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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current capacity of the Defence Forces to ensure the territorial integrity of Irish air space; his proposals to increase this capacity, and the details of any arrangements with other states to monitor or enter Irish airspace for military or defence purposes. — Matt Carthy. [23112/23]

2. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will accede to the wishes of the Women of Honour that any internal appointee to the oversight board be ‘vetted’ for ‘appropriateness’ by an Oireachtas Committee, such desire reflecting their particular experience within the organisation and its culture; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [23113/23]

3. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the steps he is taking to address staffing shortages in the Defence Forces. — Holly Cairns. [19970/23]

4. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on plans for the consultative forum on international security policy this summer; if his Department or the Defence Forces will be making submissions on the question of military non-alignment; which experts have been invited to participate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [20857/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

5. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which emergency action can be taken to protect Ireland’s infrastructure, on and offshore, inside and outside territorial waters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22875/23]

6. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to provide an update on his engagement with the Permanent Defence Force Other Ranks Representative Association; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [22898/23]

7. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for a report on the work of the External Oversight Body for the Defence Forces; if membership is being expanded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22686/23]

8. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the steps he is taking to address systematic sexual harassment and assaults in the Defence Forces. — Holly Cairns. [19971/23]

9. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department is preparing a plan to assist with the urgent housing of members of the Defence Forces in military accommodation that is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [22808/23]

10. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department has set out a five year-plan to acquire or build apartments or houses which would accommodate members of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21031/23]

11. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for a report on the planned consultative forums on security and defence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [22628/23]

12. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 601 of 21 March 2023, if he will provide an update on Ireland's involvement in the European Union Military Assistance Mission in support of Ukraine (EUMAM Ukraine); the number of Defence Forces personnel deployed to the mission to-date; if the training of Ukrainian soldiers on EU soil has begun to-date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22851/23]

13. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the matters discussed at his latest meeting with EU counterparts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [21039/23]

14. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will outline the current number and type of ships within the naval fleet; the current number and type of aircraft operated by the Air Corps; and the current plans for capital acquisitions in each instance. — Matt Carthy. [22813/23]

15. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for a report on his most recent engagement with the Women of Honour Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [22698/23]

16. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for a report on the implementation of the working time directive recommended in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [22683/23]

17. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if the Women of Honour Group have expressed concerns to him about the membership of the External Oversight Body for the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [22847/23]

18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which sufficient attention has been drawn to the exercise of Russian war ships off the Irish coast, with particular reference to ensuring the protection of vital infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22874/23]

19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current strength of the Defence Forces across all three services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [22697/23]

20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will outline his engagements with the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform in relation to the work of the Inter-Departmental Working Group relating to service limits for Commissioned Officers and senior Non-Commissioned Officer ranks; and if he intends to amend the mandatory retirement ages applicable to members of the Defence Forces. — Matt Carthy. [22817/23]

21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will outline the number from the Defence Forces who are currently on peacekeeping missions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [22893/23]

22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his response to criticisms of the draft terms of references for a statutory inquiry into abuse within the Defence Forces; if he will amend the draft terms of reference; and if he will engage with stakeholders such as the Women of Honour group before doing so. — Matt Carthy. [22815/23]

23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he has undertaken a study to determine the number of staff at the Defence Forces that are living below the poverty line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Kirby. [22662/23]

24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the target for recruitment to the Defence Forces in the next 12 months. — Thomas Gould. [22911/23]

25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how salaries and remuneration for members of the Defence Forces compares with those in service in the United Kingdom and EU countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22685/23]

26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his views on remarks made recently by a Lieutenant Colonel (details supplied) in the Irish Defence Forces regarding recruitment and retention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [22023/23]

27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent of recruitment planned for the Defence Forces in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [22684/23]

28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to set out in detail the total number of residential units which are currently being built or existing property being renovated in order to accommodate members of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21030/23]

29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how he is providing for a service extension for post 1 January 1994 sergeants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [22882/23]

30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will elaborate on his recent remarks regarding the Triple Lock and Irish peacekeeping missions; his views on whether Ireland's Triple Lock should be changed; if he would hope to change it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [20677/23]

31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on his attendance at the PDFORRA conference; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [22688/23]

32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the measures he is taking to improve Ireland's cybersecurity strength in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [21040/23]

33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will detail both the maximum and the current strength levels of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22816/23]

34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update on the Consultative Forum on International Security Policy. — Peadar Tóibín. [22661/23]

35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the rationale and criteria for the selection of the chairperson of the forthcoming series of public consultations on defence policy and neutrality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [20678/23]

36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his response to the concerns expressed by the Women on Honour group that the terms of reference for the statutory inquiry recommended by the Independent Review Group into the Defence Forces are too restricted and narrow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [22848/23]

37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 115 of 6 October 2022, if he will provide an update on his Department's engagement with the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment on the issue of employment protection for Reserve Defence Force members engaged in voluntary military service in support of the Permanent Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [22806/23]

38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if there has been an increase in Defence Force Veterans becoming homeless; what is the increases; the reason for the increase; the solutions that are in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22720/23]

39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the measures that are being taken to ensure that there is suitable aircraft available to Irish Air Corps to provide sufficient surveillance of Russian aircraft and ships in the Irish EEZ; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [22886/23]

40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his engagement with the relevant stakeholders in ensuring safe guarding of communication subsea cables in Irish waters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [22885/23]

41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how he is implementing the recommendations of the Commission on Defence in relation to capital investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [22687/23]

42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update on the establishment of the statutory inquiry recommended by the Independent Review Group into the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [22627/23]

43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of Navy patrols cancelled or delayed because of staffing issues this year to date. — Thomas Gould. [22910/23]

44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his plans to implement the working time directive within the Defence Forces. — Matt Carthy. [22814/23]

45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will outline his Department's plans for the Defence Reserve; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [22894/23]

46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his plans to enable all members of the Permanent Defence Forces to benefit from the same access to private healthcare as officers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [22881/23]

47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his views on proposals for an Irish naval vessel and personnel to participate in Operation Irini, part of which is to involve training of the Libyan Coast Guard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [22025/23]

48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to outline the role and current strength of the First Line Reserve; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [22631/23]

49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will agree with the Women of Honour Group in allowing his appointees to the External Oversight Board for the Defence Forces to be vetted for appropriateness by the Oireachtas Defence Committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22719/23]

50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to detail his Department's engagement with European Union partners in respect of the defence of critical infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [22899/23]

51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if the Government will instigate a public tribunal on bullying and sexual abuse in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [22022/23]

52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the status of the promised statutory inquiry to identify systemic failures in the Defence Forces complaints system, including in relation to sexual misconduct; the timeline for the statutory inquiry; the terms of reference of the statutory inquiry; the person or body that tasked with carrying out the statutory inquiry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22850/23]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

53. To ask the Minister for Education the engagement her Department has had with the relevant stakeholders and the additional steps that will be taken this year to ensure that all children with special educational needs have an appropriate school place this September. — Sorca Clarke. [22505/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has conducted any study of the rate of drop out from second level education; if so, if she can provide the statistics on the number of students who left school early in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [23210/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Education the engagement her Department has had with schools regarding the payment of voluntary contributions by parents. — Sorca Clarke. [22506/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the issue regarding almost 60 school projects being on hold due to funding issues including a school (details supplied) in Bantry, County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [23209/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Education about the case of more than twenty 6th class primary school children in Limerick, who were issued rejection letters from the eleven post-primary schools that they applied for, outlining the steps that have been taken to date; the remaining steps that are to be taken to rectify this ongoing matter; and if a commitment can be given that such a distressing situation will not be repeated in advance of the next academic year. — Maurice Quinlivan. [22536/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

58. To ask the Minister for Education the process her Department engaged in to determine the level of the school book grant for 2023. — Sorca Clarke. [22508/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Education if she will confirm the retention of a school transport route in Sligo for the 2023/2024 school year (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [22530/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Education regarding school places in the Dublin Mid-West constituency, when her Department expects to have ascertained the full extent of capacity issues in schools in the area for the coming school year 2023/2024; if she will make this information available once it is collated; and the action that will be taken to ensure that schools in each area within the Dublin Mid-West constituency can, between them, cater for all pupils seeking school places in their area. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22531/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Education the plans to provide additional accommodation and space for a school (details supplied) in Dundalk which is a secondary school and also an FE centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [22884/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Education the steps her Department has taken to mitigate the impact of inflation on the standard of living of teachers. — Peadar Tóibín. [22564/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the number of schools that have expressed interest in the ‘Say Yes To Language’ programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [22901/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Education the progress being made in ensuring that sufficient exam markers are available for the Leaving Certificate exams this year to ensure timely issuing of results; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [22888/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the review of the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [20828/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) in County Donegal will be granted an ASD unit on their premises; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22667/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Education when the results for Leaving Cert 2023 will be issued; what the difficulty is with giving students a date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [22877/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Education what, if any, review there has been on the operation of the “infant hour; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [22915/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Education if she can clarify, in relation to delays with certain school building projects, when a project is at the stage where a tender report is under review by her Department; if consideration is given during this review of the possibility of builders or other contractors pulling out of the project because of protracted delays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [22846/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Education if all children attending a special school will be facilitated on the school-based summer programme 2023, if this is their choice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [22626/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Education if the OCED Education at a Glance’ Report, which ranked Ireland 36th out of the 36 countries in terms of investment in second level education as a percentage of GDP, has been drawn to her attention. — Peadar Tóibín. [22563/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the serious financial crisis caused to a school (details supplied) by the failure of her Department to allocate the normal financial assistance to them for the 52 children (a one third increase) currently attending their school who are Ukrainian refugees or from asylum seeker families based locally; and if she will intervene to ensure that the school are urgently provided with the necessary financial assistance that they require. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [22595/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the Summer Programme 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [22623/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on a school (details supplied) in Dublin 12 that the NCSE visited to report on suitability for special education provision. — Joan Collins. [22858/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Education if she will meet with the National Parents Council Post Primary in view of the fact that the NPCPP is the body named in the Education Act 1998 to represent post primary parents; why funding and recognition for the NPCPP has been withdrawn; and why the Minister has not met with the NPCPP over the past three years despite requests. — Joan Collins. [22859/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she hopes to have sufficient school places available at primary and second level in Kildare North, and throughout the country at large, in time for the beginning of the new school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22873/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Education the degree to which she aspires to ensure the widest possible availability of school transport in Kildare North, and throughout the country, in time for the September school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22872/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the roll-out of free solar panels to all schools; how the application process will be communicated to schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [22663/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Education if she can provide an update on new school builds for 2023 and new school builds in the Cork East constituency; if she can provide an update on a specific school build (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [22891/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware that, due to the lack of an ASD room at a school (details supplied), children are having to be separated from siblings in the school system; if there are plans to provide the school with the much-needed ASD room; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [22552/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a progress report on a special education site (details supplied) in Glanmire, County Cork and a special education site in Carrigtwohill, County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [22490/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the design guidelines for school halls. — Thomas Gould. [22912/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the progress of a school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [22900/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Education the funding that has been allocated per programme to the Summer Programme 2023; and the number of DEIS schools that have indicated they will run the programme. — Thomas Gould. [22913/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 119 of 23 March 2023, her plans to publish her Department's review of the summer programme; the reason it has not been published to-date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22852/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Education what measures can be taken to ensure that all schools offer an option to opt out of studying religion at Junior Certificate level. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [22880/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a new school building project (details supplied); if she will provide an estimated timeframe from construction to completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [22867/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on her Department's announcement of 12 April 2023 of the establishment of a special school in Carrigtwohill, County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [22629/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Education if she can provide the number of applications made for the school transport scheme within Cork county; if there is an increase in applications in the Cork East constituency, if her Department will increase the number of buses required to fulfil the number of applications; if her Department will consider raising the ceiling age of 70 years for bus drivers to help increase the number of bus drivers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [22892/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on school building projects in Carlow; how many new schools are in planning stage; how many new school builds have started; how many have yet to be tendered for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [22622/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to address the under-provision of secondary schools in Dublin 8. — Patrick Costello. [22895/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to establish further ASD units in schools in County Monaghan. — Matt Carthy. [22818/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on when a school (details supplied) will progress to the next stage of their building project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [22809/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Education if she has considered the correspondence sent to her by a school (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22728/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to address a shortage of school places in the Cork south-west area. — Holly Cairns. [22802/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the increasing demand for a comprehensive nationwide redeployment system for post-primary teachers; if her Department has conducted research into the potential for such a system to alleviate pressures on climate change, teacher wellbeing and teacher retention; what her views are on the potential for such a system; and if she will she now schedule talks with stakeholders, including trade unions and interest groups, to address this issue. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [22914/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Education if the ongoing school transport review will facilitate children in September 2023 who cannot gain access to their nearest school due to a shortage of school places and would then not qualify for school transport as they would not be attending their nearest school or second nearest school; if she will give specific consideration to an area (details supplied) in County Cork which experiences this issue every year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [22491/23]

98. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte 13643/23, soiléiríú a thabhairt ar an dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir leis an bplean chun beartas cuimsitheach don Ghaeilge sa chóras oideachais, idir leibhéal an oideachais réamhscoile agus leibhéal an oideachais do mhúinteoirí, a fhorbairt agus a fhoilsiú; cathain a fhoilseofar an beartas nua; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [22853/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Education how many SENOs are currently working in North Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [22674/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Education to advise exactly when and how schools can apply for solar panels on their schools as part of the commitment the Government gave in September 2022 to put solar on all schools for free; when he expects the first solar panels to be put on the first schools under the commitment made almost eight months ago in September 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22729/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of works in Our Lady of Lourdes national school, Inchicore, Dublin 8; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [22896/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update in respect of the application for capital funding under the additional school accommodation scheme by a college (details supplied) in Carrickmacross, County Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22819/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider providing a Level 2 Leaving Certificate cycle for the 2023/2024 school year for students currently undertaking a Level 2 Junior Certificate Programme (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [22529/23]

104. To ask the Minister for Education what policy measures are in place in primary and secondary schools for the prevention of obesity among young people; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [22876/23]

105. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the progress being made to open additional units for children for September 2023 with autism at primary and second level schools in County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [22883/23]

106. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will, in deliberations, give priority to, and thereafter expedite, the urgently-needed second bus in the Rathcoffey-Maynooth educational environs, where at least 50 children are already waiting and left without the necessary service, and where yet more children will be requiring that service in the new academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [22675/23]

