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CEISTEANNA I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [20326/23]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Alan Dillon. [21425/23]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Cathal Crowe. [22438/23]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [22439/23]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [22442/23]
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7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Mick Barry. [22480/23]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22820/23]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [22823/23]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [22856/23]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [22860/23]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Gary Gannon. [22916/23]
13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [22920/23]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23217/23]

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

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Cathal Crowe. [22440/23]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Michael Moynihan. [22445/23]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Mick Barry. [22481/23]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22483/23]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22821/23]

21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Bríd Smith. [22824/23]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Cian O’Callaghan. [22854/23]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [22857/23]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Gary Gannon. [22917/23]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [22921/23]

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23218/23]

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

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on a Humanitarian Response to Ukraine will next meet. — Cathal Crowe. [22441/23]

29. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on a Humanitarian Response to Ukraine will next meet. — Michael Moynihan. [22446/23]

30. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on a Humanitarian Response to Ukraine will next meet. — Mick Barry. [22482/23]

31. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Humanitarian Response to Ukraine will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22484/23]

32. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on a Humanitarian Response to Ukraine will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22822/23]

33. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on a Humanitarian Response to Ukraine will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [22825/23]

34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on a Humanitarian Response to Ukraine will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [22862/23]

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on a Humanitarian Response to Ukraine will next meet. — Gary Gannon. [22918/23]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on a Humanitarian Response to Ukraine will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [22922/23]

37. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the high-level steering board, chaired by the Secretary General of his Department, to oversee the implementation of the High-Level Action Plan for the Report of the Commission on the Defence Forces. — Mary Lou McDonald. [20327/23]

38. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the high-level steering board, chaired by the Secretary General of his Department, to oversee the implementation of the High-Level Action Plan for the Report of the Commission on the Defence Forces. — Mick Barry. [22803/23]

39. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the high-level steering board, chaired by the Secretary General of his Department, to oversee the implementation of the High-Level Action Plan for the Report of the Commission on the Defence Forces. — Ivana Bacik. [22863/23]

40. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the implementation of the High-Level Action Plan for the Report of the Commission on the Defence Forces. — Bríd Smith. [24735/23]

41. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the strategic goals of his Department's strategy statement 2021-2023; and if he plans to update them. — Mary Lou McDonald. [20328/23]

42. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the strategic goals of his Department's strategy statement 2021-2023; and if he plans to update them. — Cian O'Callaghan. [22855/23]

43. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the strategic goals of his Department's strategy statement 2021-2023. — Neasa Hourigan. [24231/23]

44. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the strategic goals of his Department's Strategy Statement 2021-2023; and if he plans to update same. — Mick Barry. [22804/23]

45. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the strategic goals of his Department's strategy statement 2021-2023; and if he plans to update them. — Ivana Bacik. [22864/23]

46. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the strategic goals of his Department's strategy statement 2021-2023. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23071/23]

47. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the strategic goals of his Department's strategy statement 2021-2023. — James Lawless. [23073/23]

48. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the goals of his Department's strategy statement 2021-2023. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [23075/23]

49. To ask the Taoiseach when his Department will publish a new strategy statement. — Brendan Smith. [23215/23]

50. To ask the Taoiseach his intention to establish additional units/divisions in his Department to those outlined in the Programme for Government. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [24618/23]

51. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the strategic goals of his Department's strategy statement 2021-2023; and if he plans to update those goals. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24730/23]

52. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the strategic goals of his Department's strategy statement 2021-2023; and if he plans to update those goals. — Bríd Smith. [24733/23]

53. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the strategic goals of his Department's strategy statement 2021-2023; and if he plans to update those goals. — Paul Murphy. [24736/23]

54. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [20329/23]

55. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Alan Dillon. [21548/23]

56. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Catherine Murphy. [22919/23]

57. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Neasa Hourigan. [24232/23]

58. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Mick Barry. [22805/23]

59. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [22865/23]

60. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23072/23]

61. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — James Lawless. [23074/23]

62. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Brendan Smith. [23216/23]

63. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24731/23]

64. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Bríd Smith. [24734/23]

65. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Paul Murphy. [24737/23]

66. To ask the Taoiseach the number, and cost, of ongoing commissions and investigations under the remit of his Department. — Peadar Kirby. [22558/23]

67. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [22861/23]

68. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which his Department continues to exercise a leadership role to ensure climate action is a key priority across all Government Departments. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24620/23]

69. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the Council of Europe Summit in Reykjavík, Iceland. — Seán Haughey. [24330/23]

70. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the Council of Europe. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24732/23]

71. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the Council of Europe. — Paul Murphy. [24738/23]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

72. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on her Department's review of the extension of the free travel scheme to people with epilepsy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [24660/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has had regard to a report by the Irish Hospice Foundation on the real financial impact of bereavement; and if so, her views on the report. — Sean Sherlock. [25017/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the fact that adult dependents were recently excluded from the recent €200 cost-of-living bonus payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [24661/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the possible effects on pensioner poverty of the proposed total contributions approach, given that it deals on a pro-rata basis with people who do not qualify for the maximum payment, rather than using bands which serve to uplift the benefit people receive, as under the current averaging system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [25023/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the tender for EmployAbility which was due to be published in April 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [24662/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

77. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has examined expanding the payment of child benefit to children in full-time education or training up until the age of 22 years; the amount her Department estimates that this will cost; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [24444/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has considered the benefits to the State coffers of a smoothed approach to the automatic enrolment pension system being proposed by Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [22110/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress that has been made in expanding the hot school meals programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [24392/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline the work undertaken by her Department to support the 200 people facing redundancy from a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [24359/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider further supporting the senior community alert programme through the community employment scheme, Tús, and the rural social scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24639/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress made with the review of the rural social scheme; when it will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24674/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline her Department's plans to provide support for healthcare workers experiencing long-Covid as a result of their service; her plans to provide recognition of long-Covid under the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005, Section 87; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [24358/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in reforming the jobseeker's allowance payment to link it to a person's previous most recent employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [24657/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are any additional supports for parents coming into the summer months. — Thomas Gould. [24631/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider a review of the child benefit scheme, including students still in full-time second level education after reaching their 18th birthday; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [24640/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the research conducted within her Department for linking jobseeker's benefit to previous earnings; if she is seriously considering such a reform; the likely implementation date for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [24158/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports in place for people struggling to pay their grocery bills. — Thomas Gould. [24630/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of claims in the education sector for short-term jobseeker's payments from substitute teachers and all non-permanent education employees in each of the past five years to date for school summer-holiday periods; the average length of time for processing the claims; if she will review the way in which claims are processed to ensure that payments are issued in a timely manner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [24668/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is satisfied that the automatic enrolment pension system being proposed by Government can stay below the 0.5% maintenance costs proposed in the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [22107/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are plans to reinstate the multiple payment of child benefit to parents of twins, triplets, and so on, which were previously given at primary and post-primary school entry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [24248/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has measured the progress and success of the school meals programme relating to diet, attendance and educational attainment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [24447/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her proposed timeline regarding the development of administrative and IT systems to facilitate the provision of pensions to carers. — Matt Carthy. [24659/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will increase the one-parent family payment. — Holly Cairns. [24299/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 82 of 28 March 2023, the status of the promised straw-man proposal for the restructuring of long-term disability payments; the timeline for the public consultation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24649/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the date in June that she expects the lump sum child benefit payment of €100 per child to be paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [24446/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of recipients of the farm assist payment for each year from 2016 to 2019 inclusive; how these numbers compare with the number of recipients of this payment for 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [24682/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the adequacy of supports for people with disabilities who want to start their own business; if there are any tailored supports specifically for people with disabilities who want to start their own business; if she has any plans to introduce tailored supports specifically for people with disabilities who want to start their own business; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24676/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which the number of appeals against decisions made by her Department have increased or decreased in respect of means-tested payments; the number of applicants refused payment for whatever reason to date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24622/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of appeals received by the social welfare appeals office per month since 2021; the current average processing time for an appeal with the social welfare appeals office; the efforts being made to reduce appeal processing times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [24671/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans for the implementation of the recommendations of the recently published independent evaluation of the school meals programme; the timeline for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24633/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the numbers of applicants to date in 2023 for exceptional needs payments, by category of the exceptional need (for example, energy bills, and so on); the number of those that were successful in receiving a payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [24651/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on a State pension solution for long-term family carers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [24663/23]

104. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has investigated areas where there are very high concentrations of claimants of jobseeker's allowance, one-parent family allowance, disability allowance or other indicators of concentrated need; and if she is considering innovations in these areas to break the cycle. — Richard Bruton. [24636/23]

105. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of recipients of jobseeker's allowance for each year from 2016 to 2019 inclusive; how these numbers compare with the number of recipients of this payment for 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [24445/23]

106. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are plans to introduce cost-of-living supports for adult dependents or those on non-contributory pensions, as many have been left out of earlier cost-of-living supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [24247/23]

107. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the implementation of the Roadmap for Social Protection 2020-2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [24632/23]

108. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will introduce a social energy tariff, targeted at households on means-tested social welfare payments (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [24643/23]

109. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expedite the process of extending school meals to all schools way before the previous timeline (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [22812/23]

110. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her proposed timeline to introduce legislation facilitating the provision of pensions to carers. — Matt Carthy. [24658/23]

111. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of schools in Cork east in receipt of the school meals scheme for the 2022/2023 academic year; how this number compares with the 2021/2022 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [24678/23]

112. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the engagement that she has had with the Minister for Education on the matter of school transport since 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [24670/23]

113. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the Social Protection Annual Report for 2022 will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [24441/23]

114. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider in Budget 2024 extending the child dependent cut-off age to 24 years if the child is still attending a third-level course. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [24669/23]

115. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way her Department is supporting people with disabilities to gain employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [24637/23]

116. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will confirm the number of people who benefitted from the social protection lump sum payments; if further cost-of-living measures will be considered going forward; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [24393/23]

117. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for disability payments and invalidity pension refused for whatever reason in the past twelve months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24623/23]

118. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount of money paid through her Department in 2022 to employers that take on workers under the Jobs Plus scheme; the number of employers who availed of the scheme; the number of employees who benefitted from the scheme in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [24624/23]

119. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the consultation process as part of her Department's work on addressing the cost of disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [24664/23]

120. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the proposed legislation on child maintenance system changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [24665/23]

121. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the nature and extent of the engagement that her Department has had with other Government agencies and Departments in relation to the problems faced by workers who live in the North and who work for Southern-based companies, who wish to work from home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [24625/23]

122. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports that are or will be available for older people facing higher energy bills, in particular, high gas bills; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [24650/23]

123. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people who availed of the activation and family support programme in 2022 to fund the cost of training supports and education courses for people on social welfare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [24677/23]

124. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the use of a designated Leap card for the free travel pass, with a view to cross-departmental collaboration towards better public transport services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [24634/23]

125. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of social welfare recipients that were subject to means testing as a part of the assessment of their entitlement to a social welfare payment; the progress made with the review of means testing for all schemes that entail an element of means testing in them; when this review will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24673/23]

126. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the new enhanced State pension provision for people who have been caring for incapacitated dependents for over 20 years, due to be implemented by January 2024, will include retrospective payments for those carers who are currently of pension age but were denied a pension due to the current eligibility criteria; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24675/23]

127. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will review the PRSI contributions system in order that adult dependents who have worked in the home may be entitled to full future social welfare benefits, such as the recent €200 cost-of-living support payment; if she will provide a full explanation for the reason that adult dependents and others with insufficient PRSI contributions who have worked in the home were not entitled to the recent €200 cost-of-living support payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [24440/23]

128. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will advise on her Department's review of means testing for carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [24667/23]

129. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will give consideration to removing the means test for carer's allowance or to increasing the carer's allowance income threshold given

the significant increase in the cost of living; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [24157/23]

130. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the report being compiled by her Department on expanding the free travel scheme for people who have been excluded from driving with epilepsy is available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [24641/23]

131. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of trips that were taken by senior citizens on the free travel scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [24681/23]

132. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in examining options for a pension solution for carers, in recognition of the enormous value of the work carried out by them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [24656/23]

133. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider raising the age limit for domiciliary care allowance to 18 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24638/23]

134. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will adjust upwards the income from work that is not taken into account to qualify for disability allowance. — Holly Cairns. [24298/23]

135. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will adjust the rate of fuel allowance in a way which will be determined by a strong evidence base on the minimum energy needs of households; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [24644/23]

136. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will ensure that households that have accumulated significant debts, including arrears on bills and on pre-payment meters, have access to sufficient support to avoid a long-term legacy of indebtedness and reduced financial resilience; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [24666/23]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*137. To ask the Taoiseach the estimated cost of establishing a new division within the Central Statistics Office; and the number of staff required at each level and the annual salary at each level required to establish such a division, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23886/23]

*138. To ask the Taoiseach the average annual salary of a junior statistician within the Central Statistics Office. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23887/23]

*139. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a breakdown of money that has already been spent by the shared island unit on projects under its remit, by year, to date. — Peadar Tóibín. [24039/23]

*140. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a breakdown of the money that has already been spent by the shared island unit in each jurisdiction on projects under its remit, by year, to date. — Peadar Tóibín. [24041/23]

*141. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department and public bodies/agencies that operate under his remit have policies in place to install artificial structures that provide shelter and habitat space for wild species, such as, but not limited to, insect hotels, bat boxes, nesting towers and beehives. — Holly Cairns. [24270/23]

*142. To ask the Taoiseach the caseload of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions for each year since 2006. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23928/23]

*143. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the plans sent to his Department by the Junior Minister for Integration to recruit a team for community engagement and outreach in relation to the placement of asylum seekers. — Patrick Costello. [24846/23]

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

*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the recent developments with the Northern Ireland Troubles Bill by the British government during the final day of consideration stage in the House of Lords; if the British government advised the Government of the appointment of Chief Commissioner to the Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery pending royal assent; if the British government has advised the Government on the amendments it claims will be brought on the Bill; if he shares the assessment by an organisation (details supplied) and others that the Bill fails to fulfil the UK's human rights obligations, and should be dropped; his view on how the UK government pressing ahead with the Bill informs the plans of the Government in relation to taking an inter-state challenge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24017/23]

*145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if it is possible to determine the number of Irish citizens that are resident in Northern Ireland; and if so, if the number of those citizens that hold Irish passports can also be determined. — Ciarán Cannon. [24117/23]

*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if it is possible to determine the number of Irish citizens that are resident in England, Scotland and Wales; and if so, if the number of those citizens that hold Irish passports can also be determined. — Ciarán Cannon. [24118/23]

*147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of Irish citizens living in the United States that have secured citizenship through the foreign birth registration process. — Ciarán Cannon. [24119/23]

*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue on time for intended travel date of 17 May 2023 for a person (details supplied); the reason for the delayed alert to request new photographs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [24169/23]

*149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department and public bodies/agencies that operate under his remit have policies in place to install artificial structures that provide shelter and habitat space for wild species, such as, but not limited to, insect hotels,

bat boxes, nesting towers and beehives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24262/23]

*150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an update on applications (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [24548/23]

*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount of Ireland's pledged contribution to the European Peace Facility that has actually been transferred out of Exchequer accounts; and the amount that has been spent to date on non-lethal military aid/assistance. — Patrick Costello. [24722/23]

*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a first-time passport application will issue for a child (details supplied) in County Donegal who is travelling next week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [24773/23]

*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to provide an update on the status of a passport application (details supplied) as the applicant's travel date is imminent and all requested supporting documentation has been submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [24836/23]

*154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason a person (details supplied) has not received their foreign birth registration; the reason they are waiting since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24841/23]

*155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of Irish citizens who remain in Sudan; the steps he is taking to ensure their safe return; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24965/23]

