



## DÁIL ÉIREANN

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.**

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with the circular economy will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [19912/23]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with the circular economy will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [19915/23]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with the circular economy will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [19918/23]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will meet next. — Alan Dillon. [20576/23]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will meet next. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [21442/23]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with the circular economy will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [21452/23]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will meet next. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [21453/23]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [21481/23]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with the circular economy will next meet. — Mick Barry. [21667/23]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [19983/23]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [21382/23]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul McAuliffe. [21443/23]
13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [21444/23]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [21488/23]

\*33. To ask the Taoiseach his views of the function and purpose of public consultation processes. — Peadar Tóibín. [22098/23]

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

\*34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [21888/23]

\*35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the supports and contact available to a person (details supplied) in County Louth in the context of a return to work in Ireland from Sudan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [21941/23]

\*36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will work with the Passport Office to ensure that original documentation, supplied by applicants in respect of first-time passports, is returned with or as close to the issuance of the passports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [21986/23]

\*37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason for the delay by the Passport Office to return original documentation supplied by applicants in respect of first-time passports; his proposals to reduce those delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [21987/23]

\*38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the assistance being provided to a person (details supplied) by his Department regarding a complex case. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22094/23]

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

\*39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence arising from replies to previous Parliamentary Questions on the matter, if progress has taken place in respect of cases whereby serving members of the Defence Forces, injured while on duty, have received compensation in the courts, which on reaching pension age, is being recouped through a reduction in their retirement pensions; if this represents an attempt to take back what was awarded by the courts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21944/23]

\*40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the measures currently in place to monitor and protect subsea infrastructure, including communications infrastructure, under Irish-controlled waters; the proposals to improve the capacity in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [21966/23]

\*41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of instances in 2020, 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023 when it is suspected that foreign-owned vessels have engaged in monitoring or mapping of subsea infrastructure in Irish controlled waters; the specific dates of such events; the nationalities involved in each instance; the response of Irish authorities in each instance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [21967/23]

\*42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the air patrols that have been deployed to monitor subsea infrastructure in Irish waters in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the specific dates of such patrols; the aircraft and resources deployed in each instance; whether there are plans to increase air patrols near subsea infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [21968/23]

\*43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the naval patrols that have been deployed to monitor subsea infrastructure in Irish waters in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the specific dates of such patrols; the vessels and resources deployed in each instance; whether there are plans to increase naval patrols near subsea infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [21969/23]

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

\*44. To ask the Minister for Transport whether local authorities in Ireland have the necessary powers to introduce a direct vision and HGV safety standard permit system similar to that in operation in London; and if not, whether he will consider giving them the necessary powers by way or statutory instrument or proposing primary legislation. — Brian Leddin. [21940/23]

\*45. To ask the Minister for Transport the location of the 17 high-collision locations in County Tipperary; the steps that have and will be taken to improve safety at these locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [21942/23]

\*46. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people waiting for a driving test in the country and per county; the number of driving testers currently employed; and the average waiting time for a test. — Mattie McGrath. [21974/23]

\*47. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps his Department is taking to alleviate the backlog of NCT appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [21994/23]

\*48. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated number of Ukrainian persons living in Ireland that hold a licence to drive a truck or bus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [22002/23]

\*49. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will seek consideration for the extension of a bus service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [22006/23]

\*50. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will support the National Development Finance Agency in working alongside the New Economy and Recovery Authority and the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund to find innovative ways to finance, build and maintain required capital investments at national ports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [21437/23]

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

\*51. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify whether the recently approved amendment to the Finance Bill 2023 to apply a zero per cent VAT rate for the supply and installation of solar panels is applicable to trade installers of solar panels or individuals who wish to purchase and install solar panels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21988/23]

\*52. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide the claims on, and settlements made by, the State Claims Agency in each year since 2011, broken down by category; the amount and percentage of total cost of settlements spent on legal fees, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22003/23]

\*53. To ask the Minister for Finance the number and location of Revenue Commissioners offices with over-the-counter services open; how this number compares with the number of over-the-counter services available before 2020; the number of offices that provide telephone services; the opening hours of each; if there are plans to increase the hours of operation of the Revenue telephone services across the country to deal with the large volume of phone calls that they are experiencing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [21874/23]

\*54. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline his responsibility in determining special regeneration areas under the Living City Initiative; the criteria that is used to define these areas; if he is reviewing the criteria to expand the SRAs to enable more families avail of the initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21920/23]

\*55. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons' that have availed of the Living City Initiative in each eligible area to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21921/23]

\*56. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount the National Assets Management Agency made available to an entity (details supplied) historically; if it continues to provide funds to it; and if so, the basis on which it does so. — Catherine Murphy. [21995/23]

*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.*

\*57. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the reopening of the Blasket Islands and Sceilig Mhichíl for the 2023 season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22054/23]

\*58. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his plans to review in consultation with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine

and Minister for Sport the way in which the yield from betting duty and betting intermediary duty is distributed and or used. — Catherine Murphy. [22074/23]

\*59. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on OPW project activities in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [22099/23]

\*60. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide details on the package of actions to enhance delivery of vital public projects that will allow for projects below the €200 million limit to proceed more speedily through the appraisal and evaluation process compared to those of greater scale and complexity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [22100/23]

