



## DÁIL ÉIREANN

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*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*1. To ask the Taoiseach the names of external cleaning companies that have provided cleaning services to his Department in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the amount paid to each company for such works, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23415/23]

\*2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a schedule of the amount of funds, beneficiary of funds and use of funds released by his Department under the per cent for art scheme in each of the past five years to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23590/23]

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

\*3. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) can be processed in advance of their upcoming travel date as all necessary supporting documentation has been received by the Passport Office and it will be the applicant's first time travelling abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [23355/23]

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\*5. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the names of external cleaning companies that have provided cleaning services to his Department in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the amount paid to each company for such works, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23407/23]

\*6. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when passports will issue to siblings (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23430/23]

\*7. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when the refund for a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be issued. — Paul McAuliffe. [23481/23]

\*8. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide a schedule of the amount of funds, beneficiary of funds and use of funds released by his Department under the per cent for art scheme in each of the past five years to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23577/23]

\*9. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the efforts in place to rectify the fault with the passport tracker that has not provided updates since 9 May; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [23595/23]

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

\*10. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated full-year cost of providing a €100 electricity credit to each principal private residence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23529/23]

\*11. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the names of external cleaning companies that have provided cleaning services to his Department in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the amount paid to each company for such works, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23405/23]

\*12. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a schedule of the amount of funds, beneficiary of funds and use of funds released by his Department under the per cent for art scheme in each of the past five years to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23575/23]

\*13. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities is responsible for protecting customers who use liquified petroleum gas (LPG) and enabling competition and innovation for same; if no, the reason therefore; if he is aware that there is a duopoly in the market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [23626/23]

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

\*14. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his plans for St. Bricin's military hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23393/23]

\*15. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the names of external cleaning companies that have provided cleaning services to his Department in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the amount paid to each company for such works, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23402/23]

\*16. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of United Nations peace missions that Ireland has taken part in since 1960; the number of times Ireland indicated it would offer troops for missions that did not go ahead due to the exercise of a veto at the UN by one of the Permanent Members of the UN Security Council; the member involved in each veto; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23467/23]

\*17. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of proposed United Nations peacekeeping missions since Ireland joined the UN that were supported by Ireland in the General Council of the UN and were ultimately blocked by a veto by a permanent member of the UN Security Council; the countries involved in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23468/23]

\*18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide a schedule of the amount of funds, beneficiary of funds and use of funds released by his Department under the per cent for art scheme in each of the past five years to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23572/23]

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

\*19. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on all current National Development Plan 2021-2030 projects under his Department being progressed in Cork South West, including the current status of each project and the planned completion date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23324/23]

\*20. To ask the Minister for Transport the provisions that will be put in place following the introduction of E10 petrol to make E5 petrol available for use in small petrol engine equipment, i.e. chain saws, strimmers, pole saws and generators, which will be negatively affected by the use of E10 petrol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [23329/23]

\*21. To ask the Minister for Transport the body that regulates courier companies; and where one goes when they have an issue with those companies. — Robert Troy. [23330/23]

\*22. To ask the Minister for Transport the names of external cleaning companies that have provided cleaning services to his Department in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the amount paid to each company for such works, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23417/23]

\*23. To ask the Minister for Transport when works will commence at a location (details supplied); and the estimated cost of this work. — Catherine Murphy. [23418/23]

\*24. To ask the Minister for Transport if any of the new busses in the Dublin Bus fleet will have the capacity to accommodate more than one wheelchair at any time. — Catherine Murphy. [23419/23]

\*25. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to provide a bypass of Kinsale, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23548/23]

\*26. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 7 of 2 March 2023, the steps he is taking to ensure that the Innishannon bypass is added to the national roads programme. — Holly Cairns. [23549/23]

\*27. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a schedule of the amount of funds, beneficiary of funds and use of funds released by his Department under the per cent for art scheme in each of the past five years to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23594/23]

\*28. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has held or intends holding discussions with the Indian authorities regarding a mutual recognition of driving licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [23634/23]

\*29. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has held any discussions with relevant airlines about the possibility of direct flights between Ireland and India, given the large number of Indian nationals who call Ireland home. — Robert Troy. [23635/23]

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

\*30. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of an application made by a person (details supplied); if the application can be processed speedily due to the strain placed on the couple applying; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [23469/23]

\*31. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures he will introduce to simplify switching mortgages. — Robert Troy. [23289/23]

\*32. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagement he has held with Central Bank on interest rates being charged by non-bank lenders in the mortgage market; the measures that can be introduced to enable mortgage holders to switch provider; if he will ensure that all lenders offer a fixed-rate option and prevent excessive rates crippling mortgage holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [23290/23]

\*33. To ask the Minister for Finance if, in light of recent bank frailty evident internationally and the failure of deposit insurance schemes developed pre-digital banking, he will provide the value of uninsured deposits above the €100,000 threshold of the deposit guarantee scheme nationally, broken down by institution and the number of individual depositors whose deposits above the threshold are exposed, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [23302/23]

\*34. To ask the Minister for Finance the names of external cleaning companies that have provided cleaning services to his Department in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the amount paid to each company for such works, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23406/23]

\*35. To ask the Minister for Finance the capital budget allocation for the Revenue Commissioners in the years of 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23420/23]

\*36. To ask the Minister for Finance if, in the context of Section 10 of the National Asset Management Agency Act 2009, he will provide a schedule of the funds released to its debtors and receivers in cases where it was demonstrated that such funding would enhance or protect the value of the assets securing NAMA's loan portfolio, on an annual basis to date in 2023; and the names of debtors and receivers that were granted funding, by amount. — Catherine Murphy. [23432/23]

\*37. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a breakdown of the asset allocation of the National (Surplus) Reserve Fund, disaggregated by asset type and location, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [23478/23]

\*38. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason persons are expected to pay such a high rate of tax (details supplied) when they are exiting from investments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23492/23]

\*39. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year cost of reversing the 2023 carbon tax increase and postponing the 2024 increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23527/23]

\*40. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year cost of abolishing USC for all earners and replacing it with a higher income social charge of 10% on all earnings over €100,000 per year; and the estimated revenue that would be generated by the introduction of this new higher charge. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23528/23]

\*41. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year cost of increasing tax bands by 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23530/23]

\*42. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a schedule of the amount of funds, beneficiary of funds and use of funds released by his Department under the per cent for art scheme in each of the past five years to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23576/23]

\*43. To ask the Minister for Finance if funding from the banking levy could be used to assist in ensuring a network of bank branches throughout the country, in view of the major loss of such facilities in many towns particularly affecting rural communities; if he will give detailed consideration to proposals (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [23597/23]

\*44. To ask the Minister for Finance in respect of a recent media report (details supplied), if he accepts that the 22 reports referred to, which the administrators gave to the court, should be publicly available; if these documents are in the possession of his Department; if so will he make them available; if they are not, if he will take steps to require the court to make copies publicly available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23615/23]

*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.*

\*45. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he has any plans to reform the civil/public service to ensure greater accountability, transparency and that senior management is reflective of the diversity of society today. — Robert Troy. [23300/23]

\*46. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the bodies included in the second phase of the implementation of the Financial Management Shared Services Project; the number that will have migrated to the new system by the end of the second quarter of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [23364/23]

\*47. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform how many and which bodies are scheduled to take part in the third phase of the Financial Management Shared Services Project; the number of the original 50 identified bodies that will remain for further phases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [23365/23]

\*48. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the completed expenditure on the Financial Management Shared Services Project currently; the projected expenditure for 2023/2024; the current estimated cost of the project on completion by the NSSO of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [23366/23]

\*49. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the current projected completion date for the Financial Management Shared Services Project by the NSSO; if the number of bodies that have migrated to the new system is up to date with the agreed project timeline from the project's commencement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [23367/23]

\*50. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline any further procurement or tendering required for the completion of the Financial Management Shared Services Project by the NSSO; if any further procurement of tender packages sit outside the original business case accepted by his Department; the estimated cost of further packages beyond the original €115 million estimate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [23368/23]

