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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 the reason the north west region has been allocated less funding under the ERDF programme despite the purpose of the fund being to address regional inequality, and the north west being the only region in the State not classified as a ‘more developed’ region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22172/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he plans to exceed the 5% expenditure rule in the context of Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22365/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the steps he is taking to expedite flood relief schemes in order to protect resident, business, and local communities at risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22173/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the engagements he has had with the Department of Health and the HSE in relation to funding proposals for the new HSE Home Support Tender 2023; if additional funding has been requested from his Department to implement the recommendations of the Report of the Strategic Workforce Advisory Group on Home Carers and Nursing Home Health Care Assistants; if additional funding will be provided to the Department of Health to implement a new home care tender ahead of the current arrangement ending in June 2023, following another extension of the existing tender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22301/23]

5. 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]

**CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS**

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.

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

55. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is aware of the view expressed by European and international agencies and organisations that corporate profiteering is a real and significant contributor to inflation; and if he has plans to tackle price gouging in relation to food products. — Louise O'Reilly. [22055/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will seek briefings from the IDA and Enterprise Ireland on the work that they are currently undertaking to actively secure foreign and indigenous direct investment in areas in County Louth, such as at a complex in Dundalk (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [21905/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on expanding the powers of the Workplace Relations Commission to police compliance with Sectoral Employment Orders, Employment Regulation Orders, and Registered Employment Agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [22056/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of early warning reports for foreign direct investment companies for each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [21603/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will assign a taskforce to deal with vacancy rates in Clonmel town; the efforts being made to support small and medium-sized rural towns that are suffering huge levels of closure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [22370/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

110. 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]

111. 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]

112. 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]

113. 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]

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

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

*114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue in the case of a person (details supplied) who is having ongoing difficulties obtaining same since their application for naturalisation was granted last year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22210/23]

*115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a person (see details supplied) who applied to the foreign birth register will have their application processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [22229/23]

*116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if passports will issue on time for children (details supplied) in County Donegal travelling abroad to a family wedding; if photographs submitted meet the guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22233/23]

*117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue (details supplied); the reason for the delay in issuing said passport given that the estimated date of issue is passed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22311/23]

*118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport for a child (details supplied) can be issued on time for travel on 18 May 2023, which is the expected issue date. — Paul McAuliffe. [22320/23]

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

*119. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and his Department support the conservation of invasive coarse fish and invasive pike in Ballyquirke Lough (part of Lough Corrib SAC), under the Conservation of Coarse Fish Bye-Law No. 806 of 2006 and the Conservation of Pike Bye-Law No. 809 of 2006 respectively, to the detriment of the marginalised native salmonid populations in the Lough Kip River system that flows into Ballyquirke Lough; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [22211/23]

*120. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there is a route for a college (details supplied) which offers retraining and upskilling services, to avail of Just Transition funding to assist in the development of its campus and the construction of a new teaching block; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [22240/23]

*121. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there is a route for Just Transition funding to be made available to an activity centre (details supplied) to assist in its plans for the development of an astroturf floor which will provide an indoor area for leisure and sporting activity for all ages within the community and also the wider west Offaly community, through collaboration with the local areas of Doon, Pullough and Tubber; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [22243/23]

*122. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a person in receipt of an invalidity pension can qualify for a roof cladding grant to cover the full cost. — Thomas Gould. [22250/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*123. To ask the Minister for Transport the National Development Plan expenditure envisaged by his Department; the road projects that are being considered in terms of upgrading the N24 and N25 roads (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [22060/23]

*124. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason there are no options to buy or top-up TFI Leap cards in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22294/23]

*125. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is grant aid available to set up a wheelchair-accessible taxi business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22310/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*126. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of tax received on all fuel and energy in the past five years to date. — Peadar Tóibín. [22208/23]

*127. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a schedule of sporting organisations that have made proposals in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in respect of the distribution of the horse and greyhound fund; if he has received any requests from organisations (details supplied) to increase the betting levies since they were introduced; and the number of occasions he, his predecessors and or officials has met with Horse Racing Ireland and Greyhound Racing Ireland. — Catherine Murphy. [22309/23]

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.