\*61. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on the reopening of the Blasket Islands and Sceilig Mhichíl for the 2023 season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [22104/23]

\*62. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 62 of 1 March 2023, the status of his Department's work to date on the implementation of the Official Languages (Amendment) Act 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22138/23]

\*63. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide a status update on the Claregalway flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22139/23]

\*64. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the progress to date on the development of a model to assess the impact of infrastructure investment as contained in the 2023 Climate Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [22187/23]

\*65. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will report on the development of a model to assess the impact of infrastructure investment as contained in the 2023 Climate Action Plan; if a framework has been developed to consider and appraise investments that may be vulnerable to the impacts of climate change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [22188/23]

\*66. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the progress to date on the examination of the role the Public Spending Code can play in the achievement of broader environmental objectives, for example, valuing biodiversity or ecosystem services as contained in the 2023 Climate Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [22189/23]

\*67. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the definition of Government spending that may be harmful to the climate and environmental outcomes as contained within the 2023 climate action plan; if such a definition yet exists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [22190/23]

\*68. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the Government spending that may be harmful to the climate and environmental outcomes as contained within the 2023 climate action plan and if any harmful government



spending has been identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [22191/23]

\*69. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the tracking of Government spending that may be harmful to the climate and environmental outcomes as contained within the 2023 climate action plan; if such a framework for tracking yet exists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [22192/23]

\*70. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform given the tracking of Government spending that may be harmful to the climate and environmental outcomes as contained within the 2023 climate action plan, if any harmful Government spending has been tracked / reduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [22193/23]

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

\*71. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is aware of a company (details supplied) offering rates below the minimum wage; if he will instruct the WRC to investigate whether the company is operating outside of regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [21892/23]

\*72. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there are any grants available to businesses that wish to expand or bring into use vacant commercial units which have been vacant for over 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [21979/23]

\*73. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on his engagements or the correspondence that his Department has had with the owners or management of a hotel (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [21996/23]

\*74. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has any concerns with regards to trading with China due to its political stance on the Ukraine-Russia war; the measures Ireland is taking currently in order to safeguard Ireland's position on the war when negotiating with China; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [22030/23]

\*75. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 52 of 18 January 2023, if the IDA currently employs, or has under contract, an agent or consultant in Israel to increase investment in Ireland by Israeli enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22126/23]

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

\*76. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21889/23]

\*77. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the number of places that are available in the ASD class in a school (details supplied) for the 2023-2024 school year; if

there are plans to build capacity in the number of places available in ASD classes in the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21899/23]

\*78. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine the case of a school (details supplied) which was approved for an extension to include an ASD unit that would accommodate over 12 special needs students; the status of the new ASD unit for the school; when construction will commence on the new school building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [21903/23]

\*79. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the situation of a late payment from the tuition grant section to a school (details supplied), as this has resulted in staff not being paid on time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [21904/23]

\*80. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide her response to the finding in a report (details supplied) concerning the priority need for end-of-life care for survivors of institutional abuse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21918/23]

\*81. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that the free primary schoolbooks scheme allocation to a school (details supplied) factors in exceptional circumstances to ensure that all students receive their books; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21919/23]

\*82. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the proposal to reconfigure three primary schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [21930/23]

\*83. To ask the Minister for Education the amount of public money that has been spent to-date in relation to the case of a person (details supplied) defending the actions of a WWETB principal by the senior management team and board members of WWETB against serious accusations of wrongdoing reported from 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [21934/23]

\*84. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the options available to a school (details supplied) to assist with running costs. — Cathal Crowe. [21993/23]

\*85. To ask the Minister for Education the circumstances in which children qualify for school transport to a primary school which is not their nearest school in situations where their nearest primary school is at capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [22009/23]

\*86. To ask the Minister for Education if she has received correspondence from a school (details supplied) in County Donegal relating to the provision of an ASD class; when a full response will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22097/23]

\*87. To ask the Minister for Education if the home tuition payments being made to a preschool for an autistic pupil (details supplied) have been delayed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [22103/23]

\*88. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on phases two and three of the ongoing school transport scheme review, which began in February 2021; if the review has made any recommendations to change the distance criteria eligibility for school transport (details

supplied); if the school transport scheme review will consider reducing this distance to less than two kilometres; when the review finding of phases two and three will be released; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [22129/23]

\*89. To ask the Minister for Education if she will resolve an issue affecting CPD for guidance counsellors in Cork (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22131/23]

\*90. To ask the Minister for Education when a response to communication from this Deputy can be expected in relation to school transport to a school (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22132/23]

\*91. To ask the Minister for Education if it is possible that a school (details supplied) in County Donegal retains their current full time EAL hours; if a review of the decision to cut the hours can be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22133/23]

\*92. To ask the Minister for Education if she has engaged with an organisation (details supplied) regarding guidance counsellor supervision. — Thomas Gould. [22135/23]

\*93. To ask the Minister for Education if she will give urgent attention to the case of a pre-school for autistic children which is facing severe difficulties as a result of ongoing delays in receiving payments from her Department (details supplied); the steps she is taking to address this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22140/23]