\*51. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will clarify the way in which income derived from telecom masts at Garda stations is accounted for; and if it is returned to the central fund or if the OPW retains part of it for capital works in the Garda estates portfolio. — Catherine Murphy. [23384/23]

\*52. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the names of external cleaning companies that have provided cleaning services to his Department in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the amount paid to each company for such works, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23412/23]

\*53. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the OPW has awarded the contract for works at a location (details supplied); if so, the name of the company awarded the contract; and when works will commence. — Catherine Murphy. [23427/23]

\*54. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the Bantry flood relief scheme. — Holly Cairns. [23546/23]

\*55. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the Skibbereen flood relief scheme. — Holly Cairns. [23547/23]

\*56. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide a schedule of the amount of funds, beneficiary of funds and use of funds released by his Department under the per cent for art scheme in each of the past five years to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23587/23]

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

\*57. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the planned amendment to the rostering system for a company (details supplied) which has been criticised by trade unions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [23267/23]

\*58. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will detail the position in relation to the High Court injunction preventing the implementation of an ERO in the security



sector; if his Department has taken any steps to contest the attempt by some firms to stop this ERO; when the State will seek to enforce the ERO; when he expects to be able to clarify the State's legal defence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [23274/23]

\*59. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for a work permit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [23358/23]

\*60. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider changes to the work permit scheme to allow those coming to work as health care assistants to bring their spouses and children to live in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [23382/23]

\*61. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the names of external cleaning companies that have provided cleaning services to his Department in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the amount paid to each company for such works, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23404/23]

\*62. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the options available to workers of a company (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [23441/23]

\*63. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the financial return generated from IDA Ireland investments in 2022; and the projected return for 2023. — Louise O'Reilly. [23473/23]

\*64. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if all monies generated by IDA Ireland from investments is kept by Enterprise Ireland to reinvest. — Louise O'Reilly. [23474/23]

\*65. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to report on the public consultation in respect of the transposition of the EU Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (EU) 2022/2464; if he is satisfied with the level of consultation that has taken place; when he intends to report on the outcome of this consultation and plans to implement the directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [23497/23]

\*66. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will set out the mechanisms in place in his Department to ensure full corporate compliance with the EU's Disclosure of Non-Financial and Diversity Information by certain large undertakings and groups (Regulations 2017 – DI no 360 of 2017); if he will indicate compliance and non-compliance levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [23498/23]

\*67. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment following the expiry of Ireland's second CSR Action Plan (Towards Responsible Business 2017-2020), if it is his intention to publish a new plan; if he can outline the mechanisms he intends to use to promote and execute the provisions of this plan; if his Department has reported to the EU Commission, in respect of his intentions, or otherwise, to comply with the Commissions 2011 strategy on CSR as this relates to country action plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [23499/23]

\*68. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a schedule of the amount of funds, beneficiary of funds and use of funds released by his Department under

the per cent for art scheme in each of the past five years to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23574/23]

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

\*69. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a school bus place for a pupil (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23394/23]

\*70. To ask the Minister for Education the measures being implemented to deal with the shortage of qualified drivers for vehicles such as school buses; if she is aware of the difficulties that have arisen for Bus Éireann and private bus and coach operators with such shortages impacting on different areas, such as the operation of the school transport system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [23624/23]

\*71. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update in relation to a capital appraisal for a school (details supplied) to assess whether a new building is required for the school. — Paul Murphy. [23261/23]

\*72. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update in relation to the intended works for additional accommodation at a school (details supplied), promised one year ago. — Paul Murphy. [23262/23]

\*73. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update in relation to an application by a school (details supplied) for emergency works funding for safety features including wiring and fire alarm, submitted approximately one month ago. — Paul Murphy. [23263/23]

\*74. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update in relation to an application by a school (details supplied) for emergency works funding in relation to the upstairs floor, submitted approximately three weeks ago. — Paul Murphy. [23264/23]

\*75. To ask the Minister for Education when the 'Primary Teachers Appointment/Re-appointment Form 23/24' will be available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [23275/23]

\*76. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on all current National Development Plan 2021-2030 projects under her Department being progressed in Cork South West, including the current status of each project and the planned completion date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23308/23]

\*77. To ask the Minister for Education if she is giving consideration to DEIS proposals (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23326/23]

\*78. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén dáta faoina dtarlóidh an chéad chéim eile den phróiseas ullmhaithe le haghaidh Polasaí don Oideachas Lán-Ghaeilge lasmuigh den Ghaeltacht agus cathain a chuirfear an chéim sin i gcrích; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23328/23]

\*79. To ask the Minister for Education if she will grant extra time on examinations to candidates with dyslexia to complete State exams, both Junior and Leaving Certificate (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [23352/23]

\*80. To ask the Minister for Education the plans in place for students with dyslexia who will complete their Junior and Leaving Certificate; if extra time is being given to finish each exam; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [23359/23]

\*81. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to expand the model of the NEIC (North East Inner City) Multidisciplinary Teams to include all schools with a DEIS band 1 status in Dublin 9 and 11. — Paul McAuliffe. [23371/23]

\*82. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for the establishment of fully resourced and staffed nurture rooms within all schools with a DEIS band 1 status in Dublin 9 and 11; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [23372/23]

\*83. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for the expansion of the support teacher service to all of the schools with a DEIS band 1 status in Dublin 9 and 11; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [23373/23]

\*84. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of expanding the model of the NEIC (North East Inner City) Multidisciplinary Teams Model to include all schools with a DEIS band 1 nationwide. — Paul McAuliffe. [23375/23]

\*85. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost for the establishment of fully resourced and staffed nurture rooms within all schools with a DEIS band 1 status throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [23376/23]

\*86. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost for the expansion of the support teacher service to all of the schools with a DEIS band 1 status the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [23377/23]

\*87. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated number of additional ASD places expected to be available in Dublin 9 and 11 at both primary and post-primary level for the next academic year. — Paul McAuliffe. [23378/23]

\*88. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a petition for additional time to be introduced for students with dyslexia in the State examinations; if she will engage with the State Examinations Commission on introducing extra time as part of the reasonable accommodations at the certificate examinations scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [23385/23]

\*89. To ask the Minister for Education the arrangements that have been made to ensure a school place for all pupils who will be commencing second-level in an English-language school in the Oughterard, Moycullen and the Galway City West area of Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23386/23]

\*90. To ask the Minister for Education the current situation with the proposed extension for an urgently needed learning support room, which is required for a school (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [23396/23]

\*91. To ask the Minister for Education the names of external cleaning companies that have provided cleaning services to her Department in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the amount paid to each company for such works, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23403/23]

\*92. To ask the Minister for Education the current situation with the proposed extension for an urgently needed learning support room which is required for a school (details supplied) in Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [23431/23]

\*93. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider fair post-primary relocation as a system of redeployment allowing teachers in the post primary sector to relocate from one school to another; if the results from the findings of the current pilot scheme will be made public; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [23433/23]

\*94. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider the provision of additional assistance to students who are diagnosed with dyslexia who require readers to assist them with State examinations, particularly the Junior Certificate; the number of readers that are currently assigned; if this can be increased to one per student; the number of readers that are employed for the examination period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [23490/23]

\*95. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the reasonable accommodations at certificate examinations (race) scheme does not apply to dyslexic pupils in Ireland; if she will support the request of an organisation (details supplied) that the State Examinations Commission reconsider its policy on reasonable accommodations for dyslexic students immediately in order to “help level the playing field” for examination this year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [23505/23]

\*96. To ask the Minister for Education given a report (details supplied) which outlined that over 37% of 15-to-24-year-olds have an alcohol use disorder, the timeline for the updated Junior Cycle SPHE curriculum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [23540/23]

\*97. To ask the Minister for Education given a report (details supplied) which outlined that over 37% of 15-to-24-year-olds have an alcohol use disorder, the programme currently in place for Junior Cycle students to raise awareness of harm. — Paul Kehoe. [23544/23]