*156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the assessment that has been undertaken by his Department of the efficacy of the United Nations arms embargo on Sudan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24966/23]

*157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue to a person (details supplied); the reason the passport has not been issued to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24967/23]

*158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount of revenue generated for his Department through all aspects of passport fees in the years of 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [24980/23]

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

*159. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the engagement he has had with energy companies in advance of winter 2023 in order to protect vulnerable persons from high energy costs. — Sean Sherlock. [25020/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address an issue of small retailers collecting plastic bottles (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24060/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the protections, if any, that are currently in place to ensure vulnerable, elderly people who live alone are not disconnected from their utilities due to increased energy prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [24110/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the action, if any, the Government intends to take to decrease energy prices for struggling consumers, given that similar action taken by governments across Europe has resulted in savings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [24111/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a response will issue to communication (details supplied) relating to a broadband issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [24129/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update as to when an area in Tralee (details supplied) will get broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [24143/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of applications received under the “revisit” warmer homes scheme since its announcement; the number of homes completed in the country; the number of applications received in County Tipperary; the number of homes that have been completed under the scheme in County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24161/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the low-cost loans for energy upgrades will be made available to the public; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24163/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a breakdown of how the dividend arising from the ESB in 2009 was allocated, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [24202/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and his Department have put in place any measures to prevent an app (details supplied) and other AI applications being used to undermine future public consultations on inland fisheries policy and inland fisheries legislation where written submissions are accepted from stakeholders as well as the general public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [24213/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and his Department will issue any guidance to Inland Fisheries Ireland, which operates under his Department’s aegis, regarding the threat of an app (details supplied) and other AI applications to future public consultations run by the statutory body where written submissions are accepted on inland fisheries plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [24214/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he expects to approve a proposed increase in the pension entitlements of An Post workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [24240/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department will engage with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland with a view to altering

the cut-off date for the solar electricity grant to accommodate householders who would have qualified if the property had been completed prior to 31 December 2020, but their completion was delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [24252/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the solutions his Department can offer to businesses (details supplied) facing closure due to the lack of adequate fibre broadband services; if, in light of the serious nature of the situation outlined and the probable loss of 30 jobs in deep rural Ireland, he will expedite the national broadband scheme in the Tubbercurry deployment area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [24254/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department and public bodies/agencies that operate under his remit have policies in place to install artificial structures that provide shelter and habitat space for wild species, such as, but not limited to, insect hotels, bat boxes, nesting towers and beehives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24260/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking to address the rising cost of materials to install solar panels on private residences and farm buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24345/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking to address the issue of the subsea cable to Sherkin Island, which has been out of order since November 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24346/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will adjust the excellence in energy efficient design grant scheme guidelines 2023 to enable SMEs with assets with annual final energy consumption of at least 50,000 kWh to apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24347/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there are restrictions in place surrounding properties that have invested in solar panels to ensure that neighbouring properties cannot plant trees that would block access to sunlight for the solar panels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [24389/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications whether he believes there is justification for the introduction of a charge on brown bins - and therefore food and garden waste - by waste collection companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [24463/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will clarify the responsibilities and duties of energy providers when dealing with and identifying vulnerable customers, including four particular aspects (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [24600/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has any plans to address the access barrier to the low-interest loans for energy upgrades caused by inflation in the cost of building materials (details supplied). — Martin Browne. [24837/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of staff from his Department who are working on electricity demand reduction; and the number of staff working on demand side management, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [24845/23]

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

*182. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department and public bodies/agencies that operate under his remit have policies in place to install artificial structures that provide shelter and habitat space for wild species, such as, but not limited to, insect hotels, bat boxes, nesting towers and beehives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24257/23]

*183. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the benefits he considers are associated with membership of the Chiefs of European Navies (Chen); the conditions of membership; the resources that Ireland are obliged to input into Chen on an ongoing basis; the financial costs associated with membership of the organisation in 2020, 2021, 2022 and estimate for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24601/23]

*184. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of accommodation dwellings in Defence Forces ownership, that are currently unoccupied at each location; the estimated average cost of refurbishment to a liveable condition, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24602/23]