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

\*94. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on the decision by RTÉ to cease the broadcast of long-wave radio; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [21894/23]

\*95. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on the recently published report on the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement; and the impact it will have on the Irish language, the Gaeltacht and the Irish-speaking community. — Cathal Crowe. [22136/23]

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

\*96. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will supply a breakdown, by local authority, of the funding allocated and the funding drawdown under the Traveller caravan loan scheme for 2021 and 2022; the budget for 2023; if he will expand the scheme to cater for unmet demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [21885/23]

\*97. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if grant funding is available from the State for the removal of asbestos; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [21893/23]

\*98. 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 the proposed 1,376 units were delivered from 2015 to 2017; if not, how many were delivered; the final spend on the same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [21908/23]

\*99. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to provide affordable and social housing for single people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21923/23]

\*100. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide his response to the concerns of an organisation (details supplied) regarding offshore windfarm planning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21924/23]

\*101. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the tenant-in-situ scheme will apply to mixed tenancies, joint tenancies and tenancies in common; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [21925/23]

\*102. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the tenant-in-situ scheme will apply to single unit apartments within a larger building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [21926/23]

\*103. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the tenant-in-situ scheme will apply to a group of apartments where all tenants are served an eviction notice by the same landlord on the same grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [21927/23]

\*104. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the tenant-in-situ scheme will apply to households based on non-traditional family structures for example, friends, and cohabiting couples; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [21928/23]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the circular with details of the changes to the vacant property grant of 1 May 2023 will issue to local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21950/23]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the State will purchase an estate (details supplied) in County Meath given its significant heritage value and tourism potential for the site as part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site at Brú na Bóinne; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [21971/23]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the long-awaited and much-delayed Westgate vision plan for Drogheda; the expected key project timeline; the expected cost of the initial proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [21997/23]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the local authority home loan; and the number of applications across each county versus the number of approvals. — Mattie McGrath. [22001/23]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of all organisations and individuals consulted in advance of the publication of the general scheme of the Planning and Development (Land Value sharing and Urban Development Zones) Bill 2022; and a list of all submissions received by his Department during the preparation of this general scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22008/23]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm the allocation of the affordable housing fund for the cost rental homes to be delivered by Dublin City Council in St. Michael's estate, Inchicore; and if he will commit to meeting local and other opposition Deputies once the planning is granted to discuss how the pre-construction phase of approval for the scheme can be expedited in a timely manner. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22011/23]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the maximum level of affordable housing funding under the latest iteration of the scheme; and if he will list which projects with approval have been allocated this upper limit. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22012/23]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the regulations for the enhanced defective block remediation scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22013/23]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the building defects redress scheme and the provision of funding for interim and emergency works. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22014/23]

\*114. 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 Wexford County Council; if he will confirm whether the proposed 677 units were delivered from 2015 to 2017; if not, the number that were delivered; the final spend on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [22071/23]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 14 AHB housing units under an association (details supplied) in July 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. — Brendan Howlin. [22072/23]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 16 AHB housing units under an association (details supplied) in July 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. — Brendan Howlin. [22073/23]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the nine AHB housing units in an area (details supplied) in July 2015 have finished construction; if so, the projected 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. — Alan Kelly. [22076/23]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the seven AHB housing units under an organisation (details supplied) in July 2015 have finished construction; if so, the projected 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. — Alan Kelly. [22092/23]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the five local authority housing units approved for construction in an area (details supplied) in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, the projected 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. — Alan Kelly. [22093/23]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 22 AHB housing units under an association (details supplied) in July 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. [22096/23]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can advise when the following single dwelling rural house will begin construction and completion for a person (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [22106/23]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to amend the Electoral Acts to allow voting at 16 years of age for local and European elections, to bring Ireland into line with the UK and other developed nations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22120/23]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the interest rates charged for the local authority home loan are set on the date one draws down one's loan rather than on the date that the mortgage offer is received. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [22125/23]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 24 local authority housing units approved for construction in an area (details supplied) 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 reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [22127/23]

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

\*125. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the reason that a cost-of-living payment was not awarded to a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [21877/23]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the action she will take to ensure that the €200 cost-of-living payment that was due in April will be extended to State pension-qualified adults; if it is not to be extended, whether the disproportional impact on women has been factored in by her; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [21883/23]



\*127. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Cork is entitled to rent assistance. — Michael Creed. [21890/23]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons in receipt of the adult dependent allowance are entitled to payment under the recent cost-of-living social welfare initiative; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [21891/23]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 868 of 18 April 2023, if she will provide the specific developmental milestones which a deciding officer uses to compare and contrast an applicant for domiciliary care allowance against a child of the same age without their disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [21937/23]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is any mechanism that allows a person in receipt of a civil service or local authority pension and also in receipt of a widow's, widower's or surviving civil partner's (contributory) pension who wishes to remarry to maintain their survivor's pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [21939/23]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current situation regarding a disability allowance appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [21980/23]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [21990/23]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the cost-of-living payment can be awarded to a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [22000/23]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that the recently issued €200 cost-of-living payments were not made to qualified adult dependents whose spouse was in receipt of a State pension; and if she will review the matter in the interests of fairness. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22015/23]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22047/23]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to an invalidity pension appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [22051/23]