\*98. To ask the Minister for Education if there is funding available for a sports-related workshop in a primary school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23552/23]

\*99. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a schedule of the amount of funds, beneficiary of funds and use of funds released by her Department under the per cent for art scheme in each of the past five years to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23573/23]

\*100. To ask the Minister for Education when the ICT grant for the school year 2022/2023 will be sent to schools; and if she can ensure the 2023/2024 ICT grant will be released to schools in the first term, as it was in previous years. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [23632/23]

\*101. To ask the Minister for Education if the ICT grant for primary schools can be brought up to equal that of secondary schools on a per-pupil basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [23633/23]

\*102. To ask the Minister for Education given the shortage of special needs and ASD school places in Kildare South, when he anticipates the ASD unit in a school (details supplied) will be ready to accept pupils; the timeframe surrounding it; if he has plans in place to cater for the parents children needing places, should the opening of the unit be delayed who have nowhere else to send their children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [23694/23]

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

\*103. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on all current National Development Plan 2021-2030 projects under her Department being progressed in Cork South West, including the current status of each project and the planned completion date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23323/23]

\*104. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the name, function and establishment date of all organisations and agencies under the aegis of her Department; the number of employees in each; and the salary of each of the CEO in each organisation and agency, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23397/23]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the recruitment campaign for a new CEO of Tourism Ireland is being carried out just within the State or worldwide; and when she expects a new CEO to be appointed. — Catherine Murphy. [23398/23]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the names of external cleaning companies that have provided cleaning services to her Department in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the amount paid to each company for such works, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23416/23]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the status of the St. Andrew's Street church in Dublin; and if Fáilte Ireland still has an interest in the property. — Catherine Murphy. [23429/23]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has received a report (details supplied) which was set up to examine reform of the TV licence fee, which was expected in Q1 2023; the timeline for the publication of the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23435/23]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a schedule of the amount of funds, beneficiary of funds and use of funds released by her Department under the per cent for art scheme in each of the past five years to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23592/23]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a schedule of sport-focused journalists, sport-focused personalities, and sport-focused

publications, to include print, online and television, engaged by Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland in each of the years 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the costs per engagement; the metrics achieved for each engagement; and the key performance indicators. — Catherine Murphy. [23611/23]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount expended by Tourism Ireland and Fáilte Ireland on paid-for and or sponsored content on each of its social media channels, including a breakdown of each project and the expenditure on same in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [23612/23]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a schedule of travel journalists, travel personalities, and travel publications, to include print, online and television, engaged by Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland in each of the years 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the costs per engagement; the metrics achieved for each engagement; and the key performance indicators. — Catherine Murphy. [23613/23]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a schedule of food-focused journalists, food-focused personalities, and food-focused publications, to include print, online and television, engaged by Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland in each of the years 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the costs per engagement; the metrics achieved for each engagement; and the key performance indicators. — Catherine Murphy. [23614/23]

\*114. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her engagement to date with RTÉ and the GAA in making more GAA games free-to-air; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [23651/23]

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

\*115. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost per unit delivered through modular builds in 2023; the price comparison per unit of social housing new-builds provided in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [23279/23]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will detail the work programme for Waterways Ireland completed on river Shannon maintenance since 2020 and scheduled for 2023. — Robert Troy. [23298/23]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update regarding two applications submitted by Clare County Council to his Department for wastewater treatment facilities in Cooraclare and Broadford, County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [23303/23]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will fund proposals in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23305/23]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on all current National Development Plan 2021-2030 projects under his Department



being progressed in Cork South West, including the current status of each project and the planned completion date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23321/23]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he intends to introduce to support tenants facing unsustainable rent increases, given that in one case in Tipperary, a tenant has been informed by their landlord that they intend to raise the rent by €400 per month. — Martin Browne. [23360/23]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will legally mandate local authorities to ensure that the needs of every homeless child should be assessed, including, but not limited to, factors such as access to their school, medical and therapeutical needs, and also supporting family relationships and wider social support. — Patrick Costello. [23370/23]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the names of external cleaning companies that provided cleaning services to his Department in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023; and the amount paid to each company for such works, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23399/23]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the names of external cleaning companies that have provided cleaning services to his Department in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the amount paid to each company for such works, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23410/23]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will produce data on the number of people who have presented to local authorities as homeless in the past 12 months; if he will commit to publishing this data alongside homelessness figures each month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [23437/23]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the factors considered when determining a decision on whether to award the discretionary HAP levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [23438/23]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the factors considered when local authorities are determining whether a person who presents as homeless is given temporary accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [23439/23]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the targets, if any, that exist for individual local authorities when acquiring units under the tenant-in-situ scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [23440/23]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm the number of applications and approvals that were made under the croí cónaithe apartment scheme in the cities of Cork, Limerick and Galway up to 1 May 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23477/23]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of age-friendly homes delivered in each local authority, whether by the local authority, an AHB or another entity, for each year from 2016 to 2022; and the number targeted for delivery for 2023, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23482/23]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an estimated timeframe for the publication of the Planning and Development Bill 2022, and for its scheduling for second-stage debate in Dáil Éireann or Seanad Éireann. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23483/23]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homes that have been delivered under LIHAF funding; the number of these that are cost-rental and affordable purchase respectively; and the number to be delivered in each of the years 2022-2028 respectively, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [23500/23]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to publish a list of schemes that have availed of LIHAF funding in Cork city in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [23501/23]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of 100% redress for Mica-affected homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23509/23]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of 100% redress for buildings defects redress-affected homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23510/23]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost of acquiring one-, two-, three- and four-bed homes in Dublin under the buy-and-renew scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23511/23]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost of acquiring one-, two-, three- and four-bed homes outside Dublin under the buy-and-renew scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23512/23]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated per year cost of planned Part V purchases under Housing for All; the projected cost per unit for one-, two-, three- and four-bed homes; the number planned to be purchased for each year, broken down by local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23513/23]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated construction cost of building one-, two-, three- and four-bed homes on local authority land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23514/23]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated full-year cost of providing enough women's refuge places to bring Ireland in line with its commitments under the Istanbul Convention. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23515/23]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated full-year cost of increasing the number of refuge places to 300; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23516/23]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated full-year cost of providing emergency accommodation for homeless people in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23517/23]



\*142. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated full-year cost of providing emergency accommodation for homeless people in Dublin in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23518/23]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated full-year cost of doubling Traveller-specific accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23519/23]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated full-year cost of establishing a Traveller ombudsman; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23520/23]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated full-year cost of increasing HAP limits to the average cost of rents in each area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23521/23]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated full cost of retrofitting all local authority-owned homes by 2030; the estimated average cost per home in 2024; the number to be carried out this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23522/23]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of funding local authorities in place of revenue for the local property tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23523/23]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures being taken to achieve a workable solution for retained firefighters (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23537/23]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address an issue of the cost of building in a ten-year period (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23551/23]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a schedule of the amount of funds, beneficiary of funds and use of funds released by his Department under the per cent for art scheme in each of the past five years to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23585/23]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the Implementation plan for the National Housing Strategy for People with Disabilities 2022-2027 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23607/23]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what numbers have requested a tenant-in-situ application with Cork County Council and Cork City Council to date this year; how many cost rentals have been advanced for 2023 to date arriving from notice to quits with both Cork local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [23650/23]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Government have a date for the proposed referendum for the transfer of the employment contracts of local

authority workers, currently working for Irish Water/Uisce Éireann, from the local authorities to Irish Water. — Patricia Ryan. [23691/23]

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

\*154. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a carer's allowance claim in view of the circumstances in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23361/23]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider allowing those who are paying Class S PRSI to make additional voluntary contributions to allow them access to illness benefit, given the increased awareness and necessity for persons to isolate when ill from many illnesses, and the increasing number of persons in this group who are on low or middle incomes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [23381/23]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the names of external cleaning companies that have provided cleaning services to her Department in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the amount paid to each company for such works, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23414/23]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the Citizens Information Board will publish its Citizens Information Service Advocacy Annual Report for 2022; when the CIB will publish its new strategic plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23472/23]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a schedule of the amount of funds, beneficiary of funds and use of funds released by her Department under the per cent for art scheme in each of the past five years to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23589/23]