107. To ask the Minister for Education if there has been any investigation by her Department into where children who died in industrial schools have been buried; whether the location of such grave sites are known; and if there has been any investigation into understanding what happened children who went missing from industrial schools. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [22878/23]

108. To ask the Minister for Education whether the capacity survey as referenced in her answer to Parliamentary Question No. 106 of 2 February 2023 indicating the current level of installation of solar panels in schools is complete; whether the survey will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [22437/23]

109. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to establish additional special schools in County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [22801/23]

110. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the measures, if any, taken by her Department to encourage entrepreneurship and the development of business creativity among second level students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [22630/23]

111. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the number of students who currently do not have access to an appropriate school placement for this September in either a mainstream school, a special class or a special school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [22625/23]

112. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department is engaging with stakeholders (details supplied) with regards to the establishment of a nationwide teacher transfer system for post-primary teachers given that the establishment of such a scheme and/or online portal would be beneficial to the wellbeing of teachers, including benefiting their home life and family life, and would see a reduction in large commutes by teachers and help to reduce their carbon footprint, which is in line with Irish and European Parliament position on climate targets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22907/23]

113. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the project plan for the installation of solar panels in schools nationwide; the assigning of resources to ensure capacity for delivery; whether schools will follow an opt-in or opt-out application process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [22413/23]

114. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a new school building project (details supplied); if she will provide an estimated timeframe from construction to completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [22866/23]

115. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on work underway in her Department to examine the possibility of a teacher relocation scheme at post-primary level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [22810/23]

116. To ask the Minister for Education the additional capacity in school transport in 2023/2024 in comparison to the current school year. — Sorca Clarke. [22507/23]

117. To ask the Minister for Education for her consideration in engaging with second level schools that have ASD units to provide specific enrolment policy for their units; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [22887/23]

118. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she will take to ensure that the roll-out of free solar panels to all schools is expedited; if the necessary funding and Departmental infrastructure is in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [22664/23]

119. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department is collaborating with the Connecting Ireland planning in order to expand her Department's school transport capacity and coverage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [22908/23]

120. To ask the Minister for Education the reason there is such a delay in granting the go ahead of the new build for a school (details supplied) in view that it is now 14 weeks since the school submitted a request to progress the build; and if she will meet with the principal as soon as possible so this new build can go ahead. — Joan Collins. [22811/23]

121. To ask the Minister for Education if she will conduct a review into homework levels at primary and secondary level; her views on whether reduced levels of homework could lead to positive outcomes for children by freeing up time for play, recreation, arts and physical activities. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [22879/23]

122. To ask the Minister for Education what, if any, efforts are made by her Department to ensure capital scheme projects keep pace with residential development in the Dublin Mid-West constituency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22542/23]

123. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department is taking steps to roll-out workplace travel plan initiatives for all schools and her Department campuses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [22909/23]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*124. To ask the Taoiseach when he will publish his diary for quarter 1 2023 on the website of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22645/23]

*125. To ask the Taoiseach the proportion of the labour force that is currently made up of people with disabilities. — Frankie Feighan. [22248/23]

*126. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a schedule of the amounts paid to three independent experts by a commission (details supplied) since it was formed, to date, including the amount by year and expert name. — Catherine Murphy. [22795/23]

*127. To ask the Taoiseach the percentage of social media posts made on each of his Departmental social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit that were exclusively in Irish between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; and the percentage of same that feature bilingual translations. — Holly Cairns. [23038/23]

*128. To ask the Taoiseach how his Department and public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit meet their obligations for reasonable accommodation under the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015. — Holly Cairns. [23056/23]

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

*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland contributes financially to the RAF air defence arrangement with the UK; if so, the percentage and total funding allocated to this arrangement from Ireland's defence budget annually; if he will provide a breakdown for each of the past ten years of the percentage and total amount spent, in tabular form; the total amount the State has contributed to the UK financially since the start of this arrangement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [23147/23]

*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken with the Spanish Ambassador to Ireland to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [22389/23]

*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will expedite passports (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [22404/23]

*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will ensure that two passports will be processed on time for the date of travel for siblings (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22432/23]

*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the total number of passports issued to applicants at addresses within the State in each year from 2010 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [22448/23]

*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his and his Department's recent engagements with the Belarussian government, including with embassy officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22457/23]

*135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline the sanctions that currently apply to the government of Belarus or which have been applied to individual Belarussian citizens; the actions taken by the Government to enforce such sanctions in Ireland; if further sanctions are under active consideration at an EU level; the position of the Government on such; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22458/23]

*136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his response to the detention of political activists, politically motivated trials and liquidation of non-governmental organisations in Belarus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22459/23]

*137. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the average length of time it currently takes to check the validity of documents in relation to a passport application; the rules or targets related to such; when such rules or targets were adopted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22460/23]

*138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the Government secured legal advice that an agreement with the British government in respect of the operation of RAF aircraft in Irish airspace did not require Oireachtas approval; when such advice was last received; if there are plans to seek updated advice on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22476/23]

*139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if consular assistance can be given to the family of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22496/23]

*140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on a foreign birth register application by a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [22512/23]

*141. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department will consider adding persons with a disability to the roster of persons who act as election observers in other jurisdictions, as has been recommended by an Oireachtas Committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [22517/23]

*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue to a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22534/23]

*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of applicants' documents received by the Passport Office that were subsequently lost, forcing applicants to resend documents; the number of applicants whose documents are recovered; the number of

applicants whose documents that were not recovered in 2021, 2022, to date in 2023, in tabular form, by county of applicant. — Sean Sherlock. [22562/23]

*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the status of a passport renewal of a person (details supplied) as the applicant's target issue date is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [22648/23]

*145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the status of a passport renewal of a person (details supplied) as the applicant's target issue date is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [22649/23]

*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to outline the protocols, if any, that are in place to counter hybrid threats to State security; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [22632/23]

*147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he is taking to facilitate the evacuation of Irish residents from Sudan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [22743/23]

*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the progress made implementing the EU Strategic Compass; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22789/23]

*149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the progress made developing an EU Hybrid Toolbox; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22790/23]

*150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has contacted the Israeli government in response to the demolition of the EU-funded school in Jubbet Adh Dhib in the occupied Palestinian territory; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22792/23]

*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will request the EU to demand compensation from the Israeli government in response to the demolition of the EU-funded school in Jubbet Adh Dhib in the occupied Palestinian territory by the IDF; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22793/23]

*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed and expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [22798/23]

*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed and expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [22799/23]

*154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if passports will issue in time for two children (details supplied) in County Donegal who are travelling for a family wedding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [22989/23]

*155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the percentage of social media posts made on each of his Departmental social media accounts or the social media accounts of public

bodies and agencies that operate under his remit that were exclusively in Irish between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; the percentage of same that feature bilingual translations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23030/23]

*156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs how his Department and public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit meet their obligations for reasonable accommodation under the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015. — Holly Cairns. [23048/23]

*157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the dates in 2022 and to date in 2023 that the Irish Ambassador and or Deputy Head of Mission in Mexico has visited Cancún; and the purpose of each visit, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [23100/23]

*158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is aware of the death of a child abroad (details supplied); if he knows that in the first three months of 2023, 17 Palestinian children have been shot dead by Israeli forces, noting that under international law, intentional lethal force is only justified in circumstances where a direct threat to life or serious injury is present; if he will publicly condemn these killings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [23103/23]

*159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport application by a person (details supplied) will issue. — Michael Creed. [23107/23]

*160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department is providing assistance in repatriating an Irish resident (details supplied) stuck in Sudan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [23173/23]

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

*161. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications why the PSO levy has not been removed from the ESB bills in view of the effectiveness of the wind energy and solar power in recent years; what plans are in place to remove the PSO levy in totality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23158/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the WTE cost of recruiting three additional principal geologists for his Department. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [22375/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a new-build house (details supplied) in County Kerry will be included in the NBI roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22417/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider allowing multiple homeowners in the same locale to apply for a solar electricity grant through a joint application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22497/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the north-south interconnector is still considered an EU project of common interest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22504/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if those working on community employment schemes and in receipt of fuel allowance are entitled to apply for SEAI better energy warmer homes scheme. — Brian Stanley. [22638/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if Eirgrid has informed him of the change of the status that the North-South Interconnector is no longer a project of common interest; if so, when this was communicated to him; and if he will provide a copy of any such communication. — Peadar Tóibín. [22639/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures his Department is taking to encourage landlords to avail of the national home energy retrofit programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [22646/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the percentage of successful applicants for the warmer homes scheme that come from each qualifying social welfare scheme, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22665/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a property owner (details supplied) will be able to avail of high-speed broadband. — Kathleen Funchion. [22696/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on progress towards meeting the target of 5% electricity demand reduction at peak time per Article 4 of Council Regulation (EU) 2022/1854 of 6 October 2022 on an emergency intervention to address high energy prices. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22730/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide update on progress towards meeting the target of 10% gross electricity demand reduction per Article 3 of Council Regulation (EU) 2022/1854 of 6 October 2022 on an emergency intervention to address high energy prices. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22731/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the Local Energy Assessment Fund funding for sustainable energy communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [22762/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications whether he has conducted any analysis on the effect of increasing demand for gross and peak electricity on the cost of electricity. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22849/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the low-cost loan scheme for energy upgrades will be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [22968/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the last date the EPA independently completed a full audit of the water treatment plant responsible for water in Glanmire. — Thomas Gould. [22972/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on a grant application under the circular economy innovation grant scheme 2022 from a company (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [22991/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the percentage of social media posts made on each of his Departmental social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit that were exclusively in Irish between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; the percentage of same that feature bilingual translations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23028/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how his Department and public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit meet their obligations for reasonable accommodation under the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015. — Holly Cairns. [23046/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications in light of the cost-of-living crisis, if he is aware that various waste collection companies have substantially increased their fees; if he has considered how this will impact low- and middle-income households; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [23102/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide clarity on three issues concerning legislation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [23131/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason an application by a person (details supplied) is taking so long; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23143/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications why the PSO levy has not been removed from ESB bills in view of the effectiveness of the wind energy and solar power in recent years; what plans are in place to remove the PSO levy in totality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [23155/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the programmes, further supports and initiatives for enterprise and business community that are funded under his Department; the capital, current and total 2023 budget allocation for enterprise under his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [23177/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the way rural areas are charged more for electricity than urban areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23182/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes that have PV solar systems fitted which are eligible for a smart meter but do not yet have one; if he has an estimate of the amount of surplus electricity in kWh and euro value being returned to the grid by those homes eligible for a smart meter but without a smart meter; and the reason, given the long delays in smart meter installation, homes that are eligible for smart meters but do not yet have them are not treated as equivalent to homes not eligible for smart meters and paid for their electricity surplus on the basis of a calculation of a “deemed” amount. — Paul Murphy. [23186/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current average wait times for installation of a smart meter by ESB Networks. — Paul Murphy. [23187/23]

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

*188. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when the Taoiseach last made use of the Air Corps CASA aircraft; and the reason he did so. — Carol Nolan. [22238/23]

*189. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of persons currently in recruit training in the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps, respectively, in tabular form. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [22372/23]

*190. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the names of the companies that currently hold the contract to provide musical instruments to the Defence Forces School of Music; the amount paid for the replacement of these instruments in the years 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and when this contract to provide musical instruments is due to expire. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [22373/23]

*191. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the types of flights/missions which the Air Corps CASA CN 235s are suitable for and engage in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22467/23]

*192. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the flights flown by the Air Corps Learjet 45 in April 2023; the downtime or maintenance periods, if any, arising from such flights or otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22468/23]

*193. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the flights flown by the Air Corps CASA CN 235s in April 2023; the downtime or maintenance periods, if any, arising from such flights or otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22469/23]

*194. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he, his officials and or the Defence Forces have engaged with organisers of an event (details supplied) in respect of the use of Baldonnell for its 2023 air display; if permission to use Baldonnell has been granted in that regard; the amount raised by the Defence Forces in respect of fees for use of its infrastructure since 2005 by foreign military aircraft and air show organisers, in tabular form; if foreign military aircraft that refuel at the base are billed for that; and if so, the costs associated with same over the past ten years to date. — Catherine Murphy. [22472/23]

*195. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current capabilities of the Defence Forces to monitor or intercept hostile aircraft in Irish airspace; if there are proposals to improve or expand on that capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22474/23]

*196. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his views on the Defence Forces' response to the presence of four Russian vessels inside the Irish EEZ, including the vessels Admiral Grigorovich and The Kama; the timeframe the vessels were inside the Irish EEZ; the monitoring operation that was undertaken; if the reason for the presence of these vessels is known; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22477/23]

*197. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the aircraft owned by the Irish Defence Forces; the year in which each aircraft was manufactured; the year it was purchased by the Defence Forces; the capabilities of each aircraft; the original cost of purchase; and the estimated annual cost of maintenance, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22478/23]

*198. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the progress being made on implementing the recommendations outlined in the report of the Commission on the Defence Forces. — Sorca Clarke. [22620/23]

*199. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will facilitate the Oireachtas Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence having an oversight role in the appointment of individuals to the Independent Oversight Board for the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [22742/23]

*200. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his intentions regarding the implementation the Working Time Directive; his proposed timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22786/23]

*201. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the allowances available to members of the Defence Forces for serving overseas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22787/23]

*202. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of Defence Forces personnel who served overseas in the years 2017 to date; the average length of the deployment; by Air Corps, Naval Service and Army, by location, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22788/23]

*203. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if will report on his intended approach regarding the implementation of the Critical Resilience Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22791/23]

*204. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to outline the investment plan in place to build up the State's air defence capacity; and in the context of war on the eastern borders of the EU; the training and recruitment aspects of any such plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [22927/23]

*205. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence why the State does not have a primary radar facility despite the long and now urgent and need for same; if he will commit to providing this at the earliest opportunity given current geopolitics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [22929/23]

*206. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence whether he is liaising with his colleague the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications in communicating with the public the importance of microgeneration schemes to resilience in the case of cyber attack on the energy systems of the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [22930/23]

*207. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the percentage of social media posts made on each of his Departmental social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit that were exclusively in Irish between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; the percentage of same that feature bilingual translations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23025/23]

*208. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how his Department and public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit meet their obligations for reasonable accommodation under the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015. — Holly Cairns. [23043/23]