*128. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the cost per sq meter of the modular accommodation units currently being delivered to provide emergency accommodation for Ukrainians. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22273/23]

*129. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the specific measures his Department is taking to ensure better value for money on public expenditure; the steps he is taking to ensure that his Department is not contributing to inflation and the cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22302/23]

*130. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on plans to invest in conservation and improve the visitor experience in the Hill of Tara; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [11468/23]

*131. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an updated on the departmental capital tracker plan outlining any improvements that have increased visibility on funding timelines and project completions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [11589/23]

*132. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if details on capital commitments, by county and region will be given during the framing process of Budget 2024 (details supplied).; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [21803/23]

*133. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the Office of Public Works appointment of an expert design team to complete Phase 1 works at the national monument site, 14 to 17 Moore Street, to include the team undertaking the work; details on the work themselves; and the timeframe within which the works will be completed. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22313/23]

*134. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the Office of Public Works tender Phase 2 fit-out and presentation work at the national monument site, 14 to 17 Moore Street, to include the team undertaking the work if appointed; the details on the work themselves; and the timeframe within which the works will be completed. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22314/23]

*135. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he continues to monitor issues such as public procurement and/or the removal of any other administrative obstructions that might hinder the progress of the National Development Plan; the areas that he has identified as central in such issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22333/23]

*136. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which those areas of the National Development Plan that have been most successful in achieving their targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22334/23]

*137. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he continues to identify those sectors within the National Development Plan which he sees as being most crucial to achieving its targets in early date; the action taken or pending to expedite various processes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22335/23]

*138. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he has identified areas where the National Development Plan needs to be expedited with consequential benefit to the economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22336/23]

*139. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which reform continues to be a part of the vision for his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22337/23]

*140. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he and his Department have identified issues relating to the National Development Plan, with the propensity to accelerate the plan or impede it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22338/23]

*141. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which reforms remain constant and effective in the delivery of his Department's mission statement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22339/23]

*142. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which FEMPI has been resolved to the satisfaction of those previously

impact by various cuts in expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22340/23]

*143. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent of any reforms he might introduce to expedite the delivery of the National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22341/23]

*144. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will identify the most urgently required changes in the delivery of services likely to be needed in the event of an improved performance in the implementation of the NDP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22342/23]

*145. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he and his Department continue to liaise with fellow Government Ministers with a view to delivering the absolute necessities in terms of road and rail transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22343/23]

*146. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he remains satisfied that expenditure remains within the constraints laid down by the international community/banking sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22344/23]

*147. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he agrees with the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications' recent analysis that thousands more civil and public servants are required to match the size of the economy and the demands placed on the State; the number of WTEs across the entire civil and public service as of 1 May, 2023 compared to the same date in 2020, 2021 and 2022; how many additional WTEs his Department is planning for in terms of workforce planning out to 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22366/23]

*148. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the plans the OPW has to protect and preserve the High Crosses at Monasterboice, County Louth; the quantum of resources the OPW has allocated for this work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22367/23]

*149. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of refugees from Ukraine and international protection applicants currently housed in buildings and on sites which the OPW owns; how many additional people from each category the OPW plans to accommodate in OPW-owned buildings in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22368/23]

*150. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform what plans he and the OGP have to provide for the recruitment of a minimum number of craft apprentices in the context of the State's public procurement framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22369/23]

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

*151. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current budget for Enterprise Ireland; and the estimated cost of increasing its budget by 5%, 10%, and 20%. — Louise O'Reilly. [22194/23]

*152. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the financial return generated from Enterprise Ireland investments in 2022; and the projected return for 2023. — Louise O'Reilly. [22195/23]

*153. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if all monies generated by Enterprise Ireland from investments is kept by EI to reinvest. — Louise O'Reilly. [22196/23]

*154. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current budget for InterTrade Ireland; and the estimated cost of increasing its budget by 10%, 20%, and 50%. — Louise O'Reilly. [22197/23]

*155. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the financial return generated from InterTrade Ireland investments in 2022; and the projected return for 2023. — Louise O'Reilly. [22198/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current budget for Workplace Relations Commission; and the estimated cost of increasing its budget by 10%, 20%, and 50%. — Louise O'Reilly. [22199/23]

*157. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated cost of re-establishing the workers' co-operative development unit within his Department. — Louise O'Reilly. [22200/23]