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

\*159. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of people within the prison population who have foetal alcohol spectrum disorder; the awareness training for staff in relation to foetal alcohol spectrum disorder; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [23260/23]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress his Department has made on implementing the legal reforms suggested under the EU/IMF restructure programme. — Robert Troy. [23291/23]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Justice the measures being introduced to tackle the illegal drug trade across Ireland. — Robert Troy. [23293/23]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Justice the supports being provided to a location (details supplied); if, in light of additional demands on domestic abuses service, he will ensure funding increases as part of Budget 2024; and if he will commit to funding a new purpose building for the location without delay. — Robert Troy. [23301/23]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will implement a mechanism for those resident in Ireland to apply for a family reunification visa on behalf of family members who are fleeing Sudan, given that there is currently no Irish embassy in Sudan. — Ivana Bacik. [23304/23]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Justice when a person (details supplied) can expect a response to their application for citizenship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23350/23]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Justice the names of external cleaning companies that have provided cleaning services to his Department in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the amount paid to each company for such works, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23411/23]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí, by rank, attached to each divisional drugs unit as of 11 May 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23428/23]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications that have been received for the Garda trainee recruitment campaign 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [23470/23]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Justice the current remuneration scales for a sector (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23476/23]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a schedule of the amount of funds, beneficiary of funds and use of funds released by his Department under the per cent for art scheme in each of the past five years to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23586/23]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Justice in respect of a recent media report (details supplied), if he accepts that the 22 reports referred to, which the administrators gave to the court, should be publicly available; if these documents are in the possession of his Department; if so will he make them available; if they are not, if he will take steps to require the court to make copies publicly available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23617/23]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications that were received for the Garda recruitment campaign 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [23625/23]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a schedule by year, amount and organisation in respect of the funding his Department has issued for the prevention of sexual and gender-based violence. — Catherine Murphy. [23627/23]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has established a dedicated group in his Department that focuses on sexual violence and the prevention of same; if his Department collates and monitors the records instances of sexual and gender-based violence; and if he will provide a breakdown of instances by gender for the past two years to date. — Catherine Murphy. [23628/23]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons that appeared before a court in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 for rape, sexual assault; child sexual abuse; sexual harassment;

rape within a relationship and child pornography; and the number of persons convicted of the same offences over the corresponding timeframe. — Catherine Murphy. [23630/23]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Justice his views on whether visa requirements for Indian citizens visiting Ireland are cumbersome; and his further views on reviewing same. — Robert Troy. [23636/23]

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

\*176. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to address the potential grain and straw shortages this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23307/23]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the financial supports available for farmers to manage roadside ash trees infected by ash dieback disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [23353/23]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration has been given to providing a full reconstitution grant which would cover costs associated with clearing and replanting sites affected by ash dieback, given that the current reconstitution and underplanting scheme does not recognise the financial losses incurred by farmers or compensate for the loss of timber earnings as a result of addressing ash dieback; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [23354/23]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he agrees that more clarity is needed in relation to injuries sustained in relation to the policy that if a horse is injured at a track and does not die within 48 hours, it is not listed as a track death, including an explanation of the exact date a horse has died and why; if he will instruct Horse Racing Ireland to update its processes in this way; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [23392/23]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will engage with relevant bodies (details supplied) regarding negotiations on a media rights deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [23395/23]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the names of external cleaning companies that have provided cleaning services to his Department in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the amount paid to each company for such works, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23400/23]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm whether his Department has sought a delay to water quality reports under the nitrates derogation to allow the effect of new measures on water quality to be appropriately reflected as part of conditionality attached to the derogation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [23484/23]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the Suckler Brand Oversight Group, including progress and spending to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [23486/23]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a suckler scheme entry will be reviewed for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23493/23]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on his plans to introduce a farm retirement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [23495/23]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Ministerial consent was provided approving the 1983 transfer of a Land Commission Trust property (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23504/23]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has received correspondence from an organisation (details supplied) seeking his support and endorsement in the modifying of the reconstitution and underplanting scheme (RUS) to help farmers and landowners remove diseased ash trees that pose a safety risk to the public and road users on public roads; if the RUS scheme will be reconfigured to acknowledge the financial loss incurred; if he will consider the introduction of a financial support scheme to help farmers and landowners remove diseased ash trees for the safety of others; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [23536/23]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a schedule of the amount of funds, beneficiary of funds and use of funds released by his Department under the per cent for art scheme in each of the past five years to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23570/23]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will clarify whether his Department owns a site (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [23605/23]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine he plans to revise the reconstitution and underplanting scheme to include payments to farmers to remove roadside trees infected by ash dieback; if he has plans to allow for a support package to be made available through local authorities to enable farmers and landowners to hire professional to safely remove infected trees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [23618/23]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has plans to revise the reconstitution and underplanting scheme to allow for a 100% reconstitution grant that would cover all costs associated with site clearance and subsequent replant with a suitable replacement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [23619/23]

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

\*192. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in considering proposals for housing asylum seekers, if consideration is given to the existing population of an area; and if he will commit, despite the pressures on accommodation, to ensuring proportionate numbers and public engagement. — Robert Troy. [23299/23]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the staffing to caseload ratios used to calculate the numbers, types, and scale of therapists

and clinicians required for each CDNT; how regularly these ratios are reviewed; and the processes in place to reconfigure services according to local needs. — Holly Cairns. [23314/23]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children and young persons on waiting lists for an assessment of need in each LHO, in tabular form, with a monthly breakdown of waiting times. — Holly Cairns. [23316/23]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if exit interviews are conducted with therapists leaving CDNTs; if the information from these interviews is anonymously collated; if so, the primary reasons individuals cite for leaving CDNTs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23317/23]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will review correspondence from a company (details supplied) regarding delayed payments from the Ukrainian accommodation section of his Department; the reasons for these delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [23357/23]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will legally mandate local authorities to ensure that the needs of every homeless child should be assessed, including but not limited to factors such as access to their school, medical and therapeutic needs, and also supporting family relationships and wider social support. — Patrick Costello. [23369/23]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the resources available to the survivors of mother-and-baby homes once they receive their information; if the social worker quoted in his Department's letter will make themselves available to all who need help deciphering and understanding the information they have been sent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23374/23]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the names of external cleaning companies that have provided cleaning services to his Department in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the amount paid to each company for such works, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23401/23]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when three overdue payments will be paid to an accommodation centre (details supplied) providing accommodation to Ukrainian refugees as the delay in payments outside of their contracted arrangements with his Department is causing severe financial hardship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23443/23]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if family resource centres will be guaranteed of their budget on a yearly basis (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23502/23]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 540 of 9 May 2023, if he will clarify his response in respect of the information provided (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [23526/23]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a schedule of the amount of funds, beneficiary of funds and use of funds released by his



Department under the per cent for art scheme in each of the past five years to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23571/23]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his response to the finding of a report (details supplied) concerning children's disability services that "families feel they are deliberately held in the dark with 45% believing poor communication is an obstacle to service provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23606/23]