*209. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of Defence Forces personnel currently undergoing training outside of the State; and the locations of such personnel. — Paul Donnelly. [23093/23]

*210. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which Defence and security systems in this country are sufficiently updated to meet any act or threat of aggression; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23243/23]

*211. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which previously vacated military installations are being made available for housing or refugee purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23244/23]

*212. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the degree to which the national army is being upgraded and updated in line with the requirements of a modern army within the European Union in the event of a threat arising from any quarter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23245/23]

*213. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which coastal, air and sea surveillance continues at pace, given the various threats in these areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23246/23]

*214. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which the Air Corps continues to be modernised and upgraded in line with requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23247/23]

*215. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which the Naval Service continues to be modernised and upgraded in line with requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23248/23]

*216. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent, if any, to which Defence/ protection facilities might be enhanced through Europe given the pivotal geographical location of this country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23249/23]

*217. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which major update of military equipment is ongoing in the Army, Navy and Air Corps given the emergence of threats in these areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23250/23]

*218. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which matters related to pay conditions remain outstanding for resolution in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23251/23]

*219. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which ongoing efforts continue to eliminate sexual harassment and bullying throughout the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23252/23]

*220. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current strength of each branch of the Defence Forces, including the Army Reserves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23253/23]

*221. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which incidents of sexual abuse in the Defence Forces have been fully investigated and appropriate action taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23254/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide information in relation to lighting the M1 motorway (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [22604/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding will be provided for the remarking of the car park at the front of a station (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [22380/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Transport if Iarnród Éireann plans to provide additional train service between Dublin Heuston and Waterford in both directions on Sundays and Bank Holidays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [22381/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered maintaining a supply of E5 fuel after 1 July 2023 for owners of older petrol vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [22402/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the National Car Test Service requires the owner of a vehicle to present a driver's licence or public services card at test centres in order to be given their NCT certificate and disc; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [22449/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Transport the safety measures, if any, that are being considered to ensure the safety of pedestrians and cyclist road users due to the high volume of HGVs driving along the N20 through the town of Charleville. — Maurice Quinlivan. [22489/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline a timeline for when the National Transport Authority will produce recommendations on the development of camera-based enforcement at junctions and for management of bus/cycle lanes; when its report will be finalised and provided to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22590/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on correspondence and meetings by his officials around the CIE 1951 Pension Scheme; if he will confirm that no changes will be made to the underlying statutory instrument until there has been full consultation with stakeholders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22609/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide in tabular form the funding provided to local authorities for the Non-National Roadworks Programme in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [22615/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) will be facilitated with a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [22641/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Transport if a case for an NCT refund will be reviewed in light of the cancellation policy (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [22701/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the persistent issue of unreliable Luas service on the Saggart line, with issues including schedules that are not being followed and Luas trams that are being diverted or frequently cancelled; if he will work with a company (details supplied) to create a permanent resolution to the problem and request more direct Luas services between Saggart and the Point during peak and off-peak hours and on weekends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [22759/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the difficulties faced by elderly people who are not computer literate and find it difficult to pre-book tickets and parking online before a journey; if he will ensure that the NTA introduces a designated person in each station to assist with these queries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [22760/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Transport when boats (details supplied) will be inspected by the Port State Control under the Paris Memorandum of Understanding. — Louise O'Reilly. [22794/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a harbour master (details supplied) has not received a response to a communication from November 2022 seeking an update as to when boats would be inspected by the Port State Control under the Paris Memorandum of Understanding. — Louise O'Reilly. [22796/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Transport the date on which upgrade works will commence on the forecourt area of Bray train station; and if the forecourt will contain additional secure cycle storage, charging points and set-down areas for public transport. — Catherine Murphy. [22827/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update in respect of retrofitting and restoration of Bray train station; the proposed use of the area being worked on at present; the plans to establish retail and hospitality outlets on the site; and if the public toilets in the station will be retrofitted to modern standards in line with building regulations and accessibility. — Catherine Murphy. [22828/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on any progress the RSA has made since it closed the temporary driving test centre in Drogheda on the identification of a site for a new temporary centre and/or a site for a permanent centre in the town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22844/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Transport what future plans he has with respect to the use of contactless payments by the NTA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [22936/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is a timeframe of an assessment on increasing capacity as per the Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2022-2042 states in section 12.4.11 regional and intercity services that the NTA, in conjunction with Irish Rail, will undertake an assessment of the need for further infrastructural enhancements on the northern and south east lines to facilitate the combination of intercity and commuter services"; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [22977/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Wexford-Waterford rail line will be in operation in time for Fleadh Cheoil 2024 to give passengers from Waterford, Cork, Limerick, and Galway a direct sustainable transport option to attend the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [22978/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Transport what plans there are to implement the improvements stated in the Rail Alternative Assessment Report prepared by a company (details supplied) as part of the N24 Waterford to Cahir and N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction project, which states that minor upgrades to the Limerick-Waterford railway line can deliver an end to end journey time of 1 hour 50 minutes, while full route modernisation delivers a Waterford-Limerick journey time of 1 hour 30 minutes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [22979/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a timeline for repair and when the bridge will be operational again for the Barrow Bridge on the Wexford-Waterford railway, the costings related to the repair of the bridge, as the Barrow Bridge on the Wexford-Waterford railway line has been out of service since 2022 due to a bridge strike while awaiting repair pending the outcome of the All-Island Strategic Rail Review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [22980/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount invested in the Waterford to Limerick rail line for improvement and safety works, including the laying of continuous welded rail since 2010; the lack of a speedier service and increased frequency since 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [22981/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Transport when adequate funding will be made available for structural repair works and a pedestrian bridge adjacent to Ardfinnan Bridge, County Tipperary, to allow traffic to resume on a two-way system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [22983/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Transport if he, in conjunction with TII, will address safety concerns at a junction (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [22997/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will confirm whether 2015 vehicles are to be included under the extension on age limit for vehicles used as taxis, in view of the current global shortages of new vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [23011/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Transport the percentage of social media posts made on each of his Departmental social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit that were exclusively in Irish between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; the percentage of same that feature bilingual translations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23040/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Transport how his Department and public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit meet their obligations for reasonable accommodation under the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015. — Holly Cairns. [23058/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will work to implement a hierarchy of users-based approach to road safety and legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [23083/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Transport if Iarnród Éireann will organise public meetings to discuss its plans regarding the DART+ Coastal North project. — Paul Donnelly. [23088/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on whether the cost of electric cars in the State makes them accessible to lower and middle-income families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [23101/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can clarify whether the TFI Real Time information app will have the same coverage and scope as the current Dublin Bus app; if he will further clarify whether route-60 will have real-time information on the TFI app; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [23140/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Transport when BusConnects in Dublin South West will be rolled out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [23146/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 290 of 18 April 2023, if he has made a submission or if his officials have made a submission; and if he will attend public consultations in Northern Ireland in respect of progressing the A5 project. — Catherine Murphy. [23174/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Transport if he intends to request a review of the current services of the A1/A2 bus route in Athlone, with a view to extending the service to Ballydangan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [23190/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the leasing of 14 hectares of space within the port of Dublin in order to service previously expected Brexit-related traffic; if he will provide details on the cost of leasing this land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [23191/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of penalties and deductions for Bus Éireann service disruption by county between 2017 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [23192/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*260. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is concerned by the results of a recent Revenue survey which found that 30% of cigarettes smoked in Ireland are either illegal cigarettes or are being sourced by smokers from other countries; if he will take action to prevent access to and or the sale of such products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [22840/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Finance if he can explain the reason the main banks are not paying any interest on deposit accounts held on behalf of ordinary citizens, despite the increase in revenue resulting from the higher interest rates being paid on these deposits by the European Central Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [22371/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the very low interest rate levels that retail banks are offering for deposit rates to customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [22560/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has spoken to the Central Bank or retail banks around increasing deposit interest rates for customers. — Brian Stanley. [22561/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Finance when the help-to-buy scheme will be expanded to help private renters who are facing eviction to buy their home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22712/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Finance the legal basis under which the hypothecation of the betting tax for the Horse and Greyhound Fund, as is stated in Section 12 (4) of the Horse and Greyhound Act 2001, was ended in 2009 (details supplied). — Patrick Costello. [22717/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to expand the help-to-buy scheme to include help for first-time buyers with the purchase of second-hand homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [22752/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Finance the new or improved enforcement actions he proposes to take in light of a recent Revenue survey which found that 30% of cigarettes consumed in Ireland are either non-Irish-duty paid or illegal cigarettes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [22841/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of a recent survey by Revenue which found that one-third of smokers purchased their cigarettes on the black market or overseas in 2022; if he will initiate a public campaign to deter the high numbers of smokers who are purchasing illegal cigarettes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [22842/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on potential low-interest bridging loans to address working capital difficulties for Mica homeowners, contractors and suppliers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [22845/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of prosecutions secured against those involved in tobacco smuggling in 2022; if he considers this level of prosecutions sufficient, in light of the recent Revenue Commissioners' survey which found that 30% of tobacco products consumed in 2022 were non-Irish duty paid and illegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [22943/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures he has in place to enforce adherence to duty-free travel allowances for tobacco and alcohol at Ireland's ports and airports; and if he considers these enforcement measures adequate, in light of a recent Revenue Commissioners' survey which found that 30% of tobacco products consumed in 2022 were non-Irish duty paid and illegal cigarettes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [22944/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware that the cost to the Exchequer of illegal cigarettes in 2022 was approximately €384 million in lost excise and VAT receipts, a figure that represents an additional loss of €120 million when compared to 2021; the new measures he proposes to resolve the significant increases in illicit tobacco products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [22945/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Finance the percentage of social media posts made on each of his Departmental social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies

that operate under his remit that were exclusively in Irish between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; the percentage of same that feature bilingual translations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23029/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Finance how his Department and public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit meet their obligations for reasonable accommodation under the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015. — Holly Cairns. [23047/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will explain what is meant by “the four-year rule”, as recently quoted by a tax appeal commissioner, when overturning a tax assessment by Revenue; if he will provide the relevant legislation that contains this provision; if he will detail whether any other similar assessment has been made by Revenue but which was not appealed; the number of such assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23108/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Finance the anticipated revenue in 2023 from the vacant property tax if it were to be increased to 1%, 2%, 3%, 4% and 5% with a vacancy rate of 3.2% and 7.8%, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23258/23]

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.

*277. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on Ireland’s transfer of the Brexit Adjustment Reserve to the REPowerEU fund; if a timeline can be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [22774/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the details of any contracts or services procured by his Department with frontline security including any that are subcontracted to frontline security; and the value of such contracts since 2020 to date. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [22374/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the date on which it is expected to complete the Block J Refurbishment at Garda HQ; the contractor engaged for the delivery of the project; the total budget associated with the project; if the project includes fit-out and related items; if he will clarify whether a new telecommunications mast will be fixed to the Block J post-refurbishment; and if licences to attach to the mast have been issued to third parties. — Catherine Murphy. [22462/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the costs incurred to date in respect of Clyde House, Blanchardstown, in the context of leasing the property; the date on which it is now expected that full occupancy will take place; and the total duration of the lease. — Catherine Murphy. [22463/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the current status of the upgrade of facilities for an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [22470/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the OPW has plans to construct public toilets and additional information signage in the

vicinity of the car park at Grianán of Aileach, County Donegal as well as interpretative signage at the fort. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [22514/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will publish the short-listing procedure and scoring matrix used by the Public Appointments Service regarding the appointment of city and county chief executives, including the upcoming Dublin City Council chief executive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [22515/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his plans for regular updates of the job description and appointment assessment procedure for the role of the chief executive of a local authority to ensure the appointees have the relevant skills to lead on the challenges councils face on housing, climate, energy and land use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [22516/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide in tabular form a list of all major public projects with an estimated cost of over €200 million at any stage of development; a list of all major projects with an estimated cost between €100 million and €200 million; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22545/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide in tabular form a list of all external assurance process reviews tendered for to date; the value of the contract and the name of the successful company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22546/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will arrange for resources to be issued to the OPW to allow them to extend the opening hours of (details supplied) to be in line with other nearby parks in the vicinity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [22602/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the proportion of contracts awarded under the Office of Government Framework for the Provision of Electricity Supply to Public Sector Bodies in Ireland that were 100% renewable. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22666/23]

*289. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if there are plans to reduce the water levels at Termonbarry Harbour, County Roscommon, to previous levels and have the gates re-opened for the release of water to prevent further flooding of adjacent farmlands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [22724/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the reason the OPW is denying access to Oweynagat Cave, Rathcroghan, County Roscommon; the steps that will be taken to ensure access to the cave remains open; if a site visit has been carried out and, if not, when it is planned that such a visit will take place; if the impact such a closure would have on Rathcroghan visitor centre and its work in the local community has been taken into account; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22903/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he has any plans to change or discontinue the additional superannuation contribution (ASC) for public servants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [22964/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the percentage of social media posts made on each of his Departmental social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit that were exclusively in Irish between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; the percentage of same that feature bilingual translations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23035/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform how his Department and public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit meet their obligations for reasonable accommodation under the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015. — Holly Cairns. [23053/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of suppliers currently on the Office of Government Procurement Multi-Supplier Framework for the provision of executive coach-hire services. — Paul Donnelly. [23085/23]

*295. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the revenue generated through visitors' entrance fees to heritage sites under the remit of the OPW in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [23086/23]

*296. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the steps he is taking to ensure that degrees undertaken by State employees paid for by public monies are suitable for the areas they are working in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23122/23]

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

*297. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there is an overall cross-departmental approach to the rapidly developing technology surrounding artificial intelligence; and the estimated number of jobs that will be lost in the Irish economy in the next decade arising from the advancement in this area. — Michael Creed. [22961/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a Trade Mission to Canada is scheduled for Quarter 3, this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [22388/23]

*299. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the salary figure for visa applications relative to the hospitality sector will be reduced to €25,000 per annum to enable employers to recruit a wider range of skill sets. — John McGuinness. [22471/23]

*300. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he intends to make an order to commence Part 3 of the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2023 regarding the right to request remote working; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [22548/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline any plans to change the minimum wage for persons under 18 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [22576/23]

*302. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is aware of any Irish companies that are circumventing trade sanctions/trade embargoes with Russia; and the process in place to ensure that sanctions are being imposed. — Robert Troy. [22589/23]