*158. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current budget for the Companies Registration Office; and the estimated cost of increasing its budget by 5%, 10%, and 20%. — Louise O'Reilly. [22201/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a list of the agencies under his Department that had an underspend in 2022. — Louise O'Reilly. [22202/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a list of the programmes or schemes under his Department for which there was an underspend in 2022. — Louise O'Reilly. [22203/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated cost of hiring an additional ten health and safety (HSA) inspectors, in terms of first-year cost and full-year cost, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [22204/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated cost of hiring an additional ten Workplace Relations Commission inspectors, in terms of first-year cost and full-year cost, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [22205/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which cognisance is taken of the necessity to ensure that the regions are beneficiaries of sufficient

developments in order that the economy might be carefully balanced throughout the country, as opposed to concentration in one region. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13903/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures being taken to increase the opportunities for people with disabilities to start their own business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [22246/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the balance between the funds spent on foreign direct investment, relative to expenditure given to indigenous industries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [22026/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which applications for work permits continue to be dealt with expeditiously in all cases within a reasonable time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22323/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he continues to be in a position to facilitate employers who have to endure long waiting times in respect of applications for work permits in vital areas of employment; if it might be possible to accelerate the manner in which such applications are dealt with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22324/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of applications for work permits currently awaiting decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22325/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which applications for work permits can be expedited where the information has been provided previously; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22326/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he and his Department continue to ensure a steady supply of investment resulting in jobs in various areas and regions throughout the country, with a view to alleviating road traffic pressure and pressure on other services in the Greater Dublin Area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22327/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which job creation in manufacturing and the service areas continues throughout County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22328/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he continues to remain satisfied that job creation continues as required in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22329/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he and his Department continue to press for continued support/incentives via foreign direct investment and indigenously in respect of both manufacturing and the services sectors in this country, north and south; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22330/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which this country continues to compete satisfactorily in respect of job creation in the manufacturing and

services sectors vis-à-vis others in the Eurozone and without, and third countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22331/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which efforts continue to ensure the development and growth of enterprise, trade and employment respectively on the island of Ireland, and notwithstanding Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22332/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*176. To ask the Minister for Education when schools can expect to receive their ICT grant for this year. — Cathal Crowe. [22214/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for Education the reason primary schools receive a lower rate of ICT grant per pupil than post-primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [22215/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that the home tuition grant is processed in a timely manner to provide funding for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [22226/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department can guarantee definitively the additional school bus that is so desperately needed in North Kildare vis-à-vis children trying to get to school in the Rathcoffey-Maynooth environs, such need being the source of many Parliamentary Questions and much correspondence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [22230/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to solve the issues facing the school completion programme Newbridge, County Kildare (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [22239/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for Education the position in relation to school transport services for students attending a particular school (details supplied) from outside its catchment area because that school is the only school capable of accommodating the excess student population in the area; if all such students will be provided with transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [22252/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider an issue where over 20 schoolchildren are excluded from transport (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [22256/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Education the reason school transport was refused for a child (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22262/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify a matter raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in relation to an application for incremental credit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [22263/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for Education if a review of SNA allocation will take place for a school that will include the needs of a new entrant (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22264/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details of her Department's plans to build new primary and secondary schools to cater for the rapid expansion of the area which is the subject of the North Drogheda Environs Masterplan (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22285/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for Education if she will confirm receipt of correspondence outlining an issue (details supplied); if a response has been provided to the correspondence; and if any update on the matter is available. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22289/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Education if eligibility for school transport should be granted where a child wishes to attend a Catholic secondary school when their nearest school is non-denominational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [22296/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Education the total number of school transport applications received for a school (details supplied) in County Donegal, per area in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; if consideration was given to providing school transport to the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22305/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 521 of 18 April 2023, if the form of acceptance is now with her Department; if this ASA project for a two-classroom SEN base has progressed to the next stage; if the review of the temporary accommodation application has been completed by her Department; the recent correspondence her Department has had with the school authority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [22306/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Education when the reconfiguration report for three schools (details supplied) will be available to parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [22312/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Education if any allowance will be made for out-of-hours community use of a hall (details supplied) under the agreement to transfer the hall to school ownership; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22319/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education when the child of a person (details supplied) might obtain a school place for September next, preferably at a particular school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22356/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which it might be possible to provide a school place for a child (details supplied) who is due to enter first year in September next in either Kilcock, Maynooth or Celbridge; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22361/23]