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

\*205. To ask the Minister for Health if he will reduce the average wait times for medical procedures in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23266/23]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an appointment; if they are on the urgent or routine list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23269/23]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for inpatient and outpatient neurology appointments at each hospital across the seven hospital groups, in tabular form; if he will provide this information specifically regarding those waiting for three months, six months, nine months, 12 months or more than 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23270/23]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children in County Donegal on the waiting list for HSE dental and orthodontic services at the end of each quarter 1 of each year 2019 to 2023, broken down by standard waiting times, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23271/23]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that all necessary equipment required for orthodontic assessments, including x-ray equipment, is available and in working order at the dental department, St. Conal's Hospital, Letterkenny, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23272/23]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive a date for surgery in Beaumont Hospital; if they are on the urgent or routine waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23273/23]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Health the spend on homeless services by his Department and agencies under his remit for each year since 2013; the estimated projected spend for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [23284/23]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Health the progress being made on implementing the recommendations of a report (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [23294/23]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Health his views on establishing a digital health agency to drive the digital change in Ireland's health service. — Robert Troy. [23295/23]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Health the money expended on private consultants in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [23296/23]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the engagement he has had to date with an organisation (details supplied); and the financial supports his Department is providing it. — Robert Troy. [23297/23]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the development of legislation on safe access zones; the timeline for this legislation to come before the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23306/23]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on all current National Development Plan 2021-2030 projects under his Department being progressed in Cork South West, including the current status of each project and the planned completion date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23310/23]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that heel-prick screening includes testing for spinal muscular atrophy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23311/23]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the HSE proposals to limit homebirth services for women and pregnant people living within 30 minutes of a maternity hospital. — Holly Cairns. [23312/23]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Health the date he is working towards for the second-stage discussion of the Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services (Safe Access Zones)) Bill 2022. — Holly Cairns. [23313/23]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that workers in Section 39 (Health Act 2004) organisations receive the same annual leave entitlements as workers in Section 38 organisations. — Holly Cairns. [23315/23]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify when free GP care for under seven-year-olds will come into effect. — Holly Cairns. [23318/23]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Health his views on plans for peer remuneration within an organisation (details supplied); if he will provide an update on the progress of the setting-up of the Steering Committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [23319/23]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a review underway for peer remuneration within the health service; if he will provide an update on this review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [23320/23]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide further details on his Department's request to HIQA to carry out two health technology assessments, one examining the cost-benefits of an enhanced vaccine for the 50–64-year-olds and the other on the >65 years cohort; if the health technology assessment into the >65 cohort will be commenced shortly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23349/23]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Health the options available to the family of a young person who has been prescribed and had been taking Ozempic, until earlier this year when supplies dried up, and with their hepatology team stressing the importance for their getting back on the drug for their health; if, given that the person has now spent many months without Ozempic, the person or his Department can try and source this abroad with their prescription; if such a purchase could be



included in a person's tax rebate claim at the end of year; the measures he or the EU Council of Health Ministers are taking to end this shortage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23351/23]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Health how the National Gender Service implements operational standards and guidance in fulfilling its remit under the Health Act 2004: Your Service, Your Say on dealing with complaints and feedback; if there is work ongoing in that implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [23362/23]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline any interventions, memorandums of understanding or guidance provided to the National Gender Service from national oversight bodies such as the Mental Health Commission or the Patient Advocacy Service on improving the service and patient experience in the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [23363/23]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address an issue with the fair deal scheme (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [23379/23]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the new home care tender; if he has engaged with representative organisations to ensure there are no delays to the 2023 tender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [23380/23]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Health the names of external cleaning companies that have provided cleaning services to his Department in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the amount paid to each company for such works, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23409/23]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vascular surgeries performed in St. James's Hospital in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23421/23]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant neurologists attached to the Mater Hospital in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23422/23]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that presented at the accident and emergency department of Naas General Hospital in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23423/23]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant consultant posts, by speciality, at St. Vincent's University Hospital; and when each of these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23424/23]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Health the number of heart/lung machines in use in Beaumont Hospital. — Catherine Murphy. [23425/23]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE staff vacancies, by job title, currently in the accident and emergency department at Connolly Hospital; and when these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23426/23]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify as to the reason the HSE has not allocated additional nursing support in order that children with complex medical issues can attend school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [23434/23]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the provision of residential care service for adults with disabilities; the number of persons currently waiting for this service, by county, in tabular form; if his Department is looking at opportunities for developing new residential facilities for adults with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [23436/23]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to instruct the HSE national estates to appoint one design team to deliver the model 4 hospital to UHG, to include the ED department, maternity unit, paediatric unit, cancer care centre and bedroom block; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [23466/23]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Health if a new wheelchair will be supplied to a person (details supplied) with many medical needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23488/23]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Health the reason people with life-long disabilities are asked to submit reviews for their medical cards (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23503/23]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on CAMHS waiting lists by CHO and length of wait for April, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [23533/23]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Health given a report (details supplied) which outlined that over 37% of 15-to-24-year-olds have an alcohol use disorder, the plans in place to combat this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [23538/23]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will be scheduled for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23555/23]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a schedule of the amount of funds, beneficiary of funds and use of funds released by his Department under the per cent for art scheme in each of the past five years to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23584/23]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients referred from emergency departments to community mental health teams in the past 12 months per hospital, and the average wait time for an appointment with the community mental health teams, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [23596/23]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is not a day care health facility in County Kerry for those who have mental health issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [23598/23]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline involved in delivering the capital project to be financed from the recent €75 million funding allocation for Tipperary University Hospital; if

he will provide a breakdown of how this funding will be used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [23620/23]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Health if the Mater Misericordia University Hospital, Dublin 7, has or intends to close any old buildings on site; if so, the total loss of beds which this would entail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23621/23]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the rate of €28.50 per hour that has reportedly been offered for homecare services under a prospective new authorisation scheme is sufficient to implement all of the recommendations of the cross-departmental Strategic Workforce Advisory Group; if the HSE had sought a higher hourly rate from his Department; if so, the reason this was not accepted by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23623/23]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Health when a service (details supplied) will be restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23631/23]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Health further to your reply to my previous question confirming there are no mental health services for lorry drivers whose mental health has been badly affected by other drivers committing suicide by crashing into them, if he envisages any future grants or resources being put in place to assist the Irish Road Haulage Association in helping their members who have been so affected to safeguard and promote their mental health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [23689/23]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the expected date for completion of the homecare tender 2023 process; the reason behind the delay in its publication to date; whether or not it contains provisions for funding a new rate to account for the increased costs of care, and to allow homecare providers to provide living wages to their employees, taking into consideration travel time and fuel costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [23692/23]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Health if he can investigate the refusal of a medical card and mobility aids to a person (details supplied). — Patricia Ryan. [23693/23]

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

\*256. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on a report (details supplied) which highlighted that one in four employees stating they suffered from moderate levels of burnout, vicarious trauma and moderate or high levels of “compassion fatigue”; if he will acknowledge the disparity between contracts for teachers and coordinators and managers of the organisation, with the former having clearly defined roles in terms of time, pay and conditions, while the organisation’s coordinators’ work is not specified in their contracts and their pay is lower; if he plans to examine this with a view to recognising the diversity of work that the organisation’s workers carry out; if he will consider establishing equivalent levels of pay, conditions and status as their secondary education, further education and training sector colleagues; if he will outline a timeframe for such a review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [23383/23]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason there are no provisions made for those who have been renting rooms in properties that

are not registered with the RTB and are trying to prove independence when applying for SUSI grants (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [23622/23]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on all current National Development Plan 2021-2030 projects under his Department being progressed in Cork South West, including the current status of each project and the planned completion date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23309/23]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reasons for the delay of approval to purchase a shareholding (details supplied). — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23327/23]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the names of external cleaning companies that have provided cleaning services to his Department in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the amount paid to each company for such works, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23408/23]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware that many State agencies, including local authorities, will not allow for their workers to upskill or reskill by undertaking part-time study to achieve a level 8 degree; if protected time for upskilling and reskilling will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [23442/23]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a schedule of the amount of funds, beneficiary of funds and use of funds released by his Department under the per cent for art scheme in each of the past five years to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23578/23]