*303. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the progress made to date in respect of implementing the recommendations specific to his Department outlined in the Report on the Operation of the Irish Sign Language Act 2017 to improve the functioning of the ISL Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22770/23]

*304. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 253 of 9 May 2023, if he will provide a breakdown of the number of complaints made to the CCPC for investigation for each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [23000/23]

*305. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 253 of 9 May 2023, if he will provide a breakdown of the number of individuals or companies that had multiple cases reported against them for each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [23001/23]

*306. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the Government will assist displaced Ukrainians residing in other European countries to work and live in Ireland (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [23013/23]

*307. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the percentage of social media posts made on each of his Departmental social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit that were exclusively in Irish between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; the percentage of same that feature bilingual translations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23027/23]

*308. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how his Department and public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit meet their obligations for reasonable accommodation under the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015. — Holly Cairns. [23045/23]

*309. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he is taking in response to working conditions being unilaterally changed by workers employed to fulfil orders for a retailer (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23117/23]

*310. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the grants available for a person who wants to make their own picture frames from their own garage (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [23156/23]

*311. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of the disruptive technologies innovation fund that has been drawn down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [23170/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*312. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she will take to increase the number of Travellers who sit the Leaving Certificate exam each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [23211/23]

*313. To ask the Minister for Education when she will publish the review of the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22403/23]

*314. To ask the Minister for Education if she will confirm when a school (details supplied) can expect an update on its school accommodation extension submission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [22412/23]

*315. To ask the Minister for Education the enrolment figures for each ETB school in Tipperary for each of the years 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [22500/23]

*316. To ask the Minister for Education the progress being made regarding individual transport for a student (details supplied) in County Cork. — Michael Creed. [22518/23]

*317. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 160 of 4 May 2023, if it is anticipated that these classrooms will be available to meet September 2023 enrolment; her views on the concerns raised by the school regarding modular accommodation as opposed to permanent classroom structures as required; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [22519/23]

*318. To ask the Minister for Education if she will meet with an organisation (details supplied) and reconsider a decision to withdraw recognition and funding from this organisation. — Marian Harkin. [22532/23]

*319. To ask the Minister for Education if every effort is being made to secure a placement in Kildare ASD unit for the son of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22551/23]

*320. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport tickets for the academic year 2023/2024 will be facilitated in the case of the two sons of a person (details supplied); if their case will be considered as a matter of urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22553/23]

*321. To ask the Minister for Education when the two proposed additional classrooms and two special needs units are scheduled to commence construction at a school (details supplied), in lieu of the increasing numbers of students and particular students with special educational needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [22588/23]

*322. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the supports available to schools to access and install solar panels; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22624/23]

*323. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the review of the SNA contract in line with commitments under the Building Momentum National Pay Agreement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22677/23]

*324. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the implementation of the new pay deal for school secretaries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22678/23]

*325. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a student (details supplied) in County Mayo is being denied school transport in view of the fact that this student qualifies under the temporary alleviation measures for post-primary students who are otherwise eligible for school transport but are attending their second nearest school; if this student is deemed not to come under this stipulation, the reason therefor; the reason the school in question is not considered their second nearest school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [22680/23]

*326. To ask the Minister for Education the number of blind and vision-impaired students who have received assistive technology from her Department in the past five years, broken down by year and by primary/second level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [22706/23]

*327. To ask the Minister for Education who is responsible for the training and the provision of technical support on assistive technology when it is awarded to blind or vision-impaired students by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [22707/23]

*328. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on her Department's work to provide additional continuous professional development and supports to SNAs; if a focus group with SNAs has been set up to further this objective; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [22709/23]

*329. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied that the grants for children attending special schools or the transport options provided to children attending special schools are adequate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [22710/23]

*330. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine urgently the case of a child (details supplied); if she will provide a suitable school place for them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [22713/23]

*331. To ask the Minister for Education when and how schools can apply for solar panels on their buildings as part of the commitment the Government gave last September to put solar on all schools for free; when she expects the first solar panels to be put on the first schools under the commitment made almost eight months ago in September; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22722/23]

*332. To ask the Minister for Education the plans her Department has for the transport of pupils to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [22735/23]

*333. To ask the Minister for Education when the new school building project for a school (details supplied) will commence; the timeline for completion of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22750/23]

*334. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the progress made to date in respect of implementing the recommendations specific to her Department outlined in the

Report on the Operation of the Irish Sign Language Act 2017 to improve the functioning of the ISL Act; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22771/23]

*335. To ask the Minister for Education when the financial contribution will be paid by her Department in respect of a pedestrian road crossing for a school (details supplied) as per condition 14 of the approval by An Bord Pleanála for a temporary building. — Francis Noel Duffy. [22831/23]

*336. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the shortage of physics teachers in Gaeltacht schools; the measures being implemented to overcome this shortage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [22834/23]

*337. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the strategy for teaching Irish in schools outside of Gaeltacht areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [22835/23]

*338. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of an approved building project for a school (details supplied) which includes five new classrooms as part of a two-storey extension; when this project will proceed to construction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [22843/23]

*339. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the review into the school bus transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [22932/23]

*340. To ask the Minister for Education the special education pre-school facilities that are available for a child (details supplied) who has a diagnosis of autism and their parents cannot find a suitable place for them. — Mark Ward. [22940/23]

*341. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has a clear policy regarding devices for school work in secondary schools; if she is aware that some schools insist students have both a device and a physical textbook in their possession; if she agrees with this practice, given the significant cost to parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22966/23]

*342. To ask the Minister for Education if schools can request a monetary contribution per child from parents toward the cost of providing the free primary schoolbooks scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22967/23]

*343. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school building project (details supplied); the reason for the delay in the project progressing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22969/23]

*344. To ask the Minister for Education the number of caretakers employed in schools across Ireland under the TUS and broken down by county; the cost of this to the Exchequer per annum; if these schools are also receiving the ancillary grant from her Department for the employment of caretaking staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [22974/23]

*345. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the need for an ASD room in a school (details supplied); if she has considered the suitability for such an addition to the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22498/23]

*346. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine a funding line request for a school (details supplied) to contest a competition. — Sean Sherlock. [22992/23]

*347. To ask the Minister for Education the percentage of social media posts made on each of her Departmental social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under her remit that were exclusively in Irish between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; the percentage of same that feature bilingual translations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23026/23]

*348. To ask the Minister for Education how her Department and public bodies and agencies that operate under hers remit meet their obligations for reasonable accommodation under the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015. — Holly Cairns. [23044/23]

*349. To ask the Minister for Education if specific additional accommodation can be made for students taking State examinations who suffer from dyslexia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [23106/23]

*350. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to calls from an organisation (details supplied) to allow students with dyslexia additional time in State exams including the Leaving and Junior Certificate exams; if this is under review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [23134/23]

*351. To ask the Minister for Education the current assessment process for additional accommodations in exam settings; the necessary qualifying criteria; and the nature of the additional accommodations. — Sorca Clarke. [23149/23]

*352. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students at Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate exams in 2023 that have applied, been awarded and refused additional accommodations for the years 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [23150/23]

*353. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she will take and the measures she is examining to reduce carbon emissions associated with the school transport scheme. — Sorca Clarke. [23152/23]

*354. To ask the Minister for Education when the school transport scheme review will be published. — Sorca Clarke. [23153/23]

*355. To ask the Minister for Education the counties currently part of the pilot post primary voluntary redeployment scheme and what work has been undertaking to extend this scheme to other counties given the concerns around recruiting and retaining teachers. — Sorca Clarke. [23165/23]

*356. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to providing extra time in State examinations for dyslexic students. — Joe Flaherty. [23167/23]

*357. To ask the Minister for Education if adjustments can be made for retired teachers in order that they are not penalised in their pension for working more than 50 days as part of a strategy to deal with teacher shortages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [23176/23]

*358. To ask the Minister for Education the programmes, further supports and initiatives for enterprise and business community that are funded under her Department; the capital, current and total 2023 budget allocation for enterprise under her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [23179/23]

*359. To ask the Minister for Education if an emergency request for reasonable accommodations at the Leaving Certificate examinations will be taken into account for a candidate (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [23180/23]

*360. To ask the Minister for Education the degree to which she continues to liaise with the various school authorities in County Kildare and nationwide within whose areas there appears to be an inadequacy of school places in time for the next school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23221/23]

*361. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she expects to be in a position to meet the challenges in terms of primary and second level school accommodation and ancillary social facilities where required arising from increased population in various areas throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23223/23]

*362. To ask the Minister for Education the progress in relation to the advancement of plans for all schools at pre-primary, primary and post-primary level in Maynooth, County Kildare in time for the new school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23224/23]

*363. To ask the Minister for Education the present position in regard to the development of the three-school project including replacement for schools (details supplied); the progress to date in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23225/23]

*364. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date in meeting school extension, replacement and additional requirements in respect of pre-primary, primary and post-primary in Naas, County Kildare; the extent to which she expects to update the requirements and the timescale for meeting any such requirements through liaison with the various school authorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23226/23]

*365. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date in meeting school extension, replacement and additional requirements in respect of pre-primary, primary and post-primary in Clane, County Kildare; the extent to which she expects to update the requirements and the timescale for meeting any such requirements through liaison with the various school authorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23227/23]

*366. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she continues to have dialogue with the various pre-school, primary and post-primary school authorities in Leixlip, County Kildare with a view to ongoing update of current and possible future requirements given the experience throughout the country where shifts in the population may require the setting of new targets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23228/23]

*367. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which school place requirements and ancillary facilities in Kill, County Kildare may require an update in services given the need to accommodate refugees there; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23229/23]

*368. To ask the Minister for Education the continued extent of her dialogue with school authorities in Prosperous, County Kildare with a view to meeting the need at primary and post-primary levels in the short and medium-term; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23230/23]

*369. To ask the Minister for Education to indicate in respect of school places and schools transport in Clane and Straffan, County Kildare, the extent to which she and her Department remain in consultation with the various school authorities in order to maximise the ability to meet any challenges in the short to medium-term; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23231/23]

*370. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which ongoing assessment of the need for school places at primary and second level for Kilcock, County Kildare continues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23232/23]

*371. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which all efforts are being to ensure the availability of special needs school places at primary and second level schools throughout Kildare North and the rest of the country; whether sufficient accommodation in this regard has been made for September next and thereafter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23233/23]

*372. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she continues to address pupil-teacher ratios at primary level in County Kildare and throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23234/23]

*373. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she hopes to attract and retain teachers at primary and second level in all areas throughout the country; the regions currently showing greatest pressure in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23235/23]

*374. To ask the Minister for Education the progress towards the provision of a new primary school at Newtown, County Kildare; the current state of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23236/23]

*375. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which primary school places at Johnstownbridge, County Kildare continue to be assessed with a view to ensuring that accommodation is sufficient to meet population increases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23237/23]

*376. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which primary school places at Broadford, County Kildare continue to be assessed with a view to ensuring that accommodation is sufficient to meet population increases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23238/23]

*377. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which adequate school places remain available to parents and school children at Moyvalley, County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23239/23]

*378. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the progress in the provision of extra school facilities at Hewetson National School, County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23240/23]

*379. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which additional school places/provision for children with special needs/facilities arising from population increases can be updated in the case of Tiernohan National School, County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23241/23]

*380. To ask the Minister for Education the number of school building projects in County Kildare at planning stage that are currently incorporating the provision of additional buildings for afterschool services within their plans, given the need for a seamless service in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23242/23]

*381. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 231 of 8 February 2023, if her Department will consider advising Bus Éireann's school transport section to move a student collection point (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [23255/23]

*382. To ask the Minister for Education given the current issues relating to climate change wellbeing and teacher retention, would she accept that the provision of a working, nationwide redeployment system for post primary teachers could alleviate each of these problems to some extent; and given the benefits of such a system would, she now schedule talks with the stakeholders to specifically address this major issue. — Gary Gannon. [23276/23]

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

*383. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the details of any contracts or services procured by her Department with frontline security, including any that are subcontracted to frontline security; the value of such contracts since 2020 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [22386/23]

*384. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the 2021 and 2022 capital budget allocation to her Department; the percentage of that funding that was actually spent in each of the years in question, in tabular form; the capital budget allocation for her Department in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [22387/23]

*385. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the full level of Exchequer funding provided to a sporting organisation (details supplied) in each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [22433/23]

*386. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a company limited by guarantee, whose primary purpose is the development of sports and leisure facilities in a local area, was eligible to apply under the last Capital Sports Programme; if the company will be entitled to apply under the forthcoming programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22540/23]

*387. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the progress made to date in respect of implementing the recommendations specific to her Department outlined in the Report on the Operation of the Irish Sign Language Act 2017 to improve the functioning of the ISL Act; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22772/23]

*388. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there are any grants or funding available for a school (details supplied) to travel and compete in a competition. — Sean Sherlock. [22993/23]

*389. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the percentage of social media posts made on each of her Departmental social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under her remit that were exclusively in Irish between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; the percentage of same that feature bilingual translations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23039/23]

*390. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media how her Department and public bodies and agencies that operate under hers remit meet their obligations for reasonable accommodation under the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015. — Holly Cairns. [23057/23]

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

*391. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to amend Part V rules to allow a tenant in situ to purchase their local authority property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [22414/23]

*392. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of people waiting on local authority housing lists per local authority; the average waiting time per list; the use of a choice-based letting system per local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22420/23]

*393. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify the position on defective building materials; the agency responsible for oversight in this area; if he will further clarify the protections that are available to new homeowners in terms of current house building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [22424/23]

*394. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of all stalled capital advance loan facility-funded social housing projects, indicating the local authority in which they are located and the number of homes involved in each location; the measures he intends to take to get these projects up and running; and if he will ensure that other projects are not delayed due to excessive red tape imposed by his Department on social housing projects. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22435/23]

*395. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 337 of 25 April 2023, when he will issue a circular to local authorities setting out the guidelines for the tenant-in-situ scheme for common situations where a tenant receives their HAP payment from one local authority, but it is a different local authority that wishes to purchase the property (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [22436/23]

*396. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of all organisations and individuals that have made a submission to his Department's review of Part B of the building regulations. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22479/23]

*397. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department's policy to remove a social housing applicant from choice-based letting for a year following a first refusal of a housing offer and to remove the applicant from the housing waiting list for a year following a second refusal of a housing offer, or if this is up to the discretion of individual local authorities; if he will point to the legislative basis for such a policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [22499/23]