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

*195. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if funding will be provided to a person (details supplied) who is representing Ireland at the World Powerlifting Championships in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, in August and September 2023. — Duncan Smith. [22287/23]

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

*196. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the new regulations will come into place which will allow local authorities and approved housing bodies to enter into negotiations with builders for the building of new apartment complexes which will qualify for the incentives under the cost rental scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22217/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if grants are available to refurbish an old shed at the back of a house, not for use for agricultural purposes but for ancillary domestic purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [22221/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to ensure that voting rights for Irish emigrants are aligned with the criteria used in other European countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [22228/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are any safeguards or protections in place to ensure that when residential properties with very serious fire safety defects are sold, the prospective buyers are made aware of these defects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [22251/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when Dáil Éireann and European Parliament Constituency Review Report will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [22255/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he has taken to promote the single rural dwellings scheme in County Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [22258/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons housed by way of homes built on that person’s own site in Waterford in the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [22259/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has been made aware of local authorities that have completely ceased to fund and promote single rural dwelling as a form of social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [22260/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the recommendations regarding paternity and parental leave, and family friendly working hours for councillors proposed by the cross-party all-female councillor sub-group in 2021 will be implemented. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22261/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if any concessions will be made for builders of one-off homes who submitted their commencement notices during Covid but have been unable to commence works until this year (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [22268/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his targets for the number of homes to be delivered in 2024 funded by the first home scheme, the affordable housing fund scheme, the cost rental equity loan scheme and the LDA project tosaigh. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22269/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost to the Exchequer in 2022, per unit of accommodation, for housing schemes (details supplied), in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22270/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost to the Exchequer of buy-and-renew social homes delivered in 2022 and to date in 2023. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22271/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost to the Exchequer of the affordable homes delivered with the Affordable Housing Fund in 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22272/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of people over 55 years currently in emergency homeless accommodation funded by his Department, with a breakdown by singles, couples and households with children. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22274/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of staff employed by An Bord Pleanála; the number of staff full-time equivalents employed at each grade in the Bord; the average cost per grade and the total current expenditure on staff at the Bord. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22275/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of additional posts sanctioned by his Department at An Bord Pleanála since January 2022; the grades approved; the number recruited; the annual cost of the staff recruited; and the full number sanctioned. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22276/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of staff employed in local authority housing departments, the number of staff full-time equivalents employed at each grade; the average cost per grade and the total expenditure on housing department staff estimated for 2023. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22277/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the defective block remediation scheme; the number of applicants in each of the qualifying counties; the number progressed to stage one; the number progressed to stage two; the funding approved at stage two; the funding drawn down to date; the number of applicants in each county who have received funding; and the number in each county who have drawn down their full grant to date. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22278/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homes for the over-55s list and for rightsizing funded by his Department in 2020, 2021 and 2022; and the number due to be delivered in 2023. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22279/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost in a full year of the 541 full-time equivalents staff in local authority planning departments, as set out in the Business Case for Resources for the Planning Function of Local Authorities completed in Q2 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22280/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider extending the time limit on the waiver announced for development contributions to include houses which commenced earlier in 2023; to assist a greater number of people who have commenced building despite very high costs; if an exception could be considered on a case-by-case basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [22288/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action he will take following the late discovery of a report (details supplied) identifying No. 18 Moore Street as a pre-1916 structure which was submitted to his Department a number of years ago but was not made available to the Moore Street Advisory Group despite the repeated requested of its members. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22315/23]

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

*219. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of reviews of carer's allowance that took place in 2022 and to date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [22186/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans, if any, to address the issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [22232/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that the most recent €200 cost-of-living payment was not also paid to dependents on other's social protection payments, when other payments such as this previously had been (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [22249/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has considered any other proposal for an auto-enrolment pension system where one system could be up to 70% better value than that currently being designed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [22112/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which the adult dependent allowance is outstanding is the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22345/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which household benefits are outstanding is the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22346/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which the fuel allowance is outstanding is the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22347/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current entitlement in respect of appropriate social welfare support in the case of a person (details supplied) who was previously in receipt of benefit which was transferred to an allowance, and who was previously employed under RCT but has not worked for some time; if payment will be restored as a matter of urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22348/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) might be approved for payment of guardian's payment (non-contributory); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22352/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if extra payment support/bonus is likely to be paid in the case of a person (details supplied) in respect of those recently paid to social welfare recipients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22353/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when favourable consideration might be given to an application for a State pension (non-contributory) in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22359/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which a person (details supplied) might qualify for the State pension (contributory); if their case might be considered as a matter of urgency given their work record; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22360/23]