*185. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on Ireland's participation in NATO's Partnership for Peace programme; the current activities that Ireland are participating in as part of the programme; the financial cost associated with membership in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and estimate for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24603/23]

*186. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on Ireland's participation in the European Union's Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO); the obligations this puts on Ireland; the financial cost associated with membership in the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and estimate for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24604/23]

*187. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on Ireland's participation in each individual Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO) operation of which Ireland is a part of; if such projects are time limited or indefinite in nature; the expected benefits accrued arising from participation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24605/23]

*188. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on Ireland's participation in the Common Security and Defence Policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24606/23]

*189. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on the acquisition of two ships by the Irish Naval service; the cost of purchase, transport and refitting; the works that are to be carried out and timeframe for refitting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24607/23]

*190. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the cost to date, including off-budget costs, of Ireland's participation in PESCO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24963/23]

*191. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the nautical miles that each Air Corps aircraft can go; and the nautical miles that each Naval Service ship can go, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [24973/23]

*192. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence If funding has been provided to resurface the runway at Baldonnell Aerodrome; and the last time this runway was resurfaced. — Catherine Murphy. [24974/23]

*193. Chun a fhiafraí den Tánaiste agus Aire Cosanta an bhfuil i gceist filleadh ar an nós a bhí ann bád cabhlaigh de chuid na hÉireann a ainmniú i ndiaidh pearsa eagsúla as miotaseolaíocht dúchasach na hÉireann agus iad ag aumniú an dá bhád cabhlaigh atá ceannaithe do na fórsaí cosanta le gairid; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24992/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps his Department will take to help with the backlog of NCT tests (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24071/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will explain the exemptions for individuals with a driving licence from a different jurisdiction; the countries Ireland has a licence exchange agreement with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24094/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport if an operator of an animal-drawn vehicle for commercial purposes is required to have some form of public liability or other insurance, particularly when using public roads; how proof of insurance is ascertained; if this involves An Garda Síochána; and if there is no such requirement, if there are any plans to legislate to introduce such a requirement. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24120/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the Transport for Ireland Leap card does not work for both bus and train nationwide (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [24165/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on Local Link services in rural areas; if there are plans to expand services to ensure there is connectivity along the Wild Atlantic Way; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24229/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of taxpayers' money spent on Ardfinnan Bridge since 2015, including monies spent by Tipperary County Council, the NTA, TII, and monies spent on consultants on the proposed bridge projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24241/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department and public bodies/agencies that operate under his remit have policies in place to install artificial structures that provide shelter and habitat space for wild species, such as, but not limited to, insect hotels, bat boxes, nesting towers, and beehives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24272/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for the design, planning and construction of new DART stations at Heuston West and Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot. — Patrick Costello. [24309/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the delay in relation to paying the new pension rate increase to those employed by Dublin Port; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [24314/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to delays in the transfer of Leap card top-up stations to An Post; if the knock-on impact for those who choose only to use cash or do not have access to a smartphone have been considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [24362/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason Ardfinnan Bridge has been removed from 2023 funding programme; if this decision will be reviewed immediately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24367/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the local hackney pilot; his plans to expand it to other communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [24461/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of fines and the amount of same issued to a company (details supplied) in respect of non-delivery of national car tests do date; and the amount recovered in fines from the NCT operator. — Catherine Murphy. [24464/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport if he and or his officials have undertaken an analysis of the number of motor vehicles sold in second-hand motor vehicle market in 2022 and 2023; the number of change of ownership transactions that have taken place in 2022, and to date in 2023, in the context of the owners log being updated; and if his attention or that of his officials has been drawn to instances in which vehicle owners cannot sell their vehicle due to it not having an up-to-date NCT; if he and or his officials have considered augmenting the service delivery of the NCT operator with the use of approved vehicle test centres formerly known as DOE test centres; and the monetary value of free NCTs delivered in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [24483/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is currently implementing to reduce NCT wait times in view of the extraordinary average NCT wait times in counties Meath and Westmeath of over five months, and given that not everybody can avail of a priority booking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [24487/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport in view of the fact that some NCT applicants in County Meath who booked their tests in August 2022 have only now received the test after over nine months, and have valid NCT certificates only until September 2023, a situation replicated across the State, if he will consider amending the legislation to allow the NCT certificates to be valid for twelve months from the date of testing and issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [24488/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport to confirm the N17 from Collooney to Knock scheme will receive minimum funding over the next few years to progress the design phase following the release of the preferred transport corridor for the scheme in January 2023 following a two-month public consultation period, and the project's inclusion in the National Planning Framework, National Development Plan, Ten-T Comprehensive Network and is a core component of the

Atlantic Economic Corridor (AEC); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24529/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider a phased construction approach for the N17 from Collooney to Knock scheme but ensure all design works are completed over the next number of years to ensure this essential infrastructure for the economic development of the West is progressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24530/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport to ensure that people can pay by cash when purchasing food and drinks from the catering trolley on the trains between Killarney and Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [24537/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will carry out a review of an electric charger grant application by a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [24546/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can clarify (details supplied) in relation to the pension provision of CIE workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24547/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport in light of the apparent delays in introducing contactless next gen ticketing on public transport, if he will examine a QR Style scan system as outlined in (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [24609/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport to set out, in tabular form, the amounts invested nationally in each year from 2013 to 2022 in developing cycling infrastructure across Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24610/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the measures his Department has introduced or plans to introduce during the lifetime of the current Government to increase the number of people travelling to work by bicycle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24611/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport to set out the estimated number of people who cycle to work nationally; how Ireland ranks relative to other EU Members States on this number; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24612/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport what research his Department, or its agencies, have undertaken to examine barriers to cycling to work; the key findings of any such research; the work his Department is undertaking to address these barriers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24613/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the total number of kilometres of dedicated cycle lanes available across Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24615/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport if there will be time for the Government to ensure that the Western rail corridor is added to the TEN-T network following the publication of the All-Island Rail Review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [24970/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of revenue generated for Iarnród Éireann through renting out units within train stations nationwide in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [24976/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*223. To ask the Minister for Finance the expected revenue yield from an increase in the vacant homes tax to 25% in a full year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24057/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will abolish the deposit interest retention tax on children's saving accounts. — Robert Troy. [24066/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is a clause in the enhanced help-to-buy scheme which allows separated or divorced people who are not first-time buyers to avail of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [24068/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Finance the expected net effect of carryover measures for Budget 2024 as a result of Budget 2023 measures; the way in which it is accounted for in the budgetary stance projections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [24112/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Finance the expected revenue yield from an increase in excise on diesel of five cents per litre; the expected cost of using the diesel rebate scheme to offset such an increase for commercial transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [24113/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a breakdown of new car sales based on car body type in each VRT band for 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023. — Brian Leddin. [24123/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Finance the average VRT band, and the average emissions from the average car registered in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 for internal combustion engine vehicles only, i.e. excluding electric vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [24124/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Finance if, in light of a recent decision by Tullamore Circuit Court to instruct a vulture fund to offer fixed interest rates, he will engage with vulture funds operating in Ireland to ensure this option will be offered to all customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [24127/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Finance if owners of zoned residential lands will be liable for the RZLT while the landowner is in the process of applying for planning permission and is awaiting the outcome of the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [24136/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department and public bodies/agencies that operate under his remit have policies in place to install artificial structures that provide shelter and habitat space for wild species, such as, but not limited to, insect hotels, bat boxes, nesting towers and beehives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24261/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Finance when we can expect the Credit Union (Amendment) Bill 2020 to complete all stages in Dáil Éireann and be enacted. — Brian Stanley. [24312/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update in tabular form on a county basis the number of businesses in each county that have successfully applied for inclusion under the temporary business energy support scheme as of 16 May 2023; the estimated value or worth of the support in each county to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [24411/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Finance the specific tax reliefs available to farmers which are due to expire in 2023/2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24421/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of and value of motor vehicles seized by