*398. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the specific supports available to those accessing homelessness services and who are in employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22509/23]

*399. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the Government's plans for the abolition of rates, in view of the recommendation of the Commission of Taxation for the abolition of rates; if a review of commercial rates is being carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [22541/23]

*400. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether it is fair that commercial rates have to be paid to local authorities by businesses that are getting no services for them (details supplied); if he plans to examine the rateable valuation considering that the recent restructuring of rates has put a lot of pressure on small businesses; the steps he plans to take in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [22549/23]

*401. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has plans to assist people who are building houses and who started prior to 25 April 2023 and waiver water charges due to the increase costs that have put serious pressure on people over the past year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22575/23]

*402. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has considered creating a housing information office to provide a centralised space for people to go to when seeking information about the various Government housing schemes and options available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [22591/23]

*403. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider amending the regulations underpinning the tenant purchase scheme to expand eligibility for persons in receipt of long-term disability and invalidity allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22612/23]

*404. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider amending the regulations around cost rental to allow people marginally under the current income threshold to access cost rental schemes, where affordability can be demonstrated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22613/23]

*405. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if supplemental funding could be increased to enable a community water connection (details supplied) to proceed in order that these households can have access to a water supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [22633/23]

*406. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement, if any, he has had with the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth and the Dublin Region Homeless Executive regarding the process of providing interim services to

IPAS applicants experiencing homelessness whilst awaiting accommodation. — Francis Noel Duffy. [22650/23]

*407. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the revised guidelines and application forms for the croí cónaithe scheme will be released following recent announcements to update the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [22681/23]

*408. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the progress made in establishing a democratically-elected mayor for Limerick; when the people of Limerick can anticipate voting in such an election; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [22726/23]

*409. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason citizens completing register-to-vote forms are now required to pay for postage, when previously such forms could be sent via freepost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [22727/23]

*410. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will urgently intervene to ensure that a property is prepared and allocated by a housing body (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [22751/23]

*411. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications and approvals for the first home scheme that have been made in counties Kerry, Cork, Limerick, Clare and Tipperary in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22797/23]

*412. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether it is intended to re-open the caravan loan scheme in 2023; when it is likely this scheme will open, in view of the urgent need for such a scheme due to the unacceptable and inhumane conditions Travellers in substandard caravans are living in; whether any new scheme will be needs-based rather than as happened last year based on a very limited and inadequate number of replacement caravans being made available through each local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22829/23]

*413. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the fact that new applications for housing adaptation grants within the Louth County Council area were closed due to a backlog of applications and a lack of available funding; his plans to address the same; his plans to ensure the scheme is open year-round across all local authorities instead of opening and closing at various points; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22923/23]

*414. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reasons the 2.3% funding increase to housing adaptation grants announced on 2 May 2023 did not match inflation or the current level of need, given that local authorities are having to close these grants to new applicants due to demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22924/23]

*415. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what powers he has to compel local authorities to form a vacant sites register; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [22933/23]

*416. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the administration of the vacant sites levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [22934/23]

*417. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 218 of 6 December 2022, if a local authority (details supplied) has made its returns for the derelict sites register 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [22935/23]

*418. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 15 AHB housing units (details supplied) approved for construction in Ballyglass Road, Howth, Fingal, 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. [22947/23]

*419. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the eight local authority housing units approved for construction in The Grange, Ballyboughill, Fingal, in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reason for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [22948/23]

*420. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the four AHB housing units (details supplied) approved for construction in College Street, Baldoy, Fingal, 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. [22949/23]

*421. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the four AHB housing units (details supplied) approved for construction in Fethard, County Tipperary, in July 2015 have finished construction; if so, the project completion date, the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; 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. — Alan Kelly. [22952/23]

*422. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the three local authority housing units approved for construction in Cloughjordan, County Tipperary, in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, the project completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; 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. — Alan Kelly. [22953/23]

*423. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the two local authority housing units approved for construction in Gortataggart, Thurles, County Tipperary, in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, the project completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; 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. — Alan Kelly. [22954/23]

*424. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the nine local authority housing units approved for construction in Baile Eoghain, Gorey, County Wexford, in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reason for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [22955/23]

*425. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the ten local authority housing units approved for construction in Killeens, County Wexford, in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reason for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [22956/23]

*426. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the eight local authority housing units approved for construction in Cherry Orchard, Enniscorthy, County Wexford, in January 2016 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. [22957/23]

*427. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the process for allocating cost rental properties managed by approved housing associations, in particular, given concerns raised by the general public in Donabate regarding a number of cost rental properties managed by an organisation (details supplied) which have already been allocated without any local people being afforded an opportunity to apply for same; how he proposes to ensure fairness and transparency in any future cost rental applications process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [22984/23]

*428. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the percentage of social media posts made on each of his Departmental social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit that were exclusively in Irish between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; the percentage of same that feature bilingual translations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23033/23]

*429. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how his Department and public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit meet their obligations for reasonable accommodation under the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015. — Holly Cairns. [23051/23]

*430. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of requests his Department has received from Dublin City Council seeking funding to purchase additional emergency fire appliances in 2022 and to date in 2023; and the number of requests received that were approved, pending or refused in each of the years in question, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [23084/23]

*431. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on permitting flexibility in planning laws to enable guesthouse owners set up on-set pods as additional bedrooms to cater for local tourism demand in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23121/23]

*432. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the certification documents required by Approved Housing Bodies in a case (details supplied) before new units can be occupied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [23138/23]

*433. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if flexibility will be granted on the 24-month vacancy criteria for the refurbishing vacant home grant scheme for an application by a person (details supplied) with Dublin City Council, given that this person will be living in the home as their principal primary residence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [23169/23]

*434. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when details will be given regarding the removal of the development levy for one-off housing; the conditions relating to its abolition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [23171/23]

*435. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a person who has a pending vacant property refurbishment grant application as their principal residence submitted to their local authority can transfer to the rental option; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23183/23]

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

*436. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will extend child benefit to children who are 18 years or over and attending full-time post-primary education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [22405/23]

*437. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applicants for disability allowance in each year since 2018; the number of these which were considered long-term/whole-of-life disabilities; the number considered rehabilitation appropriate applications; the number of successful applications under both categories, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [22409/23]

*438. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are operational guidelines for medical assessors and social welfare inspections to allow for assessment of applications for disability allowance with a view to rehabilitation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [22410/23]

*439. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration would be given to review the reasons that a person (details supplied) was unsuccessful in their carer's allowance appeal despite having acted upon the reasons for their initial refusal and providing sufficient documentary evidence as confirmation of their new circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22434/23]

*440. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for carer's allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22447/23]

*441. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a public services card or other photographic identification is required to be presented in order to collect a social welfare payment from a post office; if so, the reason for this requirement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [22450/23]

*442. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of persons currently claiming the State pension (contributory) and (non-contributory), respectively; the total estimated number of these people who have been issued with a public services card at any time since the introduction of the card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [22451/23]

*443. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of persons currently in receipt of any disability payment at present; the estimated number of them who have been issued with a public services card at any time since the introduction of the card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [22452/23]

*444. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of persons currently in receipt of jobseeker's benefit or jobseeker's allowance; the number of these recipients who have been issued with a public services card at any time since the introduction of the card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [22453/23]

*445. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she intends to increase the levels of disability payments and allowances to reflect the very different costs of disability by severity and type of disability as outlined in 'The Cost of Disability in Ireland' report which was published by her Department last year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [22455/23]

*446. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider writing off, on compassionate grounds, the debt of a person (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [22513/23]

*447. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the practice of reducing the State pension (non-contributory) due to the decision of the householder to rent their home whilst in long-term residential care will be discontinued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [22543/23]

*448. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for non-payment of the €200 cost-of-living lump sum payment commencing 24 April 2023 to an individual (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [22559/23]

*449. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an invalidity pension appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22578/23]

*450. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the sale of residence disregard is not applicable to a person who is not a burden on the State at the date of disposal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [22579/23]

*451. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the investment of a person (details supplied) for the benefit of their children is being taken as being savings in the person's name; how this is deemed fair and reasonable; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [22580/23]

*452. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of a disability allowance application in the case of a person (details supplied) who applied for same in April; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22601/23]

*453. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of a supplementary welfare allowance application in the case of a person (details supplied) who applied for same and a disability allowance in April; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22603/23]

*454. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will confirm the number of public servants who were transferred from a class A to Class D stamp (public servants recruited before 6 April 1995); the entitlements these individuals have; if there are any plans to expand eligibility for the State pension for persons who paid class D PRSI; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22606/23]

*455. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will confirm the number of public servants who were transferred from class A to class D stamp pre-1995; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22607/23]

*456. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider bringing forward supports, including tax relief, for the non-custodial parents/guardians of children, as part of Budget 2024, as a way of supporting their care of children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22614/23]

*457. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will advise on a payment for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [22679/23]

*458. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the case of a school (details supplied); if she is aware that this school now has a funding shortfall because the breakfast club is funding capped at 150 pupils; the additional funding that will be provided to this school to supplement this financial shortfall; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [22708/23]

*459. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person applies for the additional needs payment to purchase a household appliance such as a cooker, fridge or washing machine, if the store refuses to supply an invoice if the community welfare officer will accept an online quote from a store; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22766/23]

*460. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the progress made to date in respect of implementing the recommendations specific to her Department outlined in the Report on the Operation of the Irish Sign Language Act 2017 to improve the functioning of the ISL Act; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22773/23]

*461. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what assessable property was used by a deciding officer in County Donegal to carry out a means assessment for a jobseeker's allowance claim by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [22833/23]

*462. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will review the PRSI contributions system in order that adult dependents who have worked in the home may be entitled to full future social welfare benefits such as the recent €200 cost-of-living support payment; if she will provide a full explanation for the rationale for why adult dependents and others with insufficient PRSI contributions who have worked in the home were not entitled to the recent

€200 cost-of-living support payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22970/23]

*463. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding a jobseekers application for a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [22976/23]

*464. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a payment for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22999/23]

*465. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the percentage of social media posts made on each of her Departmental social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under her remit that were exclusively in Irish between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; the percentage of same that feature bilingual translations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23037/23]

*466. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how her Department and public bodies and agencies that operate under hers remit meet their obligations for reasonable accommodation under the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015. — Holly Cairns. [23055/23]

*467. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an applicant (details supplied) can expect a decision on their invalidity pension appeal. — Robert Troy. [23059/23]

*468. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are plans to increase the rate of pay for those working on jobs initiative schemes in light of significant increases in the cost of living, given that most of these workers are doing substantial work in their communities and are struggling to make ends meet; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [23082/23]

*469. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications made for invalidity pension in 2022 and to date in 2023; and the number of applications made that were refused, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [23099/23]

*470. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding a disability payment for a person (details supplied) in Dublin 11; the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23166/23]

*471. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the programmes, further supports and initiatives for enterprise and business community that are funded under her Department; the capital, current and total 2023 budget allocation for enterprise under her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [23178/23]

*472. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of international protection applicants not offered accommodation by IPAS who have been issued any payment under the supplementary welfare allowance scheme, exclusive of the daily expenses allowance or equivalent payment, to date in 2023, broken down by month; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [23285/23]

*473. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of international protection applicants not offered accommodation by IPAS who have been granted the daily expenses

allowance or equivalent payment, to date in 2023, broken down by month of application for the payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [23286/23]

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

*474. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount paid to the IMMA in respect of additional car parking spaces for staff based at the new Military Road Garda building; and if he will clarify whether the OPW has entered into a long-term lease for the car parking spaces or whether it is an annual renewal with the IMMA. — Catherine Murphy. [22464/23]

*475. To ask the Minister for Justice the consideration he has given to the establishment of a domestic independent body or bodies for the purpose of the monitoring implementation of the Third National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence for victims set out in Article 10 of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence and for children to ensure their rights under Article 19 of the United Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child are upheld. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22364/23]

*476. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount that An Garda Síochána spent on hiring crowd control barriers in 2022 and to-date in 2023; when is this current contract to provide crowd control barriers due to expire; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [22382/23]

*477. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of standard and advanced motorcycles courses held for gardaí within Carlow-Kilkenny Division in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [22383/23]

*478. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda roads policing unit cars that came into fleet in 2022 and to-date in 2023; the number of these vehicles withdrawn for the same period, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [22384/23]

*479. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated full year cost if 1,400 new gardaí were recruited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [22385/23]

*480. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to Gaeltacht regions; how many assigned to each Garda station; how many are fluent in Irish; how many vacancies there are, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22392/23]

*481. To ask the Minister for Justice if he can clarify, given the crisis in Sudan, the pathways that exist for family reunification for Irish citizens with family members still trapped in Sudan; the efforts being made to support the relatives and families still there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [22395/23]

*482. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications that have been made by persons seeking to have their deportation order revoked, pursuant to the provisions of section 3(11) of the Immigration Act 1999 (as amended), by year, in tabular form; the number of successful applications and the numbers of applications that have been rejected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [22398/23]

*483. To ask the Minister for Justice when a decision will be made by the International Protection Appeals Tribunal on an application from a person (details supplied) who arrived in Ireland in July 2021, who is a Somali national and who has endured great hardship in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [22400/23]

*484. To ask the Minister for Justice where and when he will meet the representatives of an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22401/23]

*485. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the progress of the Family Courts Bill 2022; when he expects it to reach Committee Stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [22419/23]

*486. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of submissions received in relation to the recent public consultation on hate speech and hate crime; the number of submissions which opposed any new legislation in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [22454/23]

*487. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will meet with a delegation of workers (details supplied) who are facing redundancy and are in Ireland on Stamp 1 working visas, who are highly skilled workers and would like to remain in Ireland but may now be facing the prospect of having to return to dangerous and often precarious situations in their home countries, such as Ukraine and Iran. — Ivana Bacik. [22555/23]

*488. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a timeframe on the opening of the new women's prison in Limerick; the reason for the current delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [22572/23]

*489. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount of capital funding being made available for his commitment to build over 400 new prison spaces at Castlereagh, Cloverhill, the Midlands and Mountjoy prisons in the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [22573/23]

*490. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of male prison officers working in Mountjoy Female Prison; the number of male prison officers working in the female wing of Limerick Prison; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [22574/23]

*491. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will seek an update on the application for a visa by a person (details supplied) which was made during the summer of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22608/23]