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

\*137. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of the appeals for visas in the case of the family of a person (details supplied); when the appeals can be expected to be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21876/23]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of domestic violence incidents reported to An Garda Síochána in each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023; the breakdown of these

incidents by incident types (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [21880/23]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Justice the position regarding the legislative progress of the Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) Bill 2022; his intentions to move the Bill to the next stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [21970/23]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Justice if he is aware that the majority of views expressed as part of the public consultation process on the Criminal Justice (Incitement to Violence or Hatred and Hate Offences) Bill 2022 were not in favour of the legislation's objectives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21999/23]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on community alert schemes in Waterford, following his visit there (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [22004/23]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Justice the process that must be followed to enable a person (details supplied) to obtain a travel document; the options open to them given that the Embassy is only open on an intermittent basis and may also prove unsuitable for the person concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [22007/23]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Justice when a response to correspondence (details supplied) can be expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22010/23]

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

\*144. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a Glas payment for 2022 will issue to a person (details supplied) given the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [21898/23]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to regulate the use of horses for drawing vehicles for commercial purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21915/23]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking examine the impact of Brexit on the Irish sheep sector and the resultant eligibility for sheep farmers to access support through the Brexit Adjustment Reserve fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21916/23]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will increase the budget for the national liming programme to meet demand and ensure that farmers who applied in good faith do not lose out on the financial support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [21992/23]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the oversight that is in place within his Department on the collection, distribution and operation of the Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund; the responsibility and future plans of his Department in the continuance of this fund within the annual budgetary cycle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [21315/23]



\*149. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the 2023 horticultural grants will be opened for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [22075/23]

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

\*150. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures he and his Department have to address the crisis in recruitment and high staff turnover in qualified professionals across a range of disciplines in the youth services sector due to salaries being frozen, and gaps of 20% with salaries available elsewhere; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22118/23]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will indicate the eligibility for redress/compensation as part of the mother-and-baby homes redress scheme in the case of a person (details supplied); if he will outline the procedure to apply for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21907/23]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of creche workers supervising children who do not hold qualifications; how many non-compliance issues relating to unqualified workers in creches have not been addressed through the Corrective and Preventative Action process by TUSLA to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [21912/23]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he has taken to appoint a special advocate for survivors of institutional abuse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21917/23]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will confirm the total number of successful family reunifications facilitated by Tusla, the Child and Family Agency during its operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [21929/23]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on HSE funding for adult transition supports for young adults transitioning from post-primary or special schools into disability day services; the funding allocated for this to each CHO area in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; the number of young adolescents in each CHO area to transition from post-primary or special schools into disability day services in the corresponding timeframe, in tabular form; if he will provide more information on the way this funding is allocated between different CHOs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [21977/23]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vacant posts or new appointments waiting to be filled in the midwest disability team providing services to children living in County Clare in 2022 and 2023. — Cathal Crowe. [22049/23]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vacant posts by discipline in the midwest disability team, in tabular form; the status of the recruitment for these vacant posts; and the efforts being made to fill these posts. — Cathal Crowe. [22050/23]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will challenge the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform's decision to freeze Tusla funding at to community and voluntary organisations at 18% below 2009 levels, thus reducing their ability to provide essential services to vulnerable children and families in south Kildare and countrywide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22114/23]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth with regard to the serious mental health issues facing young people today and the significant benefits of the counselling that Youth Services provides, if he and his Department will consider further investments in the provision of a unified counselling system for local youth services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22115/23]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the engagement he and his party have had with Tusla, the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform and other relevant stakeholders returning funding to community and voluntary organisations, whose current funding is still below 18% 2009 levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22116/23]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the engagement with Tusla and the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform regarding a commitment to minimum 4% year-on-year funding increases to community and voluntary services to bring their services up to the level required to cope with demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22117/23]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the engagement he and his Department have had with community and voluntary organisations in Kildare with regard to funding increases to address heightened demand for their services due to Kildare experiencing the highest rate of population increase in the State, and with the highest percentage of young people per capita; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22119/23]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a timeline on the appointment of the special advocate for survivors of mother-and-baby homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [22134/23]