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

*231. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has any plans to help evacuate the relatives of Irish citizens still trapped in Sudan; if the State will fast-track applications for family reunification or issue emergency visas to ensure family members can come to the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [22304/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of people waiting for visa appointments in each Garda division, sub-analysed for each district within each division as of 1 May 2023, in tabular form; the plans, if any, to address the backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [22209/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the visa application of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [22245/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of cases processed under the Afghan Admissions Programme, with particular reference to the number of applications completed; the number of arrivals in Ireland; the number of staff working on the programme; the reason for the delay in completing this programme in light of the fact that applicants are receiving no financial benefits or assistance, simply permission to live in Ireland with their relatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22286/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Justice how many civil servants are currently seconded to An Garda Síochána; how many of those seconded employees have an active transfer request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22317/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Justice how many civil servants were seconded to An Garda Síochána in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to 1 May 2023; how many seconded employees transferred out of An Garda Síochána in the corresponding timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22318/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Justice when a person (details supplied) might be considered for residency approval given that the rest of their family has been approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22349/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Justice the current and expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22358/23]

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

*239. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 175 of 4 May 2023, if he will provide a schedule of sporting organisations that have made proposals in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in respect of the distribution of the horse and greyhound fund; and the number of occasions he, his predecessors and or his officials have met with sporting organisations in the context of the horse and greyhound fund. — Catherine Murphy. [22307/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will ensure that all applicants approved for the National Liming Programme 2023 will receive a financial contribution of €16 per tonne of lime spread; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [22223/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the stages that plans are at for financial support for the cohort known as the Forgotten Farmers; if the criteria as set out by him at an event (details supplied) and subsequently met with dissatisfaction from farm organisations are being revised in light of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [22236/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will clarify whether farmers will be able to cut turf on commonage lands they own if participating in the ACRES scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [22237/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a person who turns 40 years of age any time from 1 January to 31 December in a given year can be deemed a young farmer, but if they have not successfully completed a recognised course of education in agriculture giving rise to an award at level 6 or equivalent on the National Framework of Qualifications by 29 May of that year, they are not eligible for the complementary income support for young farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [22267/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the new forestry programme application; the expected timeframe for the commencement of the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [22297/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm that the backlog in felling licences is now dealt with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [22298/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if recent ongoing engagement between his Department officials and the European Commission will ensure that the application

for State aid approval will be ratified without further delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [22299/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a schedule of sporting organisations that have made proposals in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in respect of the distribution of the horse and greyhound fund; and the number of occasions he, his predecessors and or his officials have met with horse racing Ireland and Greyhound Racing Ireland. — Catherine Murphy. [22308/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the implications that the opening of Chinese markets after Covid-19 has on the Irish food industry; and if he expects that this will create further opportunities to trade with China in the upcoming months. — Aindrias Moynihan. [22029/23]

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

*249. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures being taken to increase the opportunities for people with disabilities to enter the labour force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [22247/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will confirm the number of children currently in care who do not have an allocated social worker, by county; the length of time that the children have been waiting on a social worker; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [22137/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide details of the reason a respite service (details supplied) is closed for three months; the replacement service that will be available for parents and carers in the meantime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22219/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 29 of 30 March 2023, the steps he is taking to examine evidence presented to the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes and certain related matters concerning the burial of human remains at the former mother-and-baby home site (details supplied) and to engage with studies of the site which have already be conducted to assist in ascertaining the likely location of the burial grounds. — Holly Cairns. [22225/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he will introduce legislation providing for maternity leave for Oireachtas members; and what are the constitutional and practical concerns that disabled him from including these provisions in the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2022 as previously committed to. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22257/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of successful family reunifications by Tusla in the past five years from 2018 to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [22300/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when speech and language therapy might be made available to a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22351/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress in respect of the case of a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22355/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*257. To ask the Minister for Health the number of functional vision assessments that have been completed on blind or vision-impaired students at primary and second level in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [22253/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail the process followed for functional vision assessments; who completes functional vision assessments; their qualification in this regard on blind and vision-impaired students on behalf of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [22254/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite the case of a person (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [22180/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is no proper day care mental health facility (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22181/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of plans for the development of a new acute adult mental health unit to replace the existing unit at Roscommon University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22182/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Health if there is any new development funding for the early intervention psychosis National Clinical Plan in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22183/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Health how many areas have no access to an early intervention psychosis service in Ireland currently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22184/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Health the projected length of time it will take to achieve national early intervention psychosis team coverage based on the current rate of annual investment into early intervention psychosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22185/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the provision of the new primary care centre at Boot Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22; if there is a timeframe available for completion of the project and the opening of the centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22206/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the lack of available GP services in Clondalkin, Dublin 22; and if the HSE is taking any action to promote the provision of GP services to the growing population in the area. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22207/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the role of a firm (details supplied) in the new home care tender process and the services provided, in view of the fact that this is not a competitive process; the purpose of this firm's detailed examination of some service providers