*492. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for naturalisation in the case of the daughter of a person (details supplied); if all is in order with the said application; when a decision on the application can be expected; if the application can be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22634/23]

*493. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 270 of 17 November 2022, the number of fatal road traffic collisions in each of the years 2016 to 2022 and to date in 2023; the number of drivers involved per year; the number of drivers in which the status of their driver licence or learner permit is unknown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [22671/23]

*494. To ask the Minister for Justice to give a budgetary breakdown of the 115% (€500,000) increase in allocation from €436,000 to €900,000 for consultancy services and value for money and policy reviews as contained in the Government Budget 2023 publication page 214 under Vote Number 20 for An Garda Síochána; and the reason for this increase. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [22676/23]

*495. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications awaiting decision on naturalisation whereby the application is with his Department for 3, 4, 5 and over 5 years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [22732/23]

*496. To ask the Minister for Justice the timescale for issuing decisions on naturalisation applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [22733/23]

*497. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason the naturalisation ceremony in Ireland is held only twice a year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [22734/23]

*498. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 707 of 15 February 2022, if updated figures are available relating to concerns raised with An Garda Síochána in respect of sexual abuse, physical abuse, psychological abuse, financial abuse, institutional abuse or neglect of residents living in nursing homes or disabilities centres which have been received since the victim offender relationship data on pulse was introduced and recorded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [22746/23]

*499. To ask the Minister for Justice if he intends to proscribe formally a group (detail supplied) as a terrorist organisation under the Offences Against the State Acts 1939-1998; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [22837/23]

*500. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons incarcerated in Ireland currently for cannabis-related offences, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [22938/23]

*501. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); when the application is expected to be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22946/23]

*502. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of citizenship applications received in each of the years 2019 to 2022; and the number of decisions made on citizenship applications in the corresponding timeframe. — Patrick Costello. [23014/23]

*503. To ask the Minister for Justice the percentage of social media posts made on each of his Departmental social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit that were exclusively in Irish between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; the percentage of same that feature bilingual translations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23034/23]

*504. To ask the Minister for Justice how his Department and public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit meet their obligations for reasonable accommodation under the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015. — Holly Cairns. [23052/23]

*505. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding has been provided to increase the number of dogs in the Garda Dog Unit; and if so, when these new dogs will come into service. — Paul Donnelly. [23094/23]

*506. To ask the Minister for Justice; further to Parliamentary Question No. 388 of 25 April 2023, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this Parliamentary Question answered. — Paul Donnelly. [23095/23]

*507. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of WTE civilian equine instructors/trainers that work in the Garda mounted unit in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [23096/23]

*508. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of competitions held for Garda personnel to apply to join Garda armed support unit in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [23097/23]

*509. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are plans to update the Criminal Justice Public Order Act 2003. — Paul Donnelly. [23098/23]

*510. To ask the Minister for Justice the month and year in which the last review of the remuneration of a sector (details supplied) was carried out by Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23185/23]

*511. To ask the Minister for Justice the average and mean processing times for applications under the accelerated procedure for 'safe countries of origin' (International Protection Act 2015 (Procedures and Periods for Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 2022) under the International Protection Act 2015; and a breakdown of the recognition rates for same, broken down by country of origin, since the commencement of that procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [23277/23]

*512. To ask the Minister for Justice the average and mean processing times for applications under the International Protection Act 2015, to date in 2023, which do not fall under the accelerated procedure for 'safe countries of origin' (International Protection Act 2015 (Procedures and Periods for Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 2022) or prioritisation in accordance with Section 73 of the International Protection Act 2015; a breakdown of the recognition rates for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [23278/23]

*513. To ask the Minister for Justice the average and mean processing times for prioritised applications under Section 73 of the International Protection Act 2015, to date in 2023; and a breakdown of the recognition rates for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [23280/23]

*514. To ask the Minister for Justice the average and mean processing times for positive decisions issued by the Family Reunification Unit (under the International Protection Act 2015) to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [23281/23]

*515. To ask the Minister for Justice the average and mean processing times for applications for Labour Market Access Permission and a breakdown of those decisions, made in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [23282/23]

*516. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of people who have been refused leave to land to date in 2023, broken down by nationality; the number of those who subsequently left the State or made an application for international protection, broken down by nationality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [23283/23]

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

*517. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the delay in paying fishermen compensation; the timeframe for paying them in 2023 and ensuring there will be no loss to the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22390/23]

*518. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an application for a farm partnership will be finalised in respect of a couple (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22396/23]

*519. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of tree felling licences that have been issued within five to six months of receipt by the Forest Service of his Department on a quarterly basis, for both private and Coillte licences separately, in the past two years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [22425/23]

*520. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will publish the forestry programme proposal that was recently submitted to the European Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [22426/23]

*521. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he expects the forestry programme 2023-2027 to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [22427/23]

*522. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of species in the forest cover of approximately 11-12%. — Francis Noel Duffy. [22428/23]

*523. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide information on recent media reports that a possible dairy retirement and reduction scheme may be introduced in 2024; if he will outline the broad thrust of such a scheme; if he will provide any clarification as to the breadth of ambition within his Department to deliver dairy farm retirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [22522/23]

*524. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if 'Future Energy Ireland', a joint venture between Coillte and the ESB, is required to report to him; if Future Energy Ireland falls within the remit of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, Section 6(1); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [22654/23]

*525. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will request a detailed report from HRI/IHRB as to how many meetings the Irish Thoroughbred Welfare Council have had, who attended and what progress has been made to date. — Paul Murphy. [22668/23]

*526. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a breakdown of how many thoroughbreds are re-homed per year directly from training yards. — Paul Murphy. [22669/23]

*527. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the responsibility for the Horse and Greyhound Fund transferred from the Department of Sport to the Department of Agriculture in 2010. — Patrick Costello. [22714/23]

*528. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the responsibility for the Horse and Greyhound Fund transferred from the Department of Sport to the Department of Agriculture in 2010. — Patrick Costello. [22715/23]

*529. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the legal basis under which the hypothecation of the betting tax for the Horse and Greyhound Fund, as is stated in Section 12 (4) of the Horse and Greyhound Act 2001, was ended in 2009 (details supplied). — Patrick Costello. [22716/23]

*530. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of money the State provided to the Horse and Greyhound Fund in 2022; the basis for determining this total; and the key performance indicators or otherwise that the horse and greyhound industries must meet to justify their annual funding totals. — Patrick Costello. [22718/23]

*531. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason his Department deducted land from a person (details supplied) in County Mayo and then declared an overclaim, in view of the fact that this land should not have been deducted from this person as they are of the opinion that it was eligible land; if his Department will outline in detail the reason the land was deducted from this person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [22721/23]

*532. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to encourage carbon farming, including schemes or policies to recognise the work of the tillage sector in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [22737/23]

*533. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide support to the tillage sector, including adjustments to tax-free land leases to incentivise the leasing of the land to tillage and horticulture farmers whose emissions per acre are far lower than any other food producing sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [22738/23]

*534. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to support farmers in hiring agricultural workers and to encourage more people take up work as agricultural workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [22739/23]

*535. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Section 12 (4) of the Horse and Greyhound Act 2001 has been amended since the Act was passed by the Houses of the Oireachtas. — Louise O'Reilly. [22749/23]

*536. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the members of the public that were involved in the survey in relation to the first major public consultation into the impact of deer, that is, gun clubs, farming groups and so on (details supplied); the research that has been carried out into non-lethal deer population control; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [22761/23]

*537. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the announced low-emission slurry scheme under TAMS 3 will be available to contractors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [22775/23]

*538. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will allow flexibility around ACRES deadline, given recent difficult weather conditions and heavy rainfall have caused delays to sowing and fencing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [22776/23]

*539. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm that there is no backlog of applications waiting to be processed for afforestation, ash dieback or forest road schemes, given that there have been no accepted applications for these schemes since 1 January 2023; if there is a backlog, the measures his Department is taking to process these applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [22777/23]

*540. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department remains committed to issuing 100 tree felling licences per week; if he will provide an update on how many licences have been issued per week since 1 April 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [22779/23]

*541. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide figures on how many requests to extend felling licences his Department has received since January 2023; how many of these have been approved and rejected, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [22780/23]

*542. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 516 of 9 May 2023, if he will direct officials in his Department to develop a case study for the provision of financial support through the Brexit Adjustment Reserve Fund, given that the sheep sector is one of the most affected sectors as a result of the UK's withdrawal from the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [22839/23]

*543. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the fishing boat scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22958/23]

*544. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of social media posts made on each of his Departmental social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit that were exclusively in Irish between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; the percentage of same that feature bilingual translations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23023/23]

*545. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how his Department and public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit meet their obligations for reasonable accommodation under the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015. — Holly Cairns. [23041/23]

*546. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the WTE staff, by grade, working within the import controls operations division within his Department as of 10 May 2023; the number of vacant WTE staff by grade within his Department; and when these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [23087/23]

*547. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Bord Bia's remit includes the promotion of Irish tillage farmers, and their inclusion in Origin Green; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23114/23]

*548. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline his engagement with the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media concerning a report (details supplied) querying the use of public funds to support the greyhound racing industry and questioning whether a portion of betting tax income could be redirected to soccer and other sports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23115/23]

*549. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update regarding plans for a sanitary agreement to be established between Ireland and Algeria for dairy and infant formula; the engagements he or his officials have had on the matter since 2 February 2023; if he is working with the competent Algerian authority to agree timelines for the implementation of the agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [23127/23]

*550. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a 2021 Beep payment will issue to a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry following a successful appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23142/23]

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

*551. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will instruct the HSE to sanction additional nursing support in order that children with complex medical issues can attend school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [23124/23]

*552. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what additional capacity is being made available to the HSE to undertake assessments of needs in Dublin south, Kildare and west Wicklow following a High Court ruling (details supplied); if he is aware that the ruling has resulted in the requirement for a reassessment for a significant number of assessment of needs cases dating back to January 2020 as well as a requirement to provide fully comprehensive clinical assessments and referral for assessments of educational need by the NCSE; if no such additional capacity has been made available, when service users can expect an increase in capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [23151/23]

*553. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the structure in place to fund the provision of nursing support to children with complex medical issues in school. — Thomas Gould. [22406/23]

*554. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his intention in relation to extending parental leave up to the age of 16 years for children, for all parents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22429/23]

*555. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will confirm the portion of the €259 million full-year core funding that was used to meet the ERO pay agreement for early years' staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [22456/23]

*556. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will confirm the budget allocation for the early years' workforce plan 'nurturing skills: the workplace plan for early learning and care and school age childcare 2022-2028'; if he will provide an update on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [22466/23]

*557. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason that a three-year-old child (details supplied) is still waiting for an assessment of needs. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [22473/23]

*558. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if IPAS procurement will provide an update to an accommodation owner (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22501/23]

*559. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of applications that were made from counties Cavan and Monaghan to the communities integration fund in each of the years 2020 to 2023, in tabular form; the number of applications in both local authorities that were successful over the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [22510/23]

*560. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has plans to increase the funding to Tusla in order that it can provide additional staff in family resource centres located in areas that have experienced high levels of immigration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [22511/23]

*561. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when enhanced medical cards will be made available to survivors of mother-and-baby-home institutions. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22535/23]

*562. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a payment will issue to a centre housing asylum seekers (details supplied) in view of the fact that the contract with this provider states that they will be paid in advance and that they have not yet received the April or May payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22547/23]

*563. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the plans, if any, to put in place community neurorehabilitation teams for people living with neurological conditions within the CHO7 area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22571/23]

*564. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he would consider more flexibility with the ECCE hours to accommodate parents on shift work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [22592/23]

*565. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the average cost per person per night to accommodate individuals at the IPAS centre at Richmond Street, Dublin 1. — Neasa Hourigan. [22593/23]

*566. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a list of the illnesses acceptable when producing a medical certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner in order to postpone paternity leave in event of sickness under the

Paternity Leave and Benefit Act 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22596/23]

*567. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider bringing forward supports, including tax relief, for individuals who employ childminders, as part of Budget 2024, as a way to relieving pressure on crèche places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22610/23]

*568. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to examine alternative transport options and timetabling for persons (details supplied) with disabilities attending a day service in Meath where in certain cases service users are spending up to two hours each way per day travelling to and from the service; if he will introduce financial assistance towards petrol costs in circumstances where parents have to provide transport to help reduce the length of travel time daily; and if such travel expenses will be included under the terms of the personalised budget for people with a disability. — Peadar Tóibín. [22637/23]

*569. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the plan to pay redress to the survivors of mother and baby homes who satisfy the existing criteria; whether he plans to expand the criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22640/23]

*570. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the engagement he has had with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Dublin Region Homeless Executive regarding the process of providing interim services to IPAS applicants while they await accommodation. — Francis Noel Duffy. [22651/23]

*571. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme Bill 2022 will be put as a priority before the summer recess of Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22653/23]

*572. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding schemes offered by his Department for established early childhood education providers to construct a purpose-build facility to meet growing local needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [22740/23]

*573. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to ensure that all individuals in the international protection system are provided with suitable accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [22741/23]

*574. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the progress made to date in respect of implementing the recommendations specific to his Department outlined in the Report on the Operation of the Irish Sign Language Act 2017 to improve the functioning of the ISL Act; if he will provide an update on his plans to involve the deaf community in decision-making processes and the steps he will take to ensure that their perspectives are noted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22768/23]

*575. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports that are in place for working parents who cannot source placements for their children in childcare

facilities due to full capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22781/23]

*576. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how personal assistance hours can be divided between two service providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [22937/23]

*577. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the provisions in relation to remote working as part of the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2023 will be published; if there is a timeline available on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [22960/23]

*578. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will confirm the salary scale range, including all benefits, for the grade of chief social worker. — Kathleen Funchion. [23002/23]

*579. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of young people under 18 years of age in each Tusla local area office. — Patrick Costello. [23015/23]

*580. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of children in care, broken down by each Tusla local area office. — Patrick Costello. [23016/23]

*581. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of children in care with an allocated social worker; and the total number with no allocated social worker, broken down by each Tusla local area office. — Patrick Costello. [23017/23]

*582. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of under 12-year-olds in residential care, broken down by each Tusla local area office. — Patrick Costello. [23018/23]

*583. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of children under 12 years in care, broken down by each Tusla local area office. — Patrick Costello. [23019/23]