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

\*263. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on all current National Development Plan 2021-2030 projects under her Department being progressed in Cork South West, including the current status of each project and the planned completion date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23322/23]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she can confirm that Leader programming for the islands will be delivered entirely through Irish, including local development strategies and documentation relating to the programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [23391/23]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the names of external cleaning companies that have provided cleaning services to her Department in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the amount paid to each company for such works, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23413/23]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if officials from her Department will meet a delegation from an organisation (details supplied) to debrief them on the reason that their project for a remote working hub, which was supported by the delegation's local

authority, was not funded by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23471/23]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the level of funding being allocated to an organisation (details supplied) for the next round of Leader funding; how this compares with the last round of Leader funding allocated to the organisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [23550/23]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide a schedule of the amount of funds, beneficiary of funds and use of funds released by her Department under the per cent for art scheme in each of the past five years to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [23588/23]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL  
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 18 MAY, 2023**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what discussions her department is currently engaged with in respect of extending the special 9% vat rate for the hospitality sector beyond September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [23703/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 96 of 21 February 2023, the status of the legacy framework arising from Galway 2020; when the framework will be published; the reason for the delay in its publication; if she will provide a detailed breakdown of how the remaining €1 million from her Department's contribution to Galway 2020 will be spent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23451/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the supports that are in place for the Shamrock and Olive Tree Boxing Project to assist them in bringing a small group of Palestinian boxers and coaches to Ireland in August as part of their sporting cultural exchange; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [23062/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the supports, if any, that are made available by her Department to encourage and promote poetry on a national basis; her views on the appointment of a Poet Laureate to the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [22636/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what measures are being taken to address the shortfall in tourist accommodation; what effect is being seen by the tourism Industry on their revenues due to lack of accommodation for tourists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [23654/23]

6. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil aon athrú eile beartaithe ag an Roinn ó thaobh deontais nó tacaíochta de chun tacú leis na mná tí nó le coláistí samhraidh mar aitheantas ar an ngéarchéim atá i réim san earnáil faoi láthair. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23713/23]

7. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide an update as to when the next round of the Sports Capital Programme will open to applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [23080/23]

8. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when planning for the famine remembrance days will be incorporated into her Department (details supplied). — John Lahart. [12876/23]

9. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media how nature preservation and biodiversity initiatives are being developed, advanced and supported in sports clubs nationwide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [23341/23]

10. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide details as to when the Sports Capital Funding Programme will open for applications in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [23198/23]

11. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the next round of the large-scale sport infrastructure fund (LSSIF) will open for new applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [23564/23]

12. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount allocated under the 2018 Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF); if she can clarify how much has been drawn down; how the review of the LSSIF is progressing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [23288/23]

13. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the report into the Sports Capital Programme will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [23081/23]

14. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has read the recently published report on the section 481 film tax credit produced by the budget oversight committee, particularly its recommendations that vindication of the employment rights of film crew under fixed term workers legislation, and the I.P rights of performers under the copyright directive, be fully vindicated by film producers as a condition of receiving the credit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23579/23]

15. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the review of the most recent round of the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme will be published; when he expects the next round of the Programme to open for new applications; what the anticipated closing date will be for applications; when he expects the first allocations to be announced; the total budget he anticipates for the Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23600/23]



16. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the practical steps available to ensure that online GAA sporting content is not behind a paywall; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23458/23]

17. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention been drawn to the recommendations of the Committee on Budgetary Oversight Report on the Section 481 Film Tax Credit; if she intends to implement the recommendations and discuss them with the Minister for Finance; and her views on each of the 14 recommendations. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23711/23]

18. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media how nature preservation and biodiversity initiatives are being developed, advanced and supported in sports clubs nationwide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [23738/23]

19. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on discussions with the European Commission regarding the Short-Term Tourist Letting Bill. — Willie O'Dea. [23457/23]

20. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps she is taking to support festivals in meeting rising operating costs. — Holly Cairns. [23338/23]

21. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will agree to an all inclusive film industry stakeholders forum, as recommended by the recently published budgetary oversight committee report on the section 481 film tax credit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23580/23]

22. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she is considering a special recognition payment for tourist ancillary services, such as activity centres, tour operators, due to the estimated €1.1 billion loss in revenue in the sector due to Government over-reliance on tourist accommodation to house those seeking international protection; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [23342/23]

23. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on the fruit and vegetable market in Dublin's north inner city (details supplied). — Gary Gannon. [23664/23]

24. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the measures her Department is taking to address staffing shortages in the tourism sector. — Willie O'Dea. [23456/23]

25. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte 8506/23, soiléiriú a thabhairt ar stádas an fheachtais earcaíochta maidir le Coimisinéir Teanga nua a cheapadh; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [23449/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will consider the request by an organisation (details supplied) that both the national and international An Gorta Mór Day be held on the same day to unite Irish people at home with Ireland's global Irish family overseas in commemoration of this event. — John Lahart. [12877/23]

27. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline when the Public Consultation on Designation of Major Sporting Events will be completed; does she anticipate much additional sporting events to be added to the list; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [23659/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the position regarding progress on the Wild Atlantic Walkway, as provided for in the Programme for Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23601/23]

29. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she would support a review of the GAAGO subscription model; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [23666/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide details on how the Government is forward planning to boost tourism in mid County Louth, including areas such as Ardee, Dunleer, Annagassan and Castlebellingham; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23388/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on the review of the Sports Capital Programme; when it is expected to open for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [23671/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she is aware of the difficulties experienced by Irish-based applicants to the diaphonique contemporary music fund, part-funded by Culture Ireland (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [23462/23]

33. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán Meán faoin tacaíocht is féidir léi a chur ar fáil chun ceantar Mhúscraí a fhorbairt mar limistéar turasóireachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aindrias Moynihan. [23655/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which award of further sports grants is anticipated in the coming year; the extent to which those who were beneficiaries in the past three years, and found themselves unable to complete the works, can be accommodated by time extension or top-up; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23524/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide funding to Cork City Council to source and provide pitches for Glanmire Ladies Football Club. — Thomas Gould. [23535/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the measures she intends to take to boost support and funding to improve the provision of facilities for community sports, particularly in disadvantaged areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23581/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what immediate provisions her Department is taking to support tourism businesses who will be gravely impacted by the lack of available tourism beds for the 2023 season; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [23707/23]



38. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media with regards to the Centre of Excellence in Glanmire, if she can outline the position in relation to entitlements and conditions of the grant funding; if she will provide an update on future plans for a centre of excellence in Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [23287/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she continues to liaise with cultural and artistic groups in County Kildare and throughout the country at large with a view to encouraging interest in the arts, sports, Gaeltacht affairs and cultural activity, given the importance of these issues by way of recovery after Covid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23525/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the proposals, if any, there are to intensify marketing of the tourism potential of the Hidden Heartlands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [23676/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she or her Department have tried to quantify the number of Irish speakers in the State; if she has identified any increase or decrease in the figures since she took office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [22659/23]

42. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil sí tar éis breathnú ar cén sainmhíniú a bhaineann le ‘cláir Ghaeilge’ i gcás maoiniú closamhairc, mar a gheall sí ag cruinniú an 20 Aibreán 2023 de Chomhchoiste Oireachtais na Gaeilge, na Gaeltachta agus Phobal Labhartha na Gaeilge, agus an dtabharfaidh sí an sainmhíniú atá i bhfeidhm faoi láthair. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23712/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she is going to request a further increase in the proportion of GDP that is spent on arts and culture in the forthcoming budget to progress towards the EU average of 0.6%; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23583/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if Government have received the National Swimming Strategy, and when it will be published; whether it is envisaged that this strategy will lead to the opening of the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund, or a similar fund, that would allow for local authorities to develop public swimming pools in towns such as Carrickmacross. — Matt Carthy. [23065/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what provisions her Department is taking to introduce financial supports to the tourism sector for the development of sustainable policies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [23706/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her Departments strategy to deal with concerns about artificial intelligence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [23668/23]

47. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte 3701/23, cén dul chun cinn atá déanta ar an athbhreithniú ar chás na geoláistí samhraidh; an bhfuil grúpa oibre bunaithe ag a Roinn; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [23452/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline her Department's plans to ensure that as many GAA games as possible are free to air; if she will outline her Department's engagement with the GAA and RTÉ in relation to GAAGO; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [23463/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will intervene in the matter of GAA matches not being broadcast on a free-to-air basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [23197/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the arts funding for Carlow in 2023; and what funding is for the visual arts centre in Carlow. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [23670/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the large scale sports capital applications will open for clubs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [23461/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 92 and 105 of 21 February 2023, to provide an update on the development of a National Swimming Strategy; when she expects to be in a position to publish the strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [22635/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the work that is being undertaken by her Department to promote the Boyne Valley as a tourism destination; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [22658/23]

54. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cad é an ráta íocaíochta a íocadh le teaghlaigh faoi Scéim na bhFoghlaimeoirí Gaeilge ó 1996 ar aghaidh; cad é an ráta íocaíochta atá ann i mbliana; líon na dteaghlach a choinnigh scoláirí sna blianta sin; an bhfuil tuarascáil faighte ag an Roinn go bhfuil laghdú tagtha ar líon na dteaghlach a bheidh a coinneáil scoláirí i mbliana; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23196/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to report on the progress of the universal basic income for artists pilot scheme; if she intends to expand it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23582/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media how will she ensure that social welfare recipients are not faced with disadvantage and hardship, such as with unpayable debts and threats of legal consequences, as a result of participation in the basic income scheme. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23710/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the status of the Programme for Government commitment in respect of the roadmap for digital creative industries; when a plan is expected for the future of Creative Ireland, which concluded in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9170/23]

58. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil sé i gceist aici ardú breise eile a cheadú i mbliana do na teaghlaigh a choinníonn scoláirí faoi Scéim na bhFoghlaimeoirí Gaeilge leis an ráta íocaíochta a chur ar chomhréir leis

an íocaíocht a bhí ann sa bhliain 2008, arna choigeartú don bhoilsciú ó shin le go mbeidh sé níos tarraingtí do theaghlaigh na scoláirí a choinneáil, agus á chur san áireamh go mbeidh an t-airgead ar fáil ag an Roinn de bharr laghdú ar líon na dtithe atá ag coinneáil Gaeilgeoirí; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23195/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what engagement her Department has had with an organisation (details supplied) in regards to the hire car shortage and increased rental costs that are impacting on rural tourism in County Wexford and beyond; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [23704/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the implementation of the recommendations of the Report of the Future of Media Commission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23450/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the arts funding provided to groups in County Meath in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [11465/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide her response to the recommendation in the Joint Committee on Tourism, Culture, Arts, Sport and Media's report Working Conditions - and Skills Shortages in Ireland's Tourism and Hospitality Sector - that she 'engage with Cabinet colleagues with a view to nominating a single Government Department to retain direct oversight of and responsibility for all aspects of Ireland's tourism and hospitality sector, to include working conditions and training and recruitment.'. — Holly Cairns. [23339/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide a breakdown for the moneys spent annually, and per project, as a result of the per cent for art scheme since the beginning of the century; and if her Department intends to conduct an audit of the operation of the per cent for the art scheme. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23714/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to discuss the need for a state-of-the-art sports facility in Alfie Byrne Park (details supplied). — Gary Gannon. [23663/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the consultations to date between her Department and its agencies with their counterparts in Northern Ireland in relation to the development of cross-Border tourism projects under the Peace Plus Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [23675/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide details on when she expects the large scale sport infrastructure fund (LSSIF) to open for project applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23387/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department would engage with a local committee (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [23658/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what measures her Department are taking to address the employment vacancies and skills shortages in the tourism trade; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [23705/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on the short-term tourist letting Bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [11466/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he is taking to reduce the cost of construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [23068/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what period the waiver of development levies (details supplied) will apply for; if he will provide an exact outline of how all local authority funds and developments connected to levies will be guaranteed by the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [20781/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has considered grants for mid-to-low income households who wish to expand their bedroom space through extensions or attic conversion to help address the current housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23569/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how he is financing the construction of affordable apartments under cost rental; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [23641/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what actions he intends to take to close the gap between HAP thresholds and market rents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23566/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what incentives are being considered to prevent landlords leaving the rental market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [23674/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage given the increasing demand and pressure for housing, the extent, if any, to which he might look at the housing requirements on a county basis with a view to appointing professional builders on contract to the respective local authorities to provide and accelerate a housing programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23508/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to use new technologies/building techniques to increase the delivery and supply of modular housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [23219/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects the planning reforms to be implemented; how these reforms will speed up the delivery of critical infrastructure; if he will facilitate conversion of over retail premises for residential accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [23649/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the implementation of the recommendations of the Expert Group on Traveller accommodation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23331/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will advise his intended next steps regarding the recently published Citizen's Assembly report on Biodiversity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [18627/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress to date since 2020 in bringing back to habitable use local authority housing stock that was vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [23543/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline if any consideration is being given to the introduction of a higher payment of voids funding to local authorities where the refurbishment cost of the unit is well above the average €50k higher payment in order to ensure any and all empty units are brought back into use as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23389/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has plans to provide funding to Uisce Éireann to take in charge existing private wastewater treatment plants in private housing estates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [23345/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of cost-rental homes delivered in north county Dublin in 2022. — Louise O'Reilly. [23558/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the HAP bands with respect to a growing housing crisis in order to bring HAP bands into line with current market rents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23563/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on actions that are to be taken to address the recruitment and retention crisis in the retained fire service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [23639/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many homes will be delivered by the LDA this year under the project tosaigh scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [23647/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which the provision of accommodation for persons on local authority housing lists as well as those seeking affordable housing can be accommodated in the short term alongside the competing equally valid requirements of refugees and the aforementioned numbers on the housing lists; if modular housing or wooden chalet-type housing can be urgently provided to meet the need; if manufacturers of modular or wooden housing in this country are exporting their products while this serious crisis exists; if it is possible to quantify the number of potential such units that could be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23507/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is considering supports for the construction of affordable homes for purchase along the lines of the supports recently announced for cost rental. — Richard Bruton. [23561/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what he intends to do to ensure emergency accommodation is available for those who need it in their local particularly

appropriate door accommodation for families and pensioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23568/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social and affordable homes to be delivered in Waterford in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23593/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the appeal process, if any, that is in place for farmers who unsuccessfully applied to local authorities to have lands zoned for residential or mixed use but is currently in agricultural use rezoned for agricultural use as part of their submission to the relevant local authority on the draft map published in November 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [21855/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to the expansion of the croí cónaíthe scheme, if any consideration would be given to allow commercial properties to be included in future rounds in order to generate investment and business opportunities in areas vacancy and dereliction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23390/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the review of Part B of the building regulations and related technical guidance documents. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23333/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures that will be put in place to ensure the waiving of development levies results in more affordable homes for people rather than an increased profit margin for developers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [23446/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on social housing provision in west Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [23603/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects to launch a pilot scheme to provide sewage infrastructure in rural villages which are currently unsewered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [23205/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many buyers have now been approved under the first home scheme; how many of these approved applications are from Cork county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [23657/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of properties approved by both Cork City Council and Cork County Council for the tenant in-situ-scheme; the number of properties actually handed over, and those still in train; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [23220/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his proposals for development levies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [23069/23]



101. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the move by Dublin City Council with regard to the regeneration of an estate (details supplied); and the reason the contract ended. — Joan Collins. [20782/23]

102. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas mar gheall ar na treoirínte geallta don tithíocht agus don phleanáil Ghaeltachta, agus an dáta faoina mbeidh siad foilsithe. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23715/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the provision of affordable housing in Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [23204/23]

104. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many homes commenced building during the first quarter of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [23643/23]

105. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeframe for the publication of the Implementation Plan for the National Housing Strategy for People with Disabilities 2022-2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [23660/23]

106. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Government will consider the 13 amendments to the Draft Defective Concrete Block Regulations put forward by the Mica Action Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23464/23]

107. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider a proposal from an organisation to reform homeless legislation so that local authorities and public servants delivering services are required to put the rights and best interest of the child first when helping families presenting as homeless; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23562/23]

108. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding for housing adaptation grants for older and disabled people for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [23064/23]

109. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on funding being provided to local authorities to cover the anticipated costs of moving to a single water utility. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23332/23]

110. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the case of a person (details supplied), where potential residents have been delayed from moving into the houses while they await the submission of certification documents required by approved housing bodies before new units can be occupied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [23669/23]

111. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of difficulties experienced by people purchasing their first home who are availing for more than one of the affordable options available and meeting the 70% rule on the help-to buy-scheme; what engagement has he had with the Minister for Finance to clarify what is currently gauged

by Revenue as the purchase price; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [23652/23]

*112.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the progression of applications for funding by local authorities for the installation of wastewater treatment facilities; when he expects to approve the submissions received; if he intends to increase the budget to meet the demand from local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [23347/23]

*113.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has undertaken a study to determine the impact the lifting of the eviction ban has had on homelessness numbers. — Peadar Tóibín. [22657/23]

*114.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the initiatives he is taking to support the provision of rural housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [23604/23]

*115.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a report on the Residential Construction Cost Study; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [23063/23]

*116.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of children living in Department of Housing-funded emergency accommodation in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and currently. — Matt Carthy. [23145/23]

*117.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions he is taking to consult fishing bodies regarding offshore renewable projects. — Holly Cairns. [23337/23]

*118.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number, separately, of social and affordable homes completed by Monaghan County Council in 2022; the targeted figure for 2023; the corresponding figures for approved housing bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [23144/23]

*119.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his response to the new home completions figures for Q1 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [23067/23]

*120.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports, if any, in place by his Department to encourage over the shop living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [23076/23]

*121.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022 - 2027 Implementation Plan will be published; the reason for delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [23447/23]

*122.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will amend the remediation of dwellings affected by the use of defective concrete blocks legislation to ensure 100% redress for the victims of the defective concrete block scandal. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [23557/23]



123. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the key Housing for All achievements in the first quarter of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [23642/23]

124. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how he is promoting innovation in social home delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [23656/23]

125. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the delivery of affordable housing in Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [23202/23]

126. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects affordable housing to come on stream in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [23206/23]

127. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will publish the revised guidelines for rural housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [23344/23]

128. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of meetings he has had with directors of housing to discuss their readiness for phasing out of the voids return programme. — Thomas Gould. [23531/23]

129. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many social homes were delivered in 2022; how this compares to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [23645/23]

130. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the voids programme for 2023; the national allocation and the funding made available to counties Cavan and Monaghan local authorities for this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [23542/23]

131. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider conducting a review into the administration and provision of adaptation grants for older people and those with a disability, currently under the remit of local authorities, due to the many issues being experienced with the current system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [22890/23]

132. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline his engagement with the Residential Tenancies Board concerning actions to address non-compliance with the requirement to register a tenancy. — Holly Cairns. [23336/23]

133. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to engage with the National Retained Firefighters Service to secure an agreement on pay and conditions in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [23346/23]

134. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on affordable housing at the glass bottle site in Ringsend, Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [23201/23]

135. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the provision of modular housing in Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [23203/23]

136. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the tenant-in-situ scheme for both social and cost rental tenants, including information on the total number of applications for the scheme, applications rejected and applications being processed; and number of homes bought or with offers made. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23334/23]

137. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the waiver of water connection charges for new properties will take effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [23070/23]

138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how he proposes to increase the pace at which vacant and derelict properties are renovated for new housing measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [23646/23]

139. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to increase funding to Uisce Éireann for the upgrade of wastewater treatment plants that are currently preventing progress on housing developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [23661/23]

140. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider pre-purchasing affordable housing units similar to social housing, and a mechanism to speed up their delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [23648/23]

141. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has undertaken a study to determine the impact building cost inflation is having on the construction of houses. — Peadar Tóibín. [22656/23]

142. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will introduce legislation or regulations to ensure that the tenant-in-situ and cost rental tenant-in-situ-schemes will include first refusal for the tenant, the council or approved housing bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23565/23]

143. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what actions he intends to take to reduce rents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23567/23]

144. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether it is intended to pay a higher grant rate under the croí cónaithe scheme to residents of islands who are renovating a house on our offshore islands, in view of the extra building costs on islands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23199/23]

145. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many cost rental homes are to be delivered in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [23644/23]

146. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can clarify the measures that he intends to take in situations where a landlord or property owner is refusing to

engage with councils or approved housing bodies on the sale of a property with in-situ tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [23479/23]

147. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he intends to provide additional funding to local authorities to provide for the proper management of their existing and future social housing stock in view of the increase in the numbers of social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [23348/23]

148. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on how Ireland intends to implement the EU Biodiversity Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [18616/23]

149. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that all communities without water are supported and fast-tracked in joining group water schemes as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23460/23]

150. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide interim funding for individuals living in defective apartments to carry out remedial works in advance of the general departmental scheme being implemented. — Patrick Costello. [23667/23]

151. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has received a funding request from Cork County Council to support the appointment of additional vacant homes officers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [23077/23]

152. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social housing units delivered in Galway city in 2022; the number of same that were new builds; the number of social housing units delivered in Galway city to date in 2023; the number of same that are new builds; if he will provide details of any analysis carried out by his Department into delays in the building of social houses in Galway city in 2022, and into any projected shortfall in the building of social houses in Galway City in 2023; if he will provide details of any engagement his Department has had with Galway City Council in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23455/23]

153. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he or his Department have yet approved the method statements for the upgrade of the N59 road from Oughterard to Bun a'Choill in County Galway, which were last submitted to his Department in September 2022; the reason for the delay in doing this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23200/23]

154. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homeless people in north county Dublin; and the number of people on the social housing waiting list in north county Dublin. — Louise O'Reilly. [23559/23]

155. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to set out in tabular form the details of all applications for housing projects in each local authority area, where the finance was provided by his Department or by the Housing Finance Agency, in particular applications received from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2022, 1 January 2023 to 30 April 2023, setting out the number of houses in each project; the cost of the development of same per unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [23078/23]

156. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will take action to ensure that the Residential Tenancies Board has the legislative power to investigate illegal evictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [23448/23]

157. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to set out in tabular form details of all applications received from approved housing bodies for housing projects, where the finance was provided by his Department or by the Housing Finance Agency, in particular applications received from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2022, January 2023 to 30 April 2023, setting out the number of houses in each project; the cost of the development of same per unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [23079/23]

158. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the submission of requests for the 2022-2024 Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [23673/23]

159. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is considering any planning exemptions relating to structures that currently do not act as residential accommodation, such as garages or other buildings within the curtilage of private dwellings, to allow owners to convert these units to new housing units of an acceptable standard for people seeking accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23717/23]

160. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 118 of 9 March 2023, if he has received the report in respect of 2021, 2022 and to date from the Galway Social Housing Task Force; if so, if he will provide a copy of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23454/23]

161. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the implementation of Housing for All; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [23640/23]

162. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to ensure that there is no capital underspend in housing in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23459/23]

163. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can outline his plans to address the crisis in elderly accommodation in the private rental market in light of a recent reports (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [23480/23]

164. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the delays being caused to social housing developments funded via SHIP, CALF and CAS arising from delays in his Department approving revised cost estimated caused by construction sector inflation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23335/23]

165. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to this Deputy’s question on Questions on Policy and Promised Legislation on 11 May 2023, if he will consider expanding the €800 pledged accommodation scheme for Ukrainian refugees so that it would cover further cohorts of people in desperate need of accommodation, such as people currently classified as homeless; if he will also reconsider the rate paid and consider bringing the

terms and conditions in line with the rent a room scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23599/23]

*166.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm the publication date for the Implementation Plan of the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [23539/23]

*167.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homes in the construction status update; the number that have been at their particular stage since Q1 2022; and the number expected to be completed by year end. — Thomas Gould. [23532/23]

*168.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has engaged with mortgage lenders with respect to forbearance measures; the provisions of bridging finance and solutions in place for homeowners affected by defective concrete blocks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23602/23]

*169.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social and affordable homes delivered in Waterford in 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23591/23]

*170.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on her Department's work regarding housing in the Gaeltacht; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [23662/23]