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

\*164. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a HSE pension for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21875/23]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Health when appropriate urgent assistance will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21879/23]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a report on how Irish patients can access every European Reference Network for Rare Diseases; if Ireland is a full member of each ERN; if not, the steps that need to be taken to get access for Ireland to these networks; the timeline for these actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [21881/23]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Health if he will investigate a matter concerning the HSE pension of a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [21886/23]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a person (details supplied) in County Mayo only received a partial refund under the drug payment scheme; if he will provide a breakdown as to how the partial refund amount was reached, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [21900/23]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can get an appointment in Drogheda Hospital as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Halligan. [21913/23]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Health when a full-time paediatric neurologist will be appointed at UHL; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [21914/23]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that healthcare workers in Section 39 organisations who worked in primary care in Covid-19 exposed healthcare environments with people with disabilities are made eligible for the pandemic special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [21922/23]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Health to provide, in tabular form, the number of second consultation claims were made in 2021 via the primary care reimbursement scheme for termination of pregnancy in the respective years 2019, 2020, and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21931/23]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the total number of surgical abortions carried out in the State, in tabular form, in the respective years 2019, 2020, and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21932/23]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Health whether the supplementary note accompanying the notification report on termination pregnancy in 2021 which indicated that 6,700 second consultation claims were made via the PCRS was limited to abortions provided by GPs/ community providers or whether it included surgical abortions performed in hospital settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [21933/23]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Health if there are proposals to increase the illnesses covered on the long-term illness schemes in view of the fact that many illnesses requiring expensive medication are not covered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [21936/23]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 325 of 09 March 2023, if the present special leave with pay scheme will be extended for eligible staff beyond 30 June 2023; if his Department examined all available options to support staff who are unable to return to work (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [21938/23]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Health if all implants used in spinal surgery for patients with spina bifida and spinal muscular atrophy across Temple Street and Crumlin Hospitals are appropriately licensed. — Paul Murphy. [21947/23]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Health whether he is aware of a recommendation from external reviewers to place a senior spinal surgeon from Temple Street Children's University Hospital on leave; and if he is aware of the steps, if any, that were taken to implement that recommendation. — Paul Murphy. [21948/23]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Health the processes that have been put in place to consider and act upon the findings and recommendations of both internal and external reviews into spinal surgery at Temple Street Children's University Hospital. — Paul Murphy. [21949/23]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of full and partial lower limb amputations that were carried out in 2020, 2021 and 2022; the number of these patients, by county, who had diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21951/23]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients, by county, treated for foot ulcerations which did not require a full or partial limb amputation in 2020, 2021 and 2022; the number of those patients who had diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21952/23]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients under the age of 65 years by county treated for foot ulcerations which did not require a full or partial limb amputation in 2020, 2021 and 2022; the number of those patients who had diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21953/23]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full and partial lower limb amputations that were carried out in 2021 and 2022, by county, on persons under 65 years of age; the number of these patients who had diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21954/23]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days required by patients treated for foot ulcerations which did not require a full or partial limb amputation in the years 2020, 2021 and 2022; the number of those patients who had diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21955/23]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital bed days required by patients, by county, treated for foot ulcerations which did not require a full or partial limb amputation in the years 2020, 2021 and 2022; the number of those patients who had diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21956/23]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital bed days required by patients undergoing full and partial lower limb amputations procedures, by county, on persons under 65 years of age in the years 2020, 2021 and 2022; the number of these patients who had diabetes, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21957/23]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital bed days required by patients, by county, on persons under 65 years of age; treated for foot ulcerations which did not require a full or partial limb amputation in the years 2020, 2021 and 2022; the number of those patients who had diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21958/23]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE senior podiatrists and WTE basic grade podiatrists employed by the Health Service Executive in the years 2020, 2021 and 2022;

the number of those employed by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21959/23]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outpatient podiatry appointments delivered, by hospital group, in the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; the number of outpatient podiatry appointments delivered, by hospital group, to people with diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21960/23]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Health the number of podiatry appointments delivered, by CHO area, in the years 2020, 2021 and 2022; the number of podiatry appointments delivered, by CHO area, to people with diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21961/23]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE clinical podiatry specialists, WTE senior podiatrists, and WTE staff grade podiatrists that have been recruited to date to staff the HSE ECC specialist ambulatory care hubs across the 9 HSE CHOs; the number of each of these grade that have physically taken up posts; the number of each grade that are currently going through the HSE recruitment process; the number of posts that remained unfilled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21962/23]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the planned WTE clinical podiatry specialists and WTE senior podiatrists posts for HSE acute hospital diabetes services that have physically taken up posts; the number of each grade that are currently going through the HSE recruitment process; where these posts are based; the number of these planned posts that remain unfilled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21963/23]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE diabetes clinical nursing posts, and WTE dietitians that have been recruited to date to staff the HSE ECC specialist ambulatory care hubs diabetes service across the 9 HSE CHOs; the number of each of these grades that have physically taken up post; the number of each grade that are currently going through the HSE recruitment process; the number of posts that remained unfilled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21964/23]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Health if a person living with type 2 diabetes who does not have a GMS card or a GP-visit card will be seen free of charge when referred by a GP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21965/23]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a person (details supplied) cannot get adequate home help hours to return home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21976/23]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a HSE nursing home bed costs €2,585 per week in County Laois, a cost far greater than nursing home beds in any other HSE facility in the country; the reason there is such a difference of over €1,500 from the cost of nursing home beds which are provided by private nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21981/23]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the increase in the cost of nursing home beds is 10% higher in 2023 compared to 2022, and in view of the fact that private nursing home beds are only 3% higher between 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21982/23]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm whether his Department has engaged with the HSE with a view to increasing the number of contracted beds in private nursing homes in order to expedite the transfer of patients from hospital to private nursing home care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21983/23]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the current position in respect of Clonakilty Community Hospital; if there are sufficient staff in place to enable all beds to be occupied; the number of beds that have remained vacant for more than four weeks at a time over the past 12 months; the action being taken to ensure that all beds are fully utilised throughout the year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21984/23]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm whether his Department has engaged with the HSE with a view to increasing the funding that can be provided to private nursing homes that provide contracted beds to care for patients who require a higher degree of care than that which is normally required in a nursing home setting; the number of additional contracted beds that will be put in place over the next 12 months in order to facilitate the transfer of patients from hospital settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21985/23]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Health who a person (details supplied) can attend to get a dental problem resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [21989/23]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Health when physiotherapy will be scheduled for a person with spina bifida (details supplied) given that it is urgently required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [21991/23]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to reduce orthodontic treatment waiting times for children, with particular reference to those whose current estimated treatment referral date is beyond school-going age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [21998/23]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Health if a new primary care centre has been approved for Oranmore, County Galway; if so, when work will commence on this new primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [22046/23]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Health the average patient experience to admission via an emergency department for all patients for Naas, Tullamore and Portlaoise hospitals for all months in 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form; the average for all patients; the average for patients aged under 75 years; the average for patients aged 75 or older; the number and percentage of patients waiting less than the average; and the number of patients waiting longer than the average. — Patricia Ryan. [22121/23]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who attended an emergency department for Naas, Tullamore and Portlaoise hospitals in all months 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form; the number and percentage of patients who were admitted via an emergency department; the number and percentage of patients who were waiting for 0-6 hours, 0-9 hours, 9-24 hours and 24+ hours; the number for all patients; the number and percentage for patients aged under 75 years; and the number and percentage for patients aged over 75. — Patricia Ryan. [22122/23]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Health the bed occupancy rate for each week for Naas, Tullamore and Portlaoise hospitals of all months 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form; the



