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QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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 the details on any concerns she has communicated on behalf of the tourism sector in relation to tourist accommodation availability for peak season, and any economic effects this may have on the wider tourism sector for 2023 to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [23340/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she is aware of cases in which individuals are, as a result of participating in the basic income for artists scheme, being pursued with debt letters for thousands of euros in social protection overpayments, with no warning given prior to or following the commencement of the scheme that individuals on jobseeker's allowance would face such negative consequences; and to explain why the poorest arts workers must rely on the basic income to cover basic living costs and give up their main social welfare payment while still seeking employment, when at the same time those already earning from employment can use the basic income to pursue a career in the arts while maintaining their full income. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23709/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the provision that her Department is making 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. [23938/23]

4. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte Uimh. 76 ar an 26 Eanáir 2023, cén dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir leis an trú gné den obair athbhreithniúcháin atá idir lámha ag Údarás na Gaeltachta maidir leis na córais agus maidir leis an gcur chuige atá i ngníomh ag an Údarás faoi láthair chun tacú le cur chun cinn na Gaeilge sna cliantchuideachtaí agus maidir leis na bealaí ina ndéantar an t-ábhar a bhaineann leo a riaradh; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [23445/23]

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OTHER QUESTIONS

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

5. 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

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rate for the hospitality sector beyond September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [23703/23]

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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 gcoláistí samhraidh; an bhfuil grúpa oibre bunaithe ag a Roinn; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [23452/23]

52. 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 RTE in relation to GAAGO; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [23463/23]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cad é an ráta íocaíochta a íocadh le teaghlaigh faoi Scéim na bhFoghlaimoirí 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

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

74. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable homes he intends to deliver in 2023 and 2024 via the Affordable Housing Fund, the Cost Rental Equity Loan, Protect Tosaigh and LDA direct delivery. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23808/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has plans to ensure that residents who are selected from the social housing list to join a new build cooperative home ownership scheme are not charged development levies due to the dwellings being classed as 'private'; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [23915/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the redress scheme for defective buildings, including when emergency funding for interim measures will be available; and the timeline for the legislation underpinning the scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23809/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the level of flexibility that local authorities have when considering a tenant-in-situ purchase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [23444/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the review of the maximum grant allowed under the adaption grants schemes. — Thomas Gould. [23926/23]

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

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

110. 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]

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

112. 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]

113. 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]

114. 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]

115. 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]

116. 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]

117. 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]

118. 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]

119. 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]

120. 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]

121. 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]

122. 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]

123. 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]

124. 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]

125. 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]

126. 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]

127. 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]

128. 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]

129. 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]

130. 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]

131. 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]

132. 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]

133. 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]

134. 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]

135. 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]

136. 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]

137. 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]

138. 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]

139. 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]

140. 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]

141. 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]

142. 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]

143. 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]

144. 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]

145. 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]

146. 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]

147. 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]

148. 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]

149. 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]

150. 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]

151. 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]

152. 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]

153. 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]

154. 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]

155. 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]

156. 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]

157. 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]

158. 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]

159. 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]

160. 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]

161. 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]

162. 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]

163. 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]

164. 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]

165. 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]

166. 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]

167. 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]

168. 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]

169. 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]

170. 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]

171. 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]

172. 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]

173. 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]

174. 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]

175. 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]

176. 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]

177. 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]

178. 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]

179. 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]

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

*180. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a decision will be made in respect of an application for foreign birth registration (details supplied); the reason for the delay in making a decision on said application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23677/23]

*181. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount of ODA drawn down for science capacity building in the past year for which data is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23931/23]

*182. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will have further discussions with the British Foreign Secretary and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland on the need for the British government to respond positively and without further delay to the unanimous requests of Dáil Éireann concerning the Dublin and Monaghan bombings of May 1974; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [23940/23]

*183. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 92 of 4 May 2023, the national processes to which he refers by which the Chair of the Consultative Forum on International Security Policy was appointed; the number of other persons who were considered in appointing a Chair to the Consultative Forum on International Security

Policy; and who made the final the decision to appoint a person (details supplied) to the role of Chair. — Peadar Tóibín. [23944/23]

*184. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of stakeholders that will take part in the Consultative Forum on International Security Policy; when details of the speakers and participants will be made public in advance of the forum; where a list of such stakeholders can be viewed by members of the public; the number of spaces that are reserved for members of the public to attend the forum in-person; the way in which public participation will be publicised; if he will consider running a media campaign through broadcast, print and online media to inform members of the public of their right to participate in the forum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [23945/23]

*185. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on whether the Government's consideration of joining a NATO subsea group would breach Ireland's neutrality as reported (details supplied); and the estimated cost to the State to finance membership of the NATO subsea group. — Peadar Tóibín. [23946/23]

*186. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will expedite a passport application for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [23948/23]

*187. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will expedite the passport application of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [23949/23]

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

*188. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications following the announcement by his Department that credit unions have been appointed sustainable development goal champions for 2023 and 2024, if he will outline the tangible outcomes that can be expected from this announcement; and if any KPIs have been agreed between his Department and the credit union sector. — Brian Stanley. [23723/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there is any assistance or funding available for a start-up company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [23899/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the specific methane indicators used in Irish climate calculations and assessments which are based solely on Irish-generated data; if he plans to collate Irish-generated data for such purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23932/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for information on why Parkwind's Oriel Windfarm in Dundalk Bay were unsuccessful in their recent bid to generate electricity from offshore wind; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [23942/23]

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

*192. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will establish A citizens' assembly on security in all aspects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [23898/23]

*193. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his views on whether the Government's consideration of joining a NATO subsea group would breach Ireland's neutrality as reported (details supplied); and the estimated cost to the State to finance membership of the NATO subsea group. — Peadar Tóibín. [23947/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the number of people waiting on a driving test in each county; when the backlog will be dealt with, given that many people are extremely stressed waiting on a test as they require a car to travel to college as they live in the countryside and there is no public transport available, and the fact that there is a lack of student accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [23823/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the decrease in frequency in the P29 bus service from Adamstown, Lucan to Ringsend; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [23773/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated full-year cost of making all public transport free; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23797/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport the average unit cost of new electric buses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23798/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of the rural transport programme, including the cost of the programme and the annual capital investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23799/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport the annual costs of PSO funding for all transport services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23800/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport the cost in 2022 of providing funding across the country for safe routes to school. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23801/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport the total amount of funding that was applied for the safe routes to schools programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23802/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport if the RSA issues guidelines to driving schools in order for driving instructors to be respectful and mindful of residents living in the area in which driving lessons are taking place; if the RSA has an established procedure for dealing with complaints from residents relating to the conduct of driving instructors in an area; if such a procedure exists, if he will outline this procedure and its complaint mechanisms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23805/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport what his engagement to date is with both Cork County Council and Cork City Council in progressing EV charging infrastructure for homes and apartments without their own driveway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [23653/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will engage with Irish Rail on the matter of their booking systems, which, when accessed via web-browsers on smart phones and apps, are repeatedly crashing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [23894/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on an emerging preferred route for the N3 to N4 link road and any work that has progressed between NTA, TII, Fingal, Kildare and South Dublin County Councils; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [23904/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*206. To ask the Minister for Finance the regulations governing the bike-to-work scheme; if a person can change their choice of bike or e-bike during the process of purchasing their chosen vehicle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [23722/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Finance the effect a drawdown from the National Reserve Fund would have on the national debt given that the fund reserve is currently invested in National Treasury Management Agency Exchequer notes; if taking money from the National Reserve Fund would mean a corresponding repayment of the national debt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23907/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Finance the effect a drawdown from the National Reserve Fund would have on the General Government Debt given the NRF is stored in National Treasury Management Agency Exchequer notes; if the National Reserve Fund is within General Government Balance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23908/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Finance the effect a drawdown from the National Reserve Fund would have on the Government Budget Balance given the NRF is stored in National Treasury Management Agency Exchequer notes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23909/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Finance the adjustment made for indexation of income tax bands and income tax rates when calculating the budgetary stance for Budget 2024. — Catherine Connolly. [23763/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated additional savings that could be made by not indexing income tax bands and income tax rates. — Catherine Connolly. [23764/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Finance the annual return on investments made by the Irish Strategic Investment Fund for each year since its establishment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23902/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Finance if the State will be investigating whether a company (details supplied) has leaked any confidential State documents relating to tax to its own private

clients, as could be the case with the company in Australia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [23914/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department is taking any action to address the situation whereby banks and other financial institutions in Ireland have not paid any interest on deposit accounts to customers relating to the rising interest rates on bank loans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [23933/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide the breakdown of new car sales in each VRT band for 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [23950/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Finance when the Medical Board of Appeal for Disabled Drivers will be appointed (details supplied). — Dara Calleary. [23970/23]

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.

*217. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the estimated cost of introducing a living wage set at €13.85 per hour for public and civil service workers. — Catherine Connolly. [23762/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will list every property owned or rented by the National Library of Ireland; the rent paid by the National Library of Ireland on each property every year since 2013; a summary of the use to which each property has been put over the past ten years and is currently being put; and any period during which the property has been out of use. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23831/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will list every property owned or rented by the National Archives of Ireland; the rent paid by the National Archives of Ireland on each property every year since 2013; a summary of the use to which each property has been put over the past ten years and is currently being put; and any period during which the property has been out of use. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23832/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his views on whether a company (details supplied) will continue to be able to bid for State contracts while the Australian government investigates it for leaking confidential state tax documents to its own clients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [23913/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when two bridges (details supplied) in County Mayo were replaced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23784/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when a bridge (details supplied) in County Mayo was replaced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23785/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will list the locations where bridges have been replaced in townlands surrounding

two areas in County Mayo (details supplied) in the past five years, in tabular form; when these bridges were replaced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23786/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will list the 780 heritage sites in the care of the Office of Public Works in tabular form, with a row to indicate whether or not the site is accessible to the public; a row to indicate if the site is owned by the Office of Public Works or has a separate owner; and rows to indicate the expenditure on conservation every year on each site since 2013; and rows to indicate the expenditure on presentation of each site every year since 2013. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23839/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide a breakdown of annual expenditure each year since 2000 on the Office of Public Works: OPW Heritage Services; the National Monuments Service; the Historic Properties Service; and Visitor Services, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23840/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline a list of each job title in the employ of OPW Heritage Services; the annual salary attached to each title; the number of persons employed in each position; the number of vacancies in each position at present intended to be filled; and the total expenditure on staff each year for the past five years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23849/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline a list of every external organisation or company provided funding by the OPW in relation to heritage services over the past ten years to conduct work under contract on behalf of the OPW; the purpose of the work; and the amount of funding provided to each organisation or company over the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23873/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline the two approval stages prior to implementation under the planned reforms to the public spending code; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23922/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he can confirm that projects costing in the range of €100-€200 million will no longer be required to go through the external assurance process; if his Department will revert to conducting technical reviews of projects over €100 million not covered by the external assurance process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23923/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when he will publish the review of alternative dispute resolution provisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23924/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the annual value of EAP contracts in 2022 by Department; the successful external applicant and the value of each contract, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23925/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the allocated funding for the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions for each year since 2006, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23927/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the rationale for introducing the technical reviews conducted by his Department with external assurance process; if he will outline any research that supported the policy decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23929/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will investigate the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [23935/23]

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

*235. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when his Department expects to proceed with the next stage of the Employment Permits Bill 2022; and if he can confirm that the Bill will be amended by Government to allow workers to change employer more easily. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [23726/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will pursue immediately with an international company the concerns outlined by a retail representative organisation (details supplied) regarding the withdrawal of products from a large number of shops throughout the country which would impact negatively on smaller scale retail stores; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [23774/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of fines that have been enforced for each year of the existence of the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission's existence; and the total euro value for fines enforced by the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission for each year of its existence. — Peadar Tóibín. [23891/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there is any assistance or funding available for a start-up company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [23900/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will list the locations and completion date for the 8 Advanced Building Solutions delivered under the IDA regional building programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [23919/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the strategic sites have been identified for each and project lifecycle phase (i.e. in the planning process) for the 11 outstanding Advanced Building Solutions under the IDA regional building programme, in tabular form; if he will list locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [23920/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*241. To ask the Minister for Education when a teacher (details supplied) will receive recognition for their qualifications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23718/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Education when clarification will be provided to a school (details supplied) in County Mayo on the completion of the project brief; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23734/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a full and complete timeline for the delivery of a new promised school building in County Mayo (details supplied) in view of the condition of this school and the fact that the new school building was approved in February 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23735/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Education if, in light of confirmation by her Department of the terrible conditions of a school building in County Mayo (details supplied) and the health and safety issues which exist and persist at this school, a senior official will make immediate direct contact with the school involved to discuss the next steps for the progression of the new build; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23736/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full-year cost of increasing the capitation grant at primary and secondary level by 5%; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23754/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of reducing the pupil teacher ratio by one point at primary level. — Catherine Connolly. [23755/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of reducing the pupil-teacher ratio by one point at second level. — Catherine Connolly. [23756/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Education the projected demand for school places at primary and second level for pupils with special educational needs for the school year commencing September 2023; and the estimated cost of providing sufficient places at primary and second level to meet this projected demand. — Catherine Connolly. [23757/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Education if plans are in place to offer Leaving Certificate students the same choices in their exam papers as was offered to students in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [23772/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the building works at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [23782/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Education the date that the Leaving Certificate results will be issued (details supplied). — Richard O'Donoghue. [23822/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department owns land at a location (details supplied) in Dublin 15; if the land could be used as the permanent site for a school along with the site that the school is currently using; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [23906/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Education if she will confirm whether plans/drawings have been drawn up for the provision of a primary school at lands in Corballis, Donabate; if so, if she will provide a copy of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [23916/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Education the up-to-date position with assistance for the Junior Certificate for a candidate (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [23918/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the progress of a school build (details supplied); when she expects the school to be open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [23939/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Education if additional accommodation space will be granted for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [23966/23]

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

*257. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the inaugural 2008 national famine commemoration date plaque will be unveiled 15 years after it was held at the Custom House in Dublin. — John Lahart. [12875/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline the funding programmes in relation to the Shared Island Unit that are under consideration to support the teaching of the Irish language in Northern Ireland. — James O'Connor. [13206/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a list of every report conducted by the Irish Government Economic and Evaluation Service by year, published or completed since 2012, or still in the process of being conducted, on any programme vote, public body, or funding scheme currently under her Department's remit; and a copy of those reports which have been published. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23825/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will list every property owned or rented by her Department; the rent paid by her Department or its predecessor Departments on each property every year since 2013; and a summary of the use to which each property has been put over the past ten years and is currently being put. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23826/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will list every property owned or rented by the Arts Council; the rent paid by the Arts Council on each property every year since 2013; a summary of the use to which each property has been put over the past ten years and is currently being put; and any period during which the property has been out of use. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23827/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will list every property owned or rented by the National Museum of Ireland; the rent paid by the National Museum of Ireland on each property every year since 2013; a summary of the use to which each property has been put over the past ten years and is currently being put; and any period during which the property has been out of use. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23829/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will list every property owned or rented by the National Gallery of Ireland; the rent paid by the National Gallery of Ireland on each property every year since 2013; a summary of the use to which each property has been put over the past ten years and is currently being put; and any period during which the property has been out of use. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23830/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will list every property owned or rented by the National Concert Hall; the rent paid by the National Concert Hall on each property every year since 2013; a summary of the use to which each property has been put over the past ten years and is currently being put; and any period during which the property has been out of use. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23833/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will list every property owned or rented by the Chester Beatty Library; the rent paid by the Chester Beatty Library on each property every year since 2013; a summary of the use to which each property has been put over the past ten years and is currently being put; and any period during which the property has been out of use. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23834/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will list every property owned or rented by the Crawford Gallery; the rent paid by the Crawford Gallery on each property every year since 2013; a summary of the use to which each property has been put over the past ten years and is currently being put; and any period during which the property has been out of use. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23835/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will list every property owned or rented by the Irish Museum of Modern Art; the rent paid by IMMA on each property every year since 2013; a summary of the use to which each property has been put over the past ten years and is currently being put; and any period during which the property has been out of use. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23837/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there is any property owned or rented by her Department currently idle, or if any such property has been left idle for any period over the past ten years by her Department or its predecessor Departments. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23838/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will list each local authority which currently employs an Arts officer; the annual salary of each officer; and the portion of the salary and the office's operations funded by the Arts Council, by the local authority directly, or by a third source of funding. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23842/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline a list of each job title in the employ of her Department; the annual salary attached to each title; the number of persons employed in each position; the number of vacancies in each position at present intended to be filled; and the total expenditure on staff in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23844/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline a list of each job title in the employ of the Arts Council; the annual salary attached to each title; the number of persons employed in each position; the number of vacancies in each position at present intended to be filled; and the total expenditure on staff in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23845/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline a list of each job title working for the Culture Ireland programme; the annual salary attached to each title; the number of persons employed in each position; the number of vacancies in each position at present intended to be filled; and the total expenditure on Culture Ireland staff in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23846/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline a list of each job title working for the Creative Ireland programme; the annual salary attached to each title, the number of persons employed in each position; the number of vacancies in each position at present intended to be filled; and the total expenditure on Creative Ireland staff in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23847/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline a list of each job title in the employ of the National Museum of Ireland; the annual salary attached to each title; the number of persons employed in each position; the number of vacancies in each position at present intended to be filled; and the total expenditure on staff each year for the past five years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23850/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline a list of each job title in the employ of the National Gallery of Ireland; the annual salary attached to each title; the number of persons employed in each position; the number of vacancies in each position at present intended to be filled; and the total expenditure on staff in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23851/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline a list of each job title in the employ of the National Library of Ireland; the annual salary attached to each title; the number of persons employed in each position; the number of vacancies in each position at present intended to be filled; and the total expenditure on staff in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23852/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline a list of each job title in the employ of the National Archives of Ireland; the annual salary attached to each title; the number of persons employed in each position; the number of vacancies in each position at present intended to be filled; and the total expenditure on staff in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23853/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline a list of each job title in the employ of the National Concert Hall; the annual salary attached to each title; the number of persons employed in each position; the number of vacancies in each position at present intended to be filled; and the total expenditure on staff in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23854/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline a list of each job title in the employ of the Chester Beatty Library; the annual salary attached to each title; the number of persons employed in each position; the number of vacancies in each position at present intended to be filled; and the total expenditure on staff in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23856/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline a list of each job title in the employ of the Crawford Gallery; the annual salary attached to each title; the number of persons employed in each position; the number of vacancies in each

position at present intended to be filled; and the total expenditure on staff in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23857/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline a list of each job title in the employ of the Irish Museum of Modern Art; the annual salary attached to each title; the number of persons employed in each position; the number of vacancies in each position at present intended to be filled; and the total expenditure on staff in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23858/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline a list of every external organisation or company provided funding by her Department over the past ten years to conduct work under contract on behalf of her Department; the purpose of the work; and the amount of funding provided to each organisation or company over the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23859/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline a list of every external organisation or company provided funding by the Arts Council over the past ten years to conduct work under contract on behalf of the Arts Council; the purpose of the work; and the amount of funding provided to each organisation or company over the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23860/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline a list of every external organisation or company provided funding by Culture Ireland over the past ten years to conduct work under contract on behalf of the Culture Ireland programme; the purpose of the work; and the amount of funding provided to each organisation or company over the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23861/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline a list of every external organisation or company provided funding by Creative Ireland over the past ten years to conduct work under contract on behalf of the Creative Ireland programme; the purpose of the work; and the amount of funding provided to each organisation or company over the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23862/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline a list of every external organisation or company provided funding by the National Museum of Ireland over the past ten years to conduct work under contract on behalf of the National Museum of Ireland; the purpose of the work; and the amount of funding provided to each organisation or company over the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23863/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline a list of every external organisation or company provided funding by the National Gallery of Ireland over the past ten years to conduct work under contract on behalf of the National Gallery; the purpose of the work; and the amount of funding provided to each organisation or company over the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23864/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline a list of every external organisation or company provided funding by the National Library of Ireland over the past ten years to conduct work under contract on behalf of the National Library; the purpose of the work; and the amount of funding provided to each organisation or company over the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23865/23]

*289. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline a list of every external organisation or company provided funding by the National Archives of Ireland over the past ten years to conduct work under contract on behalf of the National Archives; the purpose of the work; and the amount of funding provided to each organisation or company over the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23866/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline a list of every external organisation or company provided funding by the National Concert Hall over the past ten years to conduct work under contract on behalf of the National Concert Hall; the purpose of the work; and the amount of funding provided to each organisation or company over the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23867/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline a list of every external organisation or company provided funding by the Chester Beatty Library over the past ten years to conduct work under contract on behalf of the library; the purpose of the work; and the amount of funding provided to each organisation or company over the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23869/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline a list of every external organisation or company provided funding by the Crawford Gallery over the past ten years to conduct work under contract on behalf of the Crawford Gallery; the purpose of the work; and the amount of funding provided to each organisation or company over the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23870/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline a list of every external organisation or company provided funding by the Irish Museum of Modern Art over the past ten years to conduct work under contract on behalf of IMMA; the purpose of the work; and the amount of funding provided to each organisation or company over the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23871/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline the number of board members for each state agency, semi-State agency, and public body under the remit of her Department; the current allowance for members of each board; the total number of meetings of each board in each of the past ten years; and the total expenditure on each board every year for the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23875/23]

*295. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of board members for the Arts Council; the current allowance for members of the board; the total number of meetings of the board in each of the past ten years; and the total expenditure on the board annually in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23876/23]

*296. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline the number of board members for the National Museum of Ireland; the current allowance for members of the board; the total number of meetings of the board in each of the past ten years; and the total expenditure on the board annually in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23878/23]

*297. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline the number of board members for the National Gallery of Ireland; the current allowance for members of the board; the total number of meetings of the board in each of the past ten years;

and the total expenditure on the board annually in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23879/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline the number of board members for the National Library of Ireland; the current allowance for members of the board; the total number of meetings of the board in each of the past ten years; and the total expenditure on the board annually in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23880/23]

*299. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline the number of board members for the National Archives of Ireland; the current allowance for members of the board; the total number of meetings of the board in each of the past ten years; and the total expenditure on the board annually in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23881/23]

*300. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline the number of board members for the Abbey Theatre; the current allowance for members of the board; the total number of meetings of the board in each of the past ten years; and the total expenditure on the board annually in the corresponding timeframe, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23882/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline the number of board members for the Chester Beatty Library; the current allowance for members of the board; the total number of meetings of the board in each of the past ten years; and the total expenditure on the board annually in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23883/23]

*302. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline the number of board members for the Crawford Gallery; the current allowance for members of the board; the total number of meetings of the board in each of the past ten years; and the total expenditure on the board annually in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23884/23]

*303. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline the number of board members for the Irish Museum of Modern Art; the current allowance for members of the board; the total number of meetings of the board in each of the past ten years; and the total expenditure on the board annually in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23885/23]

*304. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she continues to support the arts on a county basis and at national level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23971/23]

*305. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the degree to which she and her Department have supported and continued to support the sport and recreational sector through the medium of sports grants or otherwise, whether further assistance is anticipated in the near future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23972/23]

*306. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she and her Department continue to encourage participation in sports in the current year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23973/23]

*307. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she and her Department propose to support and promote the tourism sector at home and abroad in the current year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23974/23]

*308. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she expects to see an appreciable growth in the arts with a view to maximising opportunities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23975/23]

*309. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she and her Department continue to promote Irish language and culture in Gaeltacht areas throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23976/23]

*310. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she and her Department continue to use the arts and Irish culture as a means of attracting tourism here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23977/23]

*311. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media whether major capital sports projects are likely to be announced; if any changes to previous policy in this regard is contemplated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23978/23]

*312. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the degree to which opportunity exists for winter holidays in the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23979/23]

*313. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she and her Department continue to monitor developments in the media with particular reference to the need to ensure that local print media and radio stations are not endangered by unregulated entities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23980/23]

*314. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she sees opportunity to attract major sporting events to this country, thereby promoting this country as an attractive location for these events internationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23981/23]

*315. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which hotel bed spaces continue to remain sufficiently available throughout Dublin city and greater areas, with a view to ensuring that tourists and those seeking hotel accommodation are not pressured into paying exorbitant prices; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23982/23]

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

*316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to tackle invasive species and the biodiversity threat they pose. — Seán Haughey. [18557/23]

*317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Ireland is on track to meet the target of 10% marine protected areas by the mid-2030s. — Seán Haughey. [18558/23]

*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the allocations for local authority housing adaptation grants will be made known to local authorities as it is affecting the work-flow and progression of this necessary grant for council tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [23701/23]

*319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will increase the allocations for local authority housing adaptation grants and private adaptation grants, and also increase the grant amounts to reflect the increase in construction costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [23702/23]

*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current staffing complement for the Marine Area Regulatory Authority, including the grade level of staff currently assigned there, the optimum number of staff expected to be recruited to the authority, and the timeline of reaching its optimum employment level; when the authority will be fully functioning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [23721/23]

*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will introduce new measures to help older house owners who wish to downsize and purchase smaller apartment accommodation given the difficulties many of them are facing due to institutional investors outbidding them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [23733/23]

*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 204 of 11 May 2023, when the specific recommendations regarding paternity and parental leave proposed by the cross-party all-female councillor sub-group in 2021 will be implemented. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23745/23]

*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the Housing for All strategy. — Alan Dillon. [19442/23]

*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he or his Department are taking to ensure the delivery of 6,000 affordable homes per year as outlined in NSO 1 of the NDP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22157/23]

*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views that local authorities and public servants delivering services should be required to put the rights and best interest of the child first when helping families presenting as homeless, including factors such as access to their school, medical and therapeutic needs, and also supporting family relationships and wider social support; if he agrees that every child who needs it should have timely access to a child support worker; if he will ensure that these supports for children facing homelessness are enacted immediately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [23750/23]

*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of implementing a review of local authority participation structures, excluding the strategic review of the Public Participation Networks, which was undertaken by the Department of Rural and Community Development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23783/23]

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will list every property owned or rented by the Heritage Council; the rent paid by the Heritage Council on each property every year since 2013; a summary of the use to which each property has been put over the past ten years and is currently being put; and any period during which the property has been out of use. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23828/23]

*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will list each local authority which currently employs a heritage officer and/or a biodiversity officer; the annual salary of each officer; and the portion of the salary and the office's operations funded by the Heritage Council, by the local authority directly, or by a third source of funding. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23841/23]

*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will list each local authority which currently employs an Arts officer; the annual salary of each officer; and the portion of the salary and the office's operations funded by the Arts Council, by the local authority directly, or by a third source of funding. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23843/23]

*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline a list of each job title in the employ of the Heritage Council; the annual salary attached to each title; the number of persons employed in each position; the number of vacancies in each position at present intended to be filled; and the total expenditure on staff in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23848/23]

*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline a list of every external organisation or company provided funding by the Heritage Council over the past ten years to conduct work under contract on behalf of the Heritage Council; the purpose of the work; and the amount of funding provided to each organisation or company over the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23872/23]

*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline a list of every external organisation or company provided funding by Department in relation to heritage over the past ten years to conduct work under contract on behalf of his Department; the purpose of the work; and the amount of funding provided to each organisation or company over the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23874/23]

*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the number of board members for the Heritage Council; the current allowance for members of the board; the total number of meetings of the board in each of the past ten years; and the total expenditure on the board annually in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23877/23]

*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the value of bridging loans for affordable houses being paid on an interest-only basis, referenced in a recent report from his Department; the number of these houses being leased by his Department to AHBs; the estimated value of these houses; the average rental income generated per home; who the owners

of these homes will be at the end of the mortgage term; and if he will clarify the total amount of interest paid on these homes to date. — Peadar Tóibín. [23905/23]

*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to progress the Housing (Homeless Families) Bill 2017; his plans to impose an obligation on housing authorities to recognise homeless families as a family unit, and to have specific regard to the best interests of the children of homeless families in crisis-accommodation situations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [23921/23]

*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans the Government has to support a proposal by a body (details supplied) to establish a global greenhouse gas watch; the engagement between Met Éireann and the body on the proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23941/23]

*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which the various schemes available to assist applicants for affordable housing or local authority housing might be able to readily access information, whereby information could be made available to them in order that applicants could identify the various housing solutions that might be of assistance in their respective cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23983/23]

*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which consideration has been given to appointing building contractors to deliver a specific number of local authority/affordable housing on a county basis depending on the demand, with a view to ensuring the delivery of housing for those immediately in need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23984/23]

*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which he can direct/offer building contracts to various building contractors to deliver housing on public or private lands to meet the needs of those in need of affordable house/local authority housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23985/23]

*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of completed houses in the various estates throughout North Kildare, but as yet unoccupied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23986/23]

*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of sites owned by the local authority in County Kildare currently awaiting development in respect of affordable or local authority housing which might receive expeditious attention given the current housing climate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23987/23]

*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of persons currently on Kildare County Council's housing list, or awaiting approval for such list; the expected progress in early date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23988/23]

*343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of houses completed in County Kildare in the past eighteen months in respect of private development or local authority development proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23989/23]

*344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which funding can be made available to meet the needs of the affordable housing sector; if consideration has been given or will be given to the introduction of the subsidised site scheme such as previously has been available to local authorities in order to accelerate access to houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23990/23]

*345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which easily processed information can be made available to potential housing applicants/purchasers in order to ensure ready access to information to facilitate the putting together of a package of schemes to assist people with a housing need in whatever category, rather than have such people make numerous attempts to house themselves only to find that they do not qualify for one or other reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23991/23]

*346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether building firms from outside the country can be encouraged to deliver specific housing on designated public or private sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23992/23]

*347. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to indicate if sufficient staff are available to the various local authorities to process and advise applicants so as to avoid repeat applications or lengthy application processes so an applicant can find out in early date whether they qualify for any/all of the available schemes, rather than making repeated lengthy attempts to find out this information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23993/23]

*348. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to indicate a means whereby applicants for housing loans for affordable housing or local authority housing can avail of information in early date to the effect that their particular category of application will be successful, rather than alerting them to the contrary at a much later date, causing confusion and disappointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23994/23]

*349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to indicate, particularly for those who have been on waiting lists for many years, but whose income in the interim has increased, albeit insufficiently to purchase at today's prices but pushing them over the income limits to qualify for local authority housing now, if consideration can be given to their particular plight, including a long time paying rent, waiving deposit or other means to address their particular concerns given that they are likely to remain in this no man's land for the foreseeable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23995/23]

*350. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the income qualification limits for access to various housing proposals in order to reduce the numbers continuing to apply for various forms of assistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23996/23]

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

*351. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of extending paternity leave by two weeks. — Catherine Connolly. [23758/23]

*352. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of extending parental leave by two weeks. — Catherine Connolly. [23759/23]

*353. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 253 of 15 December 2023, if she will provide updated figures for the duration of illness benefit claims for those who transferred from EIB; if she will also provide the figure for claims lasting for 24, 36 weeks and 48+ weeks; if she will provide corresponding figures for disability allowance claimants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23930/23]

*354. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the up-to-date position in respect of an application for working family payment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23687/23]

*355. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the Government's intentions regarding the pension road map in 2018 to bring the State pension to the level of 34% of average income. — Brian Stanley. [23749/23]

*356. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of making the fuel allowance available for 32 weeks per annum, 40 weeks per annum and 52 weeks per annum. — Catherine Connolly. [23760/23]

*357. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of reinstating the bereavement grant at a rate of €850. — Catherine Connolly. [23761/23]

*358. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of a €1 increase in each of the social insurance schemes, social assistance schemes, other weekly schemes and other schemes payments, in tabular form (details supplied). — Catherine Connolly. [23765/23]

*359. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the systems that are in place to ensure that persons living outside this jurisdiction are not in receipt of payments that require a person to be resident in this State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [23766/23]

*360. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing children's allowance by 10%, and extending the payment until children are finished in full-time education or turn 18 years, whichever is the later; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23787/23]

*361. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing the respite carer's support grant to €2,500; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23788/23]

*362. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing the domiciliary care allowance to €350; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23789/23]

*363. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of providing free school meals for all post-primary school pupils in public schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23790/23]

*364. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of providing free school meals for all primary school pupils in public schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23791/23]

*365. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of extending eligibility for the fuel allowance to all pensioners, to all in receipt of the working family payment and/or a medical card; the estimated cost of abolishing the waiting period of a year for those on JSA, and by increasing the rate by €20 per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23792/23]

*366. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of extending eligibility for the household benefits package to all pensioners and to all in receipt of the working family payment and/or a medical card, and by increasing the rate to €60; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23793/23]

*367. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of restoring the pension age to 65 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23794/23]

*368. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing all headline social protection payments to €300 per week, excluding disability-related payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23795/23]

*369. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing disability, blind pensions and invalidity pension to €350 per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23796/23]

*370. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she will update the stillbirth registration process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [23895/23]

*371. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of her consideration of long-Covid as an occupational illness for frontline workers; if she has been furnished with a final reply from the Minister for Health; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23910/23]

*372. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 891 of 18 January 2023, if she will provide updated figures on overall numbers and the claimants in each time period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23911/23]

*373. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) can expect a decision on their social welfare appeal. — Robert Troy. [23937/23]

*374. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in relation to the recent cost-of-living bonus paid to those in receipt of certain social welfare payments; the amount the Government saved by not allowing those on adult dependant payments receive this payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [23943/23]

*375. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing each weekly social welfare scheme by €1 per week, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23951/23]

*376. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing the qualified child payment by €1 for children under the age of 12 years, and €1 for children over the age of 12 respectively. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23952/23]

*377. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of including carer's allowance as a qualifying payment for fuel allowance. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23953/23]

*378. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of extending the current rate of fuel allowance by €1 per week. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23954/23]

*379. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of extending the fuel allowance for one additional week. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23955/23]

*380. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of including working family payment as a qualifying payment for fuel allowance. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23956/23]

*381. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing the carer's support grant to €2,000. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23957/23]

*382. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of bringing the current young jobseeker's rate of €129.70 per week up to the full rate of €220. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23958/23]

*383. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing the current young jobseeker's rate of €129.70 per week by an additional €5 per week. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23959/23]

*384. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing the jobseeker's transitional payment scheme age cut-off to 18 years of age. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23960/23]

*385. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing the one-parent family payment scheme age cut-off to 14 years of age. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23961/23]

*386. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current number of recipients of the benefit for over-65s; the full year cost of this scheme in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23962/23]

*387. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing the weekly payment rate for carer's allowance and carer's benefit to €325 per week, by payment in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23963/23]

*388. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of extending child benefit to 18-year-olds still in secondary school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23964/23]

*389. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of providing an additional €10 per week payment to all recipients of disability-related social welfare payments in total, and by payment type, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23965/23]

*390. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to indicate on what basis a deciding officer has ruled that a person (details supplied) does not qualify for disability allowance despite his continuous medical condition over the past ten years and likelihood for this to continue; if the

matter can be referred for full appeal and an oral hearing as per this parliamentary question; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24004/23]

*391. To ask the Minister for Social Protection If bereavement/funeral payment/death benefit grant is available to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24005/23]

*392. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the basis for the intended cessation of OPFA in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24009/23]

*393. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current position in respect a carer's allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24010/23]

*394. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the maximum possible rate for carer's allowance was not approved in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24011/23]

*395. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason non-contributory pension is not payable or will it be restored in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24012/23]

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

*396. 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. — Niall Collins. [23683/23]

*397. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the situation whereby a number of tents have been erected in close proximity to the International Protection Office in Dublin city centre, the impact on local residents, the controversies which have already occurred there between different groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [23708/23]

*398. To ask the Minister for Justice if his Department and the Government will agree to establish a group to review the remuneration of a sector (details supplied) within a short time, noting that the remuneration of the sector has not been reviewed for more than fifteen years; if not, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23720/23]

*399. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the latest developments with legislation to disregard historic convictions for offences which targeted the LGBTQ+ community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [23725/23]

*400. To ask the Minister for Justice when his Department will publish the parental alienation research study considering the draft report was received by his Department at the end of November 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [23767/23]

*401. To ask the Minister for Justice if his Department has commenced a public consultation on the issue of parental alienation legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [23768/23]

*402. To ask the Minister for Justice if a decision is due on the application for naturalisation made by a person (details supplied); and the status of the application concerned. — Martin Browne. [23806/23]

*403. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of protection and safety orders secured in courts in the Republic of Ireland where the respondent was living outside the jurisdiction for the past available 12-month period; the number of these that were successfully served on the respondent; the means by which they were served. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [23888/23]

*404. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [23897/23]

*405. To ask the Minister for Justice if leave to remain can be granted in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23998/23]

*406. To ask the Minister for Justice why legal aid cannot be offered to a person (details supplied); if the matter can be investigated as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24000/23]

*407. To ask the Minister for Justice the current or expected status regarding applications for citizenship in the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24001/23]

*408. To ask the Minister for Justice when a person (details supplied) might expect an outcome regarding an application for naturalisation in the case of his son; if all the details requested have been received in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24002/23]

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

*409. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address the needs of tillage farmers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23730/23]

*410. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds born in 2022 that were entered on a system (details supplied) in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [23741/23]

*411. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds born in 2022 that were entered on a system (details supplied) in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [23742/23]

*412. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the cause of death of the 1,543 non-coursing greyhounds listed as deceased on a system (details supplied) in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [23743/23]

*413. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of carbon dioxide his Department have failed to capture due to missing afforestation targets during the lifetime of the last forestry programme 2015-2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [23934/23]

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

*414. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if those persons can be accommodated adequately elsewhere; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [23708/23]

*415. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the pathways available to families of children requiring needs assessments to secure private assessments funded by the State in the absence of the availability of timely assessments in the public system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [23816/23]

*416. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on his plans to address the prevalence and use of non-disclosure agreements in discrimination and sexual harassment disputes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [23679/23]

*417. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the situation whereby a number of tents have been erected in close proximity to the International Protection Office in Dublin city centre, the impact on local residents, the controversies which have already occurred there between different groups; if those persons can be accommodated adequately elsewhere; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [23724/23]

*418. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 253 of 11 May 2023, if he will provide the practical implications for the operation of the Houses of the Oireachtas arising from the introduction of maternity leave for Members; and the actions he has taken to date to address these concerns. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23744/23]

*419. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 532 and 533 of 9 May 2023, if he can detail the steps his Department takes in cases where a service provider has breached the terms of the core funding agreement; If a company (details supplied) has broken the terms of core funding by imposing a charge on parents for afterschool/out-of-term services, regardless of whether parents use this service and by making payment of this charge a condition of the continued use of the regular service, where previously parents who did not avail of out-of-term afterschool hours were not charged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [23771/23]

*420. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline he is working towards for providing enhanced medical cards to mother-and-baby-home survivors; if this will be commenced immediately after the legislation is signed into law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23803/23]

*421. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if discussions are expected to provide more services for disadvantaged children in Limerick city and county. — Richard O'Donoghue. [23820/23]

*422. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of the case of a child (details supplied) who has been diagnosed with autism and was referred to the Children's Disability Network Team on the Armagh Road in July 2021 and has received no support from the CDNT; when he will receive an assessment of need; if he will provide guidelines and support for parents and guardians whose children underwent PTA or are awaiting an assessment of need; his views on the current understaffing at the Children's Disability Network Team on Armagh Road; and the plans he has to address it. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23890/23]

*423. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if permission will be provided by IPAS in relation to a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23903/23]

*424. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to correspondence (details supplied); the action he is taking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23968/23]

*425. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of extensive site alterations in the grounds of Ryevale House, Leixlip, County Kildare which would appear to facilitate development unconnected with any authorised use of the house and the grounds; if the developer has been authorised to proceed with proposals other than those relating to the house itself; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24006/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*426. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational health reviews which have taken place in relation to long-Covid or similar indication, in tabular form; the number of workers who sought leave on the basis of long-Covid; the number of workers asked to return despite claims of long-Covid; the number of workers granted leave, by length of leave in timebands; the number of workers who sought additional leave beyond initially sanctioned leave; and the number of workers granted long-term leave. — David Cullinane. [23638/23]

*427. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an outline of the mechanism to access diagnosis and support for long-Covid cases in each of the CHO areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [23678/23]

*428. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with the property section of the HSE with a view to forming a plan on the protection and enhancement of the old Famine Workhouse, a significant, historical building located at Old Longford Road, Mullingar. — Robert Troy. [23680/23]

*429. To ask the Minister for Health if it is considered satisfactory to wait ten hours to be assessed for a head injury in the case of a person (details supplied), who attended A&E recently but who is also a returning patient to the hospital in the neurology department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23682/23]

*430. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount of temporary assistance payment funding that has been provided to nursing homes to date, by nursing home name or company name, address and county, since it commenced up until the scheme closed in April, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23684/23]

*431. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 269 of 11 May 2023, if he will provide further details on the internal HSE TAPS audit referred to; the date it was received by the HSE, and him and his Department; the results and recommendations of this audit; when his Department intends to publish the final audit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23685/23]

*432. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the proposed closure of the fair deal scheme at a nursing home in Cork (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [23686/23]

*433. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to a concern relating to the fair deal scheme (details supplied).; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [23695/23]

*434. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to a concern relating to the fair deal scheme (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [23696/23]

*435. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to a concern relating to the fair deal scheme (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [23697/23]

*436. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to a concern relating to the fair deal scheme (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [23698/23]

*437. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position regarding a current medical card in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23699/23]

*438. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene to ensure an early appointment with the outpatient ENT Clinic in Waterford University Hospital for a child (details supplied) who has been told that the waiting time for an appointment is up to four years, and whose hearing is significantly disimproving; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [23700/23]

*439. To ask the Minister for Health the all-in final capital cost of developing the new Waterford residential care centre; the number of beds; the all-in revenue cost of staffing and servicing the facility; and the whole-time equivalent requirements. — David Cullinane. [23727/23]

*440. To ask the Minister for Health if pharmacy fees will be restored (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23728/23]

*441. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the current state of Tender 23 home-care considerations, given the criticality of home care, and the many people waiting for it; if he will move with alacrity to end any and all delays to Tender 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [23731/23]

*442. To ask the Minister for Health if he will set out the current situation concerning the new home care tender process; if he and Minister Butler have met with representatives of an organisation (details supplied) to address this issue; the matters that remain to be resolved in finalising the tender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [23737/23]

*443. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that there is an automated external defibrillator installed in the Walkinstown area (details supplied); and if not, the reason therefor. — Paul Murphy. [23739/23]

*444. To ask the Minister for Health when the pandemic payment will be paid to clerical staff who worked in the Enniscorthy vaccination centre during the pandemic who met with thousands of members of the general public as they received their vaccinations, and who were contracted by a private contractor (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [23740/23]

*445. To ask the Minister for Health if he will fulfil the promises he made on a radio show (details supplied) and put protective zones in place with utmost urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [23746/23]

*446. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23747/23]

*447. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the situation facing residents (details supplied); the action he proposes to take to ensure that the residents are protected and can remain in place; and if he intends to ensure the HSE re engages to find a fair solution. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23769/23]

*448. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to review the payments to nursing homes, both private and public, both in regard to those payments and to wage levels in the sector. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23770/23]

*449. To ask the Minister for Health if people with long-term and serious allergies would be considered for the long-term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [23775/23]

*450. To ask the Minister for Health if an independent body that is separate from the HSE can be appointed in order to assess and grade claims made through the Cross Border Directive Scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [23776/23]

*451. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans in place to address the current delays in the reimbursement of money through the Cross Border Directive Scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [23777/23]

*452. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will assist a medical card holder (details supplied) to access dental services, given this matter was queried twice to the primary care section of the HSE and no reply has been forthcoming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23778/23]

*453. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of the dentists in County Mayo providing services to medical card holders under the dental treatment services scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23779/23]

*454. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists providing a service to medical card holders under the dental treatment services scheme as of 1 January and 1 March, in each of the past five years, by county, in tabular form; the steps his Department will take to ensure that services will continue to be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23780/23]

*455. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if he was aware of this issue with professional services withholding tax faced by GPs working for an organisation; the steps he is taking to rectify the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23804/23]

*456. To ask the Minister for Health if he can clarify when legislation will be in place to ensure there are safe zones to protect women and medical staff in health settings facilities to ensure they can access or provide abortion services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [23807/23]

*457. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved ICU staffing allocations in the ICU at University Hospital Limerick for each of the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the number of staffing vacancies in the ICU at University Hospital Limerick for the corresponding timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [23811/23]

*458. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people approved for the provision of homecare in CHO5; the number of those people who have received homecare provision; the number of those people who are waiting for the provision of homecare; if he will provide a breakdown of the length of time in two-month increments that those people who have not yet received homecare provision have been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [23812/23]

*459. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people approved for the provision of homecare in CHO3; the number of those people who have received homecare provision; the number of those people who are waiting for the provision of homecare; if he will provide a breakdown of the length of time in two-month increments that those people who have not yet received homecare provision have been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [23813/23]

*460. To ask the Minister for Health the number of homecare hours that have been approved in CHO5; the number of homecare hours approved but not yet provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [23814/23]

*461. To ask the Minister for Health the number of homecare hours that have been approved in CHO3; the number of homecare hours approved but not yet provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [23815/23]

*462. To ask the Minister for Health when the tender process between the HSE and private homecare operators is due to conclude; when the process started; the number of homecare hours

being sought from private operators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [23817/23]

*463. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the feasibility study concerning the potential acquisition of a nursing home (details supplied).; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [23818/23]

*464. To ask the Minister for Health if there are financial supports available to assist former voluntary providers of mental health supports and counselling which continue to be contacted by people in need. — Martin Browne. [23810/23]

*465. To ask the Minister for Health the further qualifications a person (details supplied) needs to enable them to work in the health service, nursing homes and so on; and the cost for same. — Joan Collins. [23893/23]

*466. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 151 of 28 March 2023, the rationale for reducing the stillbirth registration criteria from 24 weeks to 23 weeks and 500 grammes to 400 grammes; the standards that guide this practice here and abroad; if consideration was given to the possibility of allowing all stillbirths to be registered should the parents wish to do so; the range of factors to be considered in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [23896/23]

*467. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23901/23]

*468. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 604 of 25 April 2023, the number of people with severe and enduring mental health difficulties under the care of the Cobh/Glenville and Midleton/Youghal adult mental health teams who have been transferred to continuing care or high-support hostels outside those HSE catchments since June 2021; the number of people in this cohort of service-users within those HSE catchments who have been transferred in the same timeframe to nursing homes, either within those HSE catchments or outside them; the reason that this information was not provided in the response to Parliamentary Question No. 604 of 25 April 2023, given that the respondent could obtain the information with ease by requesting it from the consultant psychiatrists on the two mental health teams under whose care the service-users in questions would have been, and given that similar information on the transfer of East Cork service-users was provided in response to previous Parliamentary Questions, and given its relevance to the broader impact of the decision by the HSE to close the Owenacurra Centre, Midleton, without providing interim residential service provision locally beyond a three-bedroom property that is yet to open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [23917/23]

*469. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the primary care centre for Finglas, Dublin 11; the status of stage one preliminary design; if the legal process to transfer the land has been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23936/23]

*470. To ask the Minister for Health if long-term illness card/full medical card will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23997/23]

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

*471. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he intends to implement the 2020 Labour Court recommendations for adult education teachers; and if so, if he will provide a timeframe for its implementation. — Martin Browne. [23681/23]

*472. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of a pathway for a student (details supplied) who has completed a University of Ulster Foundation Degree in Integrative Counselling and who has been accepted onto the fourth year in IICP College Tallaght (1 year study, part-time) to complete an honours degree in counselling and psychotherapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [23889/23]

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

*473. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the estimated cost of developing the 400 remote working hubs and the requisite support services identified in Our Rural Future and for additional remote working hubs in each of the 31 local authority areas across the country in 2024. — Catherine Connolly. [23752/23]

*474. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the ReAct (Renewable Energy for self-sustainable Island Communities) is still open for applications or if there are similar schemes available for solar panels on Ireland's offshore islands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [23729/23]

*475. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development for a timeline on the implementation of rural proofing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23751/23]

*476. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department will provide funding for towns in rural areas to develop remote working hubs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [23781/23]

*477. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the development of second level education on the island of Inishbofin, County Galway will be included in the island policy to be announced soon in view of affording the young people on the island the maximum chance of getting as much as possible of their education there; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23892/23]

*478. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the town and village scheme funding application by a community group (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [23967/23]