*584. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of children who have aged out of care in each of the past three years, broken down by each Tusla local area office. — Patrick Costello. [23020/23]

*585. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of young people in aftercare receiving an aftercare allowance, broken down by each Tusla local area office. — Patrick Costello. [23021/23]

*586. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children on their third or subsequent placement in the past 12 months, broken down by each Tusla local area office. — Patrick Costello. [23022/23]

*587. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the percentage of social media posts made on each of his Departmental social media accounts or

the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit that were exclusively in Irish between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; the percentage of same that feature bilingual translations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23024/23]

*588. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how his Department and public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit meet their obligations for reasonable accommodation under the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015. — Holly Cairns. [23042/23]

*589. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on an individual seeking information under the Birth Information and Tracing Act 2022 from a State agency (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [23116/23]

*590. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of eligibility assessments for childcare services under the Childcare Act carried out in 2022 and to date in 2023, with respect to those who state an intention to apply for International Protection, broken down by year, decision, gender and nationality, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23157/23]

*591. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current waiting time between an International Protection Office referral for a second eligibility assessment for childcare services under the Childcare Act being received by Tusla and that assessment being carried out; the number of International Protection applicants currently awaiting such a re-assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23159/23]

*592. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are plans for accommodation centres for age-disputed minors who are in the International Protection process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23160/23]

*593. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are any plans to extend eligibility for the daily expenses allowance or an equivalent payment to International Protection applicants living outside of designated IPAS centres, including those in the private rental market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23161/23]

*594. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the attempts that were made to contact applicants for international protection who were not offered accommodation by IPAS between 24 January and 28 March 2023 to notify them of their entitlement to the daily expenses allowance equivalent payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23162/23]

*595. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vacant beds currently in all IPAS accommodation centres, including direct provision and emergency accommodation centres, broken down by county and type of centre, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23163/23]

*596. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of people who have not been offered accommodation by IPAS since 24 January 2023,

broken down by age bracket, gender and relationship status, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23164/23]

*597. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if permission will be provided by IPAS in relation to the specific case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23256/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*598. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria applied to the long-term illness scheme; if Addison's disease will be included in the scheme; if the scheme or other schemes will be extended to support people with the financial cost of coping with life-long chronic conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [22363/23]

*599. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant gastroenterologist based at University Hospital Waterford in each of the years 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [22376/23]

*600. To ask the Minister for Health the number of pacemaker procedures carried out in each of the years 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and the hospitals in which these procedures are carried out, in tabular form. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [22377/23]

*601. To ask the Minister for Health the number of births that took place in the maternity unit at St. Luke's General Hospital, Kilkenny in each of the years 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [22378/23]

*602. To ask the Minister for Health the number of rapid response vehicles allocated to each HSE ambulance basis and that are available to attend emergency incidents on a 24-7 basis, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [22379/23]

*603. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is still waiting for an operation in Cavan General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [22391/23]

*604. To ask the Minister for Health to advise the reason the podiatry service in the diabetes centre in Loughlinstown Hospital has been removed; whether there are plans to replace it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22393/23]

*605. To ask the Minister for Health if any plans are being made to address the fact that staff in an organisation (details supplied) have not had a pay rise for fourteen years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22394/23]

*606. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect to get reimbursed from the Northern Ireland planned healthcare scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [22397/23]

*607. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated to an organisation (details supplied) in each of the years 2017 to 2022 and to date in 2023; if funding for 2023 has been reduced; if so, the rationale for this; how this will affect the low-cost mental health counselling provided by

the service; the alternative funding options available to the organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22415/23]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 649 of 31 January 2023, if he will provide an update on the five pilot locations for out-of-hours CAMH services; where these five locations are; the breakdown of funding and staff per location; when these pilots will be in operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22418/23]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the overcrowding at Letterkenny University Hospital last week; if any plans are in place to deal with this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22422/23]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 179 of 26 April 2023, if nursing degrees obtained in India will meet the criteria for renewal of the general employment permit for healthcare assistants, given that the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland accepts these degrees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22430/23]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1769 of 18 April 2023, the date on which the nursing and midwifery policy unit will meet with an organisation (details supplied) to discuss concerns regarding the overseas aptitude test for general nursing; if he will attend this meeting or meet with the organisation separately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22431/23]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that there are still frontline workers who have not received the pandemic payment; the action a frontline healthcare worker should take if they believe they have not received a payment they were entitled to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [22465/23]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be provided with the home help support, already allocated, so that he can return home from nursing home care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22502/23]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health if mask-wearing in health facilities such as hospitals reduces transmission of Covid-19 and/or RSV; if he will outline any evidential basis for same; and if he will outline the rationale for the recent decision to no longer require the wearing of facemasks in such settings. — Michael McNamara. [22523/23]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health his views on patients' access to genetic testing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [22524/23]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health the rate of payment made to private nursing homes, under the nursing home subvention scheme (fair deal), broken down by health region, in tabular form; the reason for the disparity in payments in each region, if any; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22525/23]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health the rate of payment made to HSE nursing homes under the nursing home subvention scheme, broken down by health region, in tabular form; the reason for the disparity in payments in each region, if any; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22526/23]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health if a court challenge has been taken against the HSE, his Department, him or all three in relation to differentiated payments between private and HSE nursing homes under the nursing home subvention scheme (fair deal); if so, the stage this case is at; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22527/23]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health whether there are discussions taking place about a new WHO international agreement that would oblige Ireland to follow a course set out by WHO in the event of another pandemic; whether it is intended to place any such agreement before Dáil Éireann for debate and ratification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22528/23]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health whether it is intended to appoint a project team to manage the development of the three major proposed health projects on the Newcastle Road site of GUH, namely the emergency department, women and children project, the replacement laboratories project and the cancer care centre, to ensure a co-ordinated development of the site; whether it is intended to progress with these three projects as speedily as possible in view of the urgent requirement that all three proceed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22533/23]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 170 of 9 February 2022, if the HSE is continuing with plans to relocate acute mental health care for the north Cork HSE catchment from unit 4 in St. Stephen's Hospital to the Mercy University Hospital; if so, if he will provide a timeframe on this proposal; the clinical rationale for this, given that the Mercy Hospital is a longer distance from north Cork and will therefore involve additional challenges for visiting families; if there has been consultation with ground-level clinicians and family and service-user groups from north Cork on these proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22537/23]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 599 of 25 April 2023, the reason an initial €4 million costing of a rebuild of the Carraig Mór mental health facility in Cork, announced in May 2021, has since increased to €14 million; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22538/23]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will consider establishing community mental health residences in Cobh and Youghal, as well as Midleton, to bring the combined Midleton/Youghal and Cobh/Glenville HSE sectors up to the recommended allocation of 30 residential placements per 100,000 population as set out in A Vision for Change and to bring east Cork in line with the north Cork HSE catchment which currently has 42 community residential placements spread across the towns of Fermoy, Mallow and Kanturk, serving a very similar population size; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22539/23]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health the number of high-dependency places in the public nursing home sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22544/23]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that a person who has entered long-term care and who has agreed to rent out their home is assessed on the double for this income by having the rental income assessed and also the notional income by having the value of the house assessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [22550/23]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there have been difficulties experienced by home support workers with the pay and expense system (details supplied); when the matters will be rectified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22556/23]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health when the scheme for GP-only cards for households earning under €46,000 per year will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [22577/23]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health the mental health supports available to those hoarding and support for decluttering, either through his Department or through the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22581/23]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health if data on the rates of hoarding as a mental health concern are collected and collated by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22582/23]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health the steps taken to date in relation to furthering the expansion of the heel prick test for newborn screening in Ireland, with regard to specific testing for Severe Immunodeficiency (SCID); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22584/23]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health the further investment, if any, that will be required in terms of staffing and equipment requirements for the purposes of including Severe immunodeficiency (SCID) in the heel prick test for newborn screening in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22585/23]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health the anticipated timeline envisaged for including Severe Immunodeficiency (SCID) in the heel prick test for newborn screening in Ireland; when parents in Ireland can expect SCID to be added to such test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22586/23]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position with regard to the health technology assessment undertaken by HIQA for the purposes of including spinal muscular atrophy in the heel prick test for newborn screening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22587/23]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health if an application for home help support can be approved for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [22594/23]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health how a non-national physiotherapist (details supplied) can meet work placement requirements enforced by CORU for physiotherapy practice in Ireland if the restrictions will not allow the applicant to carry out the placement in their current place of employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22597/23]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to a formal complaint made against a centre (details supplied) based on the rejection of one of the Alzheimer's patients attending a person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22598/23]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine the urgent need of a community health nurse assessment by Cabinteely primary care centre for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22599/23]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a primary medical certificate for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22600/23]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the difficulties women are facing when trying to access vital medicines for hyperemesis gravidarum; if he will provide an update on the efforts that are being made to resolve the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22611/23]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health following the recent pandemic, the health system saw the usage of PPE soar beyond anything the State has ever experienced; the vast majority of this involved single use plastics; in light of the Single Use Plastics Directive 2019 can you inform me the actions that are being taken by the HSE to reduce single use plastics such as PPE in the system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [22616/23]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide for the recognition of long-Covid in children; if his Department has reviewed best practice from other jurisdictions such as the UK NHS's setting-up of specialist long-COVID services for children and young people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22617/23]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to integrate services for children into the HSE's long-Covid services framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22618/23]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement he has had with employment agencies to ensure the €1,000 Covid bonus payment has been paid to all those workers who are entitled to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [22619/23]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on proposals to establish an independent inquiry into the use of, and adverse outcomes related to, sodium valproate (epilim) in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [22621/23]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for surgery in the Regional Hospital, Tullamore. — Robert Troy. [22642/23]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware there is a significant shortage of some medications at the current time; if he is aware that pharmacists are unable to indicate when the issue will be resolved; and the action, if any, his Department is taking to assist in resolving the matter in order to ensure the correct medication is available to those who require it. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22643/23]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an urgent appointment for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [22644/23]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on plans to deliver a living wage for home support workers and healthcare assistants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [22647/23]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to repurpose disused and vacant HSE-owned buildings for community facilities or other uses; if his attention has been drawn to the high number of these properties in County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [22655/23]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the proposal from some local authorities to take up long-term leases on vacant and disused HSE-owned buildings, with a view to repurposing these buildings for community use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [22660/23]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) who has mobility issues will be given an urgent appointment to see an occupational therapist. — Chris Andrews. [22670/23]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health to supply the name of any consultant in the public health service of Ireland who has the knowledge to diagnose and manage long-Covid in children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [22682/23]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not received the €1,000 pandemic recognition payment having worked in a nursing home throughout the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [22695/23]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health if he has any plans to reduce the number of CAMHS teams from the current total of seventy-three; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22699/23]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health if he has any plans to amalgamate some CAMHS teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22700/23]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE in the midwest will provide physiotherapy for children diagnosed with primary lymphoedema; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [22702/23]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health if emergency home help can be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); if the appropriate contact can be made with the person's family; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22704/23]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health if dialectical behaviour therapy treatment is due to continue locally in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22705/23]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the work being carried out to rectify shortages of public health nurses at seven locations in Dublin (details supplied); the options available to families in these areas whose children are not being seen in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22723/23]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 669 of 22 February 2022, if an update can be provided on the number of social work investigations, reviews, NIRP reports, independent reviews or other investigative processes that have been completed and or underway and or scheduled within the HSE older persons services department since from 2020 to date, by type of concern and process of review or investigation used; the details relating to HSE-funded services in which the processes were initiated following reports and or concerns related to physical, sexual, emotional, financial or institutional abuse or neglect of adult residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [22736/23]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health the funding proposals he has considered for the HSE Home Support Tender 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [22747/23]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will go to market with a tender (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [22748/23]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds to population in each hospital, by bed type, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [22753/23]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health the current position regarding the drafting of legislation for the GP card for children under seven years, as provided for in Budget 2023; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22754/23]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health if he agrees that there is a need to introduce salaried GPs in view of the interest in medical graduates in working in this way and as a means of urgently addressing the serious shortage of GPs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22755/23]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 200 of 15 February 2023, 1151 of 21 March 2023 and 1452 of 18 April 2023, the number of staff directly employed by the HSE known to be on leave from work for more than one year due to long-Covid symptoms, as evidenced by their receipt of special Covid leave with pay for that period of time; the reason the HSE has not released this figure in response to previous Parliamentary Questions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22756/23]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 674 of 28 March 2023 and 1451 of 18 April 2023, the dates that meetings were scheduled since June 2022 between representatives of his Department and trade unions representing healthcare workers with long-Covid to discuss pay issues relating to this medical condition; the dates of such meetings between his Department and trade unions on long-Covid and healthcare workers that were cancelled by his Department since June 2022; the reason for these cancellations, acknowledging that this information does not conflict with the workings of industrial relations processes underway; the reason this information had not already been provided in response to previous Parliamentary Questions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22757/23]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 236 of 22 March 2023 and 1744 of 17 April 2023, the names of the HSE estates managers who approved contracts for renovations and other works to Glenwood House, Carrigaline, following the purchase of that property in January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22758/23]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health if he has conducted any analysis of the cost of ensuring a living wage for health care assistants who are providing services in nursing homes to people whose care is funded under the nursing home support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [22763/23]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of ensuring a living wage for health care assistants and home support workers who are providing publicly contracted home support hours, whether they work for the HSE or another provider; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [22764/23]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health the hourly cost of the HSE directly providing home care services; the cost per hour; the equivalent cost for a whole-time equivalent worker; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [22765/23]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health when the new home care tender will be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [22767/23]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent consultant vascular surgeons attached to University Hospital Waterford in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [22782/23]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide a dedicated chronic disease clinic in Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [22783/23]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent radiographer sonographers working in Wexford General Hospital in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; if this number will be further increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [22784/23]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health the number of orthopaedic surgeries carried out at Wexford General Hospital in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [22785/23]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health the considerations his Department is giving to the inclusion of the drugs saxenda and ozempic, both now recognised as valuable medications in the treatment of obesity, to the drugs payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [22800/23]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the progress of the independent review of the provision of child and adolescent mental health services in the State by the Inspector of Mental Health Services and by the Mental Health Commission; when the review will be published in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22830/23]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 433 of 8 February 2023, if he will investigate the reason a person (details supplied) has yet to receive their pandemic recognition payment. — Mairéad Farrell. [22832/23]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health if he will enquire as to the reason that a person (details supplied) has not received the pandemic recognition payment to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [22904/23]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the new home care tender 2023; the reason for any delays to date; how they are being expedited; if he is committed to engaging with those operating in the home care sector on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [22905/23]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health if the new tender process for the home care sector will be completed by the HSE in time for when the current arrangement expires on the newly revised date of 30 June; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [22906/23]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health if he has a timeline for the publication of the current review of the maternity and infant care scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [22939/23]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the pandemic bonus payment for three agency workers (details supplied) in County Mayo. — Dara Calleary. [22941/23]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the publication of Tender 2023 which will set out how the homecare sector will operate over the next several years; the reason the publication of Tender 2023 has been delayed on a number of occasions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [22950/23]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health if he will agree to meet with an organisation (details supplied) to agree funding for a new rate on Tender 2023 that reflects the increased costs of care and that allows homecare providers to offer their homecare staff a living wage, travel time and mileage costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [22951/23]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an outline of the current situation regarding tender for new home care (Tender 2023); the reason there have been three extensions of the existing tender since 2018, including most recently in April last; if he will meet with an organisation (details supplied) on this matter; and if he will take immediate steps to conclude Tender 2023 at the earliest possible date. — Michael Creed. [22962/23]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the progression of the new home care tender (details supplied); if he will outline an expected timeline for same; if he will ensure that it reaches a timely conclusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [22965/23]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health what progress is being made in appointing an Independent Commissioner for Ageing and Older People; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [22985/23]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an up-to-date timeframe as to when he expects the statutory home support scheme to be finalised and operational. — Peadar Tóibín. [22986/23]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has conducted an up-to-date assessment of the ongoing effects of the impact of isolation on the mental health and wellbeing on the elderly population arising out of the Covid pandemic; the supports that are available to elderly people in this regard; how are these supports communicated and publicised to the targeted group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [22987/23]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health if he has informed himself and can provide data for each of the past five years regarding the number of complaints reported to the HSE and HIQA with respect to end of life care for elderly people in both public and private healthcare settings; if he can provide a breakdown on the number of investigations which took place on foot of reported complaints for both public and private healthcare settings; how many of these complaints were upheld; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [22988/23]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for an eye appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [22990/23]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health the number of statements of interest submitted by hospital consultants employed at Children's Health Ireland and its predecessor hospital organisations, Children's University Hospital, Temple Street and Crumlin Children's Hospital, as per their requirements under ethics legislation for each of the years 2015 to 2021, in tabular form (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [22994/23]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nil statements submitted by hospital consultants employed at Children's Health Ireland and its predecessor hospital organisations, Children's University Hospital, Temple Street and Crumlin Children's Hospital, as per their requirements under ethics legislation for each of the years 2015 to 2021, in tabular form (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [22995/23]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital consultants employed at Children's Health Ireland and its predecessor hospital organisations, Children's University Hospital Temple Street and Crumlin Children's Hospital, who submitted neither a statement of interest nor a Nil statement for each of the years 2015 to 2021, in tabular form (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [22996/23]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 203 of 10 May 2023, if he will ensure that a child (details supplied) is referred for orthodontic treatment before she completes second-level education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [22998/23]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health if a comprehensive assessment will be undertaken as a matter of urgency by the public health nurse of the homecare needs and supports required by a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [23003/23]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health when retired HSE employees can expect to receive increases in their pension in accordance with terms and conditions of their retirement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [23004/23]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide data regarding the number of deaths recorded as prescription related overdose from 2011 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [23005/23]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health what engagement has taken place with the HSE with regard to providing additional financial supports for patients requiring a higher level of care in private nursing homes, and in particular where these patients are being discharged from HSE hospitals and where there is no HSE community hospital beds available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [23006/23]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on waiting times for gynaecological outpatient waiting lists in hospitals nationwide of the conditions the referrals relate including chronic pelvic pain, urinary incontinence and endometriosis for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 30 April 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [23007/23]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women on waiting lists for excision surgery for endometriosis, in tabular form; the length of the waiting times in view of the fact that any undue delay to this type of surgery may impact severely on women's reproductive health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [23008/23]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update as to when specialist endometriosis services located at Tallaght University Hospital and Cork University Maternity Hospital will begin to accept patient referrals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [23009/23]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update in respect of his Department's plans to give additional training to general practitioners to enable them to diagnose women with endometriosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [23010/23]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health the additional revenue cost of staffing and servicing the additional acute inpatient beds added to the health service in each of the years 2019 to 2022. — David Cullinane. [23012/23]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of social media posts made on each of his Departmental social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit that were exclusively in Irish between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; the percentage of same that feature bilingual translations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23032/23]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health how his Department and public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit meet their obligations for reasonable accommodation under the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015. — Holly Cairns. [23050/23]

