273/23]

*728. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprenticeships currently being undertaken in each local authority area; the disciplines in which those apprenticeships are being undertaken; the number of apprenticeships offered in each local authority area, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21595/23]

*729. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science about his policy in relation to internal transfers within the City of Dublin Education and Training Board, specifically in relation to (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [21608/23]

*730. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason there has been no progress reports on the National Student Accommodation Strategy since 2019; if he will provide an update on progress since 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [21637/23]

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

*731. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when applications for strand 2 for the Community Services Programme will re-open for new applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [21052/23]

*732. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if officials from her Department are using an application (details supplied) to conduct business; if her Department has had official meetings regarding the use of the application by officials; if her Department has assessed the risk of using the application by Department officials and the input of Government-related data into the application; if her Department is using or is considering using other forms of artificial intelligence; if her Department is considering banning the use of the application by Department officials; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [21098/23]

*733. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 654 of 25 April 2023, if she is aware that library staff received an email on 15 March 2023 (details supplied) which confirms that staff have never needed parental consent to place young readers in their appropriate age category, and that they used to have to check the child's age with the parent before upping their category but never needed consent; if she will instruct local authorities, in their capacity as library authorities under the Local Government Act 2001, to reverse this decision, given that this change appears to be in response to pressure from anti-LGBTQ+ hate groups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [21114/23]

*734. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will list all reviews of Acts which have been carried out by her Department in line with the provisions of that Act from 2000 to date; if a summary will be provided of any substantive amendments of the Act in question that occurred on foot of each review and the amending legislation if any, in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21190/23]

*735. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development whether her Department has engaged with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to governance concerns raised by present and former members of its board and by many among its membership; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21198/23]

*736. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps she is taking to work with Tidy Towns locally and nationally to encourage the protection of nectaring habitats by restricting the mowing and hedge cutting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21345/23]

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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the high-level steering board, chaired by the Secretary General of his Department, to oversee the implementation of the High-

Level Action Plan for the Report of the Commission on the Defence Forces. — Mary Lou McDonald. [20327/23]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the strategic goals of his Department's strategy statement 2021-2023; and if he plans to update them. — Mary Lou McDonald. [20328/23]

3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [20329/23]

4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Alan Dillon. [21548/23]