accounts; how that examination influenced the offer made to the sector on 19 April 2023; if the firm provided the Department with a suggested offer per hour for home care services; if the services of this firm are still be utilised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22212/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Health the reason an offer (details supplied) to home care providers as part of the new home care tender process was withdrawn; the reason this offer was so far below the price per hour required to implement the recommendations of the Report of the Strategic Workforce Advisory Group on Home Carers and Nursing Home Health Care Assistants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22213/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the TAPS audit on nursing home payments; if the audit has been received by his Department; if so, the date it was received; the results of this audit; when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [22216/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the unavailability of medication for persons who suffer with diverticulosis, given that patients who are normally prescribed colofac and spasmanol cannot avail of this medication, and neither pharmacists nor GPs can confirm when these medications will be available from suppliers; the reason for the lack of supply of these medications; and if he will confirm when they will be available again. — Gino Kenny. [22218/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the legislative basis or policy rationale for the criteria that disused nursing homes, i.e., nursing homes registered with HIQA on or after 1 September 2022 will not be considered, are an approved accommodation category under the Offers of Commercial Accommodation for Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection from Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [22224/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to include the rare medical condition Gitelman's syndrome on the long-term illness scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22235/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position on 24/7 cardiac care in Waterford University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [22244/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of a shortage of the medicines colofac and spasmonal within Ireland; the options available to those that are prescribed the medicines; the steps being taken to address the shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22281/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received a petition from a group (details supplied); if he has replied to the group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22282/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown drug and alcohol task force is currently without a co-ordinator, despite the HSE having been informed by the task force as long ago as May 2022 that it had opted for a HSE-employed co-ordinator. — Thomas Gould. [22283/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Health when the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown drug and alcohol task force can expect to have in place a HSE-recruited co-ordinator; or, how and when the HSE intend to rectify this situation which is having a critical impact on the efficient running of vital services in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [22284/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene as indicated in Dáil Éireann to resolve the impasse between the HSE, landlord and contractor(s) where construction work continues to be halted on a multi-million euro primary care centre in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [22292/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Health the pathways that are open to health professionals to train and specialise in child and youth mental health; if he will outline the list of courses in tabular form; if he will list the professions working within this area; if he will outline any future plans for these courses given the extension of CAMHS for up to 25-year-olds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22295/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 548 of 27 September 2022, the progress to date in reviewing the Tobacco Products Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22321/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Health if there are statistics available in relation to the number of patients admitted to hospital as a direct result of the effects of the use of e-cigarettes and vaping; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22322/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Health when speech and language therapy might be made available to a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22350/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Health the progress in respect of the case of a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22354/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Health if he will indicate, notwithstanding the unsatisfactory reply to the previous Parliamentary Question, when a medical card might issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22357/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) from County Leitrim will receive an appointment for surgery in Beaumont Hospital. — Darren O'Rourke. [22362/23]

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

*286. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will assist in identifying funding support options available from his Department to a college (details supplied) to assist in the development of its campus and the construction of a new teaching block; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [22242/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will assist in identifying funding support options available from his Department to a college (details supplied) to assist in the development of its campus and the construction of a

new teaching block for retraining and upskilling services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [22241/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason Kerry ETB tutors have not received an increase in their pay (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22290/23]

*289. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what the new model of training for nurses via an ETB means for current students finishing level 6 nursing studies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22291/23]