national average; the number of beds available for the period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22123/23]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of incidents responded to by the National Ambulance Service by clinical status and sub-status in January and February for each year 2019 to 2023, inclusive. — Patricia Ryan. [22124/23]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Health when he envisages that a residential setting will be available for a person (details supplied) and others in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22130/23]

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

\*210. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount of public money that has been spent to date defending the actions of a person (details supplied) against serious accusations of wrongdoing reported from 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [21935/23]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress that has been made in resolving the situation of adult education tutors employed by education and training boards for whom a pay offer based on a recommendation by the Labour Court has yet to materialise; if there is a working timeline for the conclusion of discussions between his Department and the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform with a view to finalising the offer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [22052/23]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline his commitment to ensuring that adult education tutors claim for proper public service contracts with an incremental salary scale, recognition of prior service and improved conditions is delivered upon; the progress being made on same and on securing pay parity for those recruited after 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [22053/23]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline the process for allocating the approximate €1 billion surplus in the National Training Fund with the sanction of the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Delivery Plan Delivery and Reform; and if he will clarify whether this is an annual allocation and the process by which projects are selected for allocation of funds. — Catherine Murphy. [22105/23]

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

\*214. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the community services programme strand 2 will reopen to new entrants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [21973/23]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the measures she and her Department have to address the crisis in recruitment and high staff turnover in qualified professionals across a range of disciplines in the community services sector due to salaries being

frozen, and gaps of 20% with salaries available elsewhere; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22118/23]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when a decision on the community recognition fund for 2023 will be announced; if the date of 6 October for the first drawdown of funds will be extended; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [22048/23]

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FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 11 MAY, 2023**

**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.**

1. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the Glashaboy flood relief scheme. — Thomas Gould. [22063/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of times Government departments have requested additional funds from his Department since he took office; and the names of the departments, the amounts requested, and the purpose of the funding. — Peadar Tóibín. [21597/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he has read the IGEES publication Housing Analytical Notes published on 5 December 2022, particularly the Planning Permissions and Housing Supply Analytical Note therein; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22159/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the steps his Department is taking to progress Ireland's Open Government National Action Plan 2023-2025 following the public consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [21384/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he has relayed to the Government the findings in the IGEES publication Housing Analytical Notes published on 5 December 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22158/23]

6. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline a timeline, completion date and cost to the State of the Financial Management Shared Services project by the National Shared Services Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [21316/23]

7. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the recent patterns in demographic growth require a revision in the National



Development Plan; and what are the key areas which he has identified where additional investment in transformative changes or in capacity is required. — Richard Bruton. [21546/23]

8. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if a report on the Wellbeing Framework will be included with the Summer Economic Statement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [21433/23]

9. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the provision of rapid build houses by the OPW; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [22077/23]

10. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the role his Department will have in approving an automatic enrolment pension system; the overall cost to the State of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [22111/23]

11. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the further measures his Department is considering in dealing with crippling rising interest rates which are greatly affecting thousands of households across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [22102/23]

12. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the up-to-date position regarding improvements to visitor facilities and conservation efforts on An Blascaod Mór; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22153/23]

13. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the reinstatement of the Turoe Stone in County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [22152/23]

14. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the progress being made in relation to flood risk management at Annagassan and Termonfeckin, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [21491/23]

15. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on proposed developments at the Oldbridge site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [22101/23]

16. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform which sites were made available to the OPW from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and other public bodies for the modular programme; if the OPW was provided with enough resources to finish the programme and expand it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22089/23]

17. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline the planned reform to the public spending code, outlining how said reforms will achieve greater speed and efficiency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22175/23]

18. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the measures he is taking to prevent the incidence of the cost over-runs and project delays regarding the National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [22170/23]

19. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the most salient issues to be addressed to bring about a more expeditious delivery of the National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21472/23]

20. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline the targets for 2023 for the climate division of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [21492/23]

21. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide a further update on the Glashaboy flood relief scheme; if he can provide a timeline on when it is likely to go to tender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [21895/23]

22. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the recent Project Ireland 2040 Delivery Board meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [22169/23]

23. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform as the new Chair of the Project Ireland 2040 Delivery Board, the processes and procedures he hopes to implement that will speak to a fair allocation of national capital monies to individual regions and populations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [22059/23]

24. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide details of any best international comparisons undertaken by him in his role as Minister for the OPW regarding flood relief and climate adaptation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [22087/23]

25. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the progress to date on the development of definitions to identify, track and reduce Government spending that may be having a negative impact on climate and environmental outcomes as contained within the 2023 Climate Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [22090/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the allocation to Monaghan County Council in relation to flood alleviation measures in 2022 and to date in 2023. — Matt Carthy. [22042/23]

27. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will clarify the role his Department will have in approving an automatic enrolment pension system; the expected overall cost to the State of the scheme; the details of the engagement his Department has had with the Department of Social Protection in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22155/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if there has been any update or review of the national capital tracker to provide greater transparency in terms of projects status, development timelines and associated costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [22057/23]

29. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the proposed Crossmolina flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [22088/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the policies and procedures that are in place and apply across the Government to ensure that senior civil servants are accountable for the management of public expenditure. — Mattie McGrath. [19920/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the key policy levers being examined by his Department to support a quicker delivery of vital projects outlined in the National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [22043/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when it is proposed to release the Environmental Impact Statement which has now been completed with regard to the Blackpool flood relief scheme, and which is required to be made available for public consultation before the project can proceed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21897/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he expects reform and prudent management to continue to remain central to his Department's policy having regard to the need to ensure stability in the financial and banking system here notwithstanding increased corporation tax revenues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21473/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform what input his Department has in terms of ongoing HSE capital allocations, given the new attention on capital budgets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [22061/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the allocations to date from the Brexit adjustment reserve; the Departments to which funds were allocated; the purpose of the allocation; the funds remaining to be dispersed; and his intentions to do so. — Matt Carthy. [22041/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will report on the progress to date on the development of a model to assess the impact of infrastructure investment as contained in the 2023 Climate Action Plan; if a framework has been established to capture the value and consequences of infrastructural development and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [22091/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 110 of 2 March 2023, the status of the review of the programme for the Coirib go Cósta flood relief scheme; the status of the revised programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22154/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the electronic health record IT project, providing details on the potential risks to the health capital expenditure over the medium term, and the impact of contractual disputes in connection with the National Children's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22178/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the progress of the CFRAM programme in Limerick city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [22162/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if a decision has now been made in respect of the wording of the contract for the Glashaboy flood relief scheme; if he will outline the date when work will commence on the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22084/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he has reviewed the operation of the legislation which mandated the preparation of strategy statements, annual reporting against objectives and systematic annual evaluation of a rolling number of key programmes; his views on whether it has achieved its objectives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [21714/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform with respect to the national capital tracker, if his Department plans to provide an annual comparative analysis of annual spend by project and sector with respect to regional population benefit and cumulative capital spend in that region and sector over the previous three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [22058/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the progress of Project Ireland 2040 deliverables with respect to County Clare to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [22160/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the position with regard to the delivery of modular housing, including the status of supply chain, identification of sites, and installation of necessary services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [21383/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if additional funding can be considered to allow for further planning roles within An Bord Pleanála, all local authorities, the Office of the Planning Regulator amongst other State entities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [11516/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the disposal of disused Garda stations in counties Sligo and Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [22070/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he plans to exceed the 5% expenditure rule in respect of Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [21438/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he is planning any new measures in Budget 2024 to address the recruitment and retention difficulties across key areas of the public sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22156/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the steps he is taking to ensure that public bodies do not use FOI refusals as a means to delay the release of information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22176/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to clarify the exact amount of the Brexit Adjustment Reserve Fund that has been reallocated from expenditure on fisheries and the marine to other Government Departments. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [18287/23]

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

51. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he and his office continue to attract employment generating and trade benefitting enterprises to this country via foreign direct investment or indigenously; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22066/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the progress on procuring of sites for the development of new industrial estates in Limerick city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [22166/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total number of site visits hosted by the IDA with respect to counties Clare, Limerick, and Galway in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [22161/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment whether he will offer support to the group currently working to renovate the butter exchange in Cork as an enterprise hub. — Thomas Gould. [22065/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has any plans to review the audit exemption regime for small and micro companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [22083/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the Midlands Regional Enterprise Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [21946/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he is taking to improve the employment of rates among individuals with disabilities. — Holly Cairns. [21884/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the South East Regional Enterprise Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [22078/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the engagement his Department has had with other Departments and State bodies in providing employees with the option to avail of a four-day week; the number of employees in State bodies currently doing so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [21317/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has made contact with the new owners of a food retailer (details supplied); if he has managed to receive any clarity for workers in terms of wages owed and the future operations of the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [22019/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has plans to update the strategy for entrepreneurship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [21543/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is aware of recent actions by a company (details supplied) which are aimed at unilaterally changing the work contract of senior staff and separately the changing of hours and remuneration of delivery staff; if he will meet with worker representatives on foot of these moves to examine their concerns on the limitations of current legislation that governs protection of workers contracts and earnings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [22142/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the report by the European Committee of Social Rights which found that the Government is in breach of several aspects of the European Social Charter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [22018/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps being taken to drive a step change in digital adoption across enterprise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [22080/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of employment permits approved for workers outside the European Economic Area to address skills shortages in Ireland's dairy, transport and home care sectors since December 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [22031/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the action being taken by the IDA to bring new businesses to Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [22079/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures in place for nurturing digital start-ups with export potential; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [22081/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide details of the budgetary estimates available to support the IDAs annual property budget for 2023; how this compares to 2022 and 2021 estimates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [21432/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if, in light of proposed redundancies at a company (details supplied) he will review current legislation around redundancies and notice periods in order to enhance current protection for workers; if he or



his Department will meet with worker of to hear their concerns at the limitations of the current legislation and the process undertaking by their employer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [22143/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline the work carried out to date by his Department to enable Ireland to ratify the agreement on a Unified Patent Court; his further plans in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [22039/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 96 of 23 February 2023, the number of employment permits issued in respect of non-EEA home care workers since the changes in December 2022 to the employment permits system for workers from outside the EEA to address skills shortages in the home care sector; the number of applications received; the number of applications refused; the number of applications pending; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22148/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the preparations that have been undertaken in his Department to develop a circular economy strategy in key economic sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [21544/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the targeted number of new IDA-supported jobs to be delivered in County Monaghan in 2023. — Matt Carthy. [22038/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 74 of 23 February 2023, the status of the first implementation plan for the White Paper on Enterprise; when the plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22147/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline the current position of the IDA on the strategic land bank acquisition in Castlebar that has been ongoing for the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [21431/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what part his Department is playing in providing a modern, cohesive and well-resourced regulatory framework for digital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [22085/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures being taken to improve the efficiency of the work permit system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [22168/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline the work being carried out in his Department to promote the Border counties North and South as a destination for foreign direct investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [21790/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline the priority areas for his Department to increase the number of small and medium enterprises that export, with specific attention given to SMEs exporting to continental Europe and North America.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [22020/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline any engagement his Department has had with other Departments in relation to the tax implications for workers who live in the North and wish to work remotely for Southern-based companies and the tax implications for the firms who wish to recruit them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [21791/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current position in respect of the EU-Mercosur Trade Agreement; and if he will report on any engagements he has had with EU member state Ministers or the European Commission in this regard. — Matt Carthy. [22037/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 147 of 23 February 2023, the status of his Department's engagement with the Department of Foreign Affairs with a view to developing a new action plan on business and human rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22149/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the development of his Department's new Statement of Strategy to cover the period 2023-2025; the measures planned to ensure sustainable and balanced regional development in Ireland, particularly with regard to the northern and western region which has been classified by EU bodies as a region in transition and a lagging region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22150/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the site selection process for a new advance technology building in Kerry Technology Park will be accelerated by the IDA in view of the disappointing recent jobs figures pertaining to IDA supported companies in Kerry; the number of IDA-sponsored site visits to Kerry to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22069/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is aware of the impact of the falling birth-rate in China and the impact of this on the infant milk formula industry in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [22028/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will list the foreign direct investment companies which have issued early warning reports to his Department in the each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [21604/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the take-up of the Green Transition Fund incentives to decarbonise industrial heating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [21385/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the IDA commitment to deliver an advanced building solution in Longford town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [21902/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the implementation of the National AI Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [22082/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will urgently include lineworkers on the critical skills occupation list as companies rolling out vital national



infrastructure cannot source the qualified personnel to carry out this work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22068/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is aware of a report (details supplied) produced by a union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [22016/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on efforts to develop legislation with regard to enhancing employee rights in collective redundancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [22167/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment whether he has engaged with the trade unions regarding the liquidation of a company (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [22064/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the targets that are in place for SMEs to achieve basic digital intensity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [22086/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the work his Department has undertaken in relation to reviewing sick leave entitlements and how it interacts with other entitlements such as maternity leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [21318/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current waiting times for the processing of general employment permits; the number of permits issued per month since 1 January 2023 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22145/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the IDA advanced building solution to be provided on the purchased IDA land bank in north Drogheda; the expected timelines on the ABS; when the IDA expects to fill capacity on the strategic site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [22033/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the implementation of the West Regional Enterprise Plan to 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22151/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the initiatives he is taking to strengthen and enhance the co-operative sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [22032/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the position with regard to the detailed roadmap for long-term decarbonisation of the commercial sector, including requirements arising from recast EU legislation, as laid out in the annex of actions of the Climate Action Plan 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [21386/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he plans to hold a meeting with a union (details supplied) to discuss the unacceptable treatment of employees of an organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [22171/23]

*102.* To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is aware of a campaign (details supplied) which supports four workers and trade union members from Limerick who a union maintains were unfairly singled out, victimised and targeted for legitimate trade union activity. — Louise O'Reilly. [22017/23]

*103.* To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which his Department continues to ensure the competitiveness of this country's trade and industry sectors in an increasingly competitive world market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22067/23]

*104.* To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he expects the ineligible list of occupations for employment permits to be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [22040/23]