*709. To ask the Minister for Health if a medical card review can be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Duncan Smith. [23060/23]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant paediatric vascular surgeons working in the public health service; his plans to expand this number; and the international recommended best-practice ratio for paediatric vascular surgeons to population and current ratio. — Paul Donnelly. [23089/23]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health the names of for-profit, voluntary and not-for-profit companies that provided home care support to persons on behalf of the HSE within CHO7 in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the amount paid by the HSE for such works in the years in question, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [23090/23]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE neurology nurses in epilepsy working in Beaumont Hospital in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased. — Paul Donnelly. [23091/23]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health the number of incidents that the HSE pest control service within Dublin attended in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if there is an emergency out-of-hours facility available for this service. — Paul Donnelly. [23092/23]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 785 of 13 January 2021, the status of the licensing and reimbursement of jorveza, used to treat eosinophilic oesophagitis, on the drug payment scheme. — David Cullinane. [23105/23]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to increase the supply of residential care places in the Dublin, south Kildare and west Wicklow areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [23109/23]

*716. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new residential care places that were created in the Dublin, south Kildare and west Wicklow areas in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [23110/23]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding that has been allocated to the Dublin, south Kildare and west Wicklow areas to deliver new residential care places since 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [23111/23]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a separate lower rate of qualification for single-person households applying to the drugs payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23118/23]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the estimated cost of reducing the qualifying cost to €60 a month to avail of the drugs payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23119/23]

*720. To ask the Minister for Health when a new scheme will be introduced to replace the motorised transport grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23120/23]

*721. To ask the Minister for Health the screening services available for children for type one diabetes in Ireland and across Europe; if screening is provided by public health systems; and if so, if there are any patient registries to help track progress of the disease. — Robert Troy. [23126/23]

*722. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 484 of 16 November 2021, 1715 of 19 January 2022, 169 of 9 February 2022, 186 of 23 March 2022, 720 of 17 May 2022, 1903 of 14 June 2022, 565 of 13 December 2022, 354 of 19 January 2023, 570 of 7 March 2023 and 1454 of 18 April 2023, when the clinical directors of the North Cork, West Cork and South Lee areas agreed to accept referrals of service-users requiring residential placement from the Midleton/Youghal and Cobh/Glenville into community residences under their clinical remit; if, in particular, the clinical directors in question were made aware of the increased need for placements from outside their areas resulting from the closure of the Owenacurra Centre, Midleton, prior to that closure being announced, when the HSE's plan at that stage was to not replace any residential mental health services in East Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [23128/23]

*723. To ask the Minister for Health the allocation that has been made for the access to care fund annually from 2020 to date, inclusive; the amount spent to reduce specific community care waiting lists, specifically primary care child psychology/counselling, CAMHS and autism for the same periods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23130/23]

*724. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm when the Public Health (Tobacco and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Bill will be read at first stage in the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [23132/23]

*725. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 598 of 25 April 2023, the estimated costs associated with renovations of Millfield House, Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [23133/23]

*726. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 170 of 9 February 2022 and 597 of 25 April 2023, if he can confirm that the ten-bed replacement service for the Owenacurra Centre, Midleton, will be a ‘continuing care’ mental health service, as suggested in the response to Parliamentary Question No. 597 of 25 April 2023, bearing in mind that continuing care mental health services have a specific staff: client ratio; how one can reconcile a contention in the same response that the service will be replaced in 2024 with recent briefings from the HSE suggesting that it does not yet have a site identified for this project, nor a ‘development team’ appointed, nor capital funding secured; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [23135/23]

*727. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the progression and the timeline for the establishment of a commission on care for older people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [23137/23]

*728. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the implementation of the recommendations of the Nursing Home Expert Panel report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [23139/23]

*729. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the establishment of a commissioner for ageing and older people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [23141/23]

*730. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of any advice from the National Gender Service to GPs not to provide blood testing facilities or to administer HRT therapies to people accessing gender affirming care; if he will confirm that the administration of HRT therapies to patients is a matter for them and their doctor; if he will meet with grassroots groups that campaign for the rights of trans and intersex people in relation to access to gender affirming care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [23148/23]

*731. To ask the Minister for Health concerning the homecare sector which has been engaged in discussions with his Department and the HSE since December 2022 about homecare Tender 2023; the reason in December 2022, the HSE informed the sector they were not ready to go to market with the tender 2023, forcing homecare sector providers to agree to a second extension of the original tender 2018 through to 30 April 2023; the reason on 25 April, the HSE again informed homecare sector providers that they had not yet concluded the Tender 2023 and again informed providers they were unilaterally extending the arrangements yet again to 30 June 2023; if he will ensure a resolve to the situation is found as soon as possible, ensuring that Tender 2023 is not delayed again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [23168/23]

*732. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Mayo will receive a decision on their application with the NMBI, in view of the fact that an employment

opportunity is hinging on this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23181/23]

*733. To ask the Minister for Health if staff will be recruited for a department in University Hospital Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23189/23]

*734. To ask the Minister for Health when the commitment given in Budget 2023 to give GP medical cards to those with an income of less than the median wage will be implemented. — Brian Stanley. [23193/23]

*735. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will pay for all private assessments of children with autism from validated practitioners given that it has made a precedent by already doing so in CHO Area 5. — Alan Kelly. [23194/23]

*736. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 288 of 30 March 2023, if discussions between his Department and the HSE regarding funding for trainee counselling psychologists have concluded; the timeline he is working towards for announcing the details for the 2023/2024 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23257/23]

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

*737. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will engage with the relevant ETB, Solas and other agencies regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [23136/23]

*738. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to medical students in Sudan who have been displaced by the current Sudanese conflict and who are now living in Ireland; if he is considering accommodating these students to continue their studies in Irish universities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [22416/23]

*739. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the technological universities will be able to borrow money on the financial markets in the same way as the traditional universities, given that their current inability is both unfair and unsustainable and puts them at a clear disadvantage; if he intends that this borrowing capacity will be used for a wide range of purposes including student housing, infrastructure and research and development expansion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [22492/23]

*740. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the OECD Report entitled: ‘A Review of Technological University Academic Career Paths, Contracts and Organisation in Ireland’ will be published; if he intends to implement the recommendations in it as a matter of urgency; if he has plans to initiate a review of the current academic contract in technological universities, with a view to the early publication and implementation of recommendations contained in the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [22493/23]

*741. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide clarity on how the consortium-led apprenticeships will be rolled out in the technological universities; if he will provide details of proposed core/ringfenced funding to TUs for apprenticeship training and education; if he will clarify whether funding is provided on a multi-annual basis; if so, if he will provide exact details of the timelines involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [22494/23]

*742. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will liaise with the Minister for Health to ensure that the pilot Together All Programme, funded jointly by the Higher Education Authority and the Health Service Executive, can continue and be rolled out to all technological universities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [22495/23]

*743. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science where the legal ownership status of the designated SETU land purchase of 20.3 acres of the old Waterford crystal site stand; the present legal status regarding the ownership of this site; if due diligence is still ongoing; the possible delays that could be preventing the transfer of the site, given it was originally highlighted for sale in 2017 and was mentioned on the record of Dáil Éireann as an acquisition target by the Taoiseach in 2020 (details supplied); the further impediments that remain to legally transfer the site; the timeline to resolve same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [22520/23]

*744. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science regarding the announcement of a construction tender award for the long-awaited PPP funded engineering building block to the old Waterford IT campus and given the statement by the Taoiseach (details supplied), his views on a calendar date for this tender award to be achieved; if he will give a guaranteed date for the award of this construction contract, given that this project is now over five years overdue based on the last commitment from the previous Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [22521/23]

*745. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 997 of 21 March 2023, the reason that a full response has not issued to date (details supplied); and if he will issue a response immediately. — Michael Ring. [22554/23]

*746. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has anymore plans to encourage the use of more online learning given the accommodation crisis facing students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [22566/23]

*747. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has had any engagement with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to bringing forward legislation with regards to accommodation used as student digs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [22567/23]

*748. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the health units in the various universities that are currently offering on-campus abortion services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [22568/23]

*749. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students who dropped out of university in 2022, disaggregated by university name,

course family, (i.e. engineering, arts/humanities, science, and so on), stage of departure (i.e. 1st year, 2nd year, and so on) and EU vs non-EU student, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [22569/23]

*750. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a list of universities which currently have an Irish language strategy/scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [22570/23]

*751. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on any public engagement process with academics and stakeholders who have suggestions and concerns in relation to the Research and Innovation Bill 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22605/23]

*752. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of any Government-funded PhD grant schemes or financial support schemes which those without an undergraduate degree can apply for in order to fund their PhD studies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [22711/23]

*753. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how the board will be appointed to the new research body that is a merger of the Irish Research Council and Science Foundation Ireland; how funds will be allocated across disciplines and between blue-sky/fundamental research and targeted programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22725/23]

*754. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the progress made to date in respect of implementing the recommendations specific to his Department outlined in the Report on the Operation of the Irish Sign Language Act 2017 to improve the functioning of the ISL Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22769/23]

*755. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the percentage of social media posts made on each of his Departmental social media accounts or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit that were exclusively in Irish between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; the percentage of same that feature bilingual translations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23031/23]

*756. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how his Department and public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit meet their obligations for reasonable accommodation under the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015. — Holly Cairns. [23049/23]

*757. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a breakdown by county of apprenticeships available, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23188/23]

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

*758. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the percentage of social media posts made on each of her Departmental social media accounts or the social media

accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under her remit that were exclusively in Irish between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; the percentage of same that feature bilingual translations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23036/23]

*759. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development how her Department and public bodies and agencies that operate under hers remit meet their obligations for reasonable accommodation under the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015. — Holly Cairns. [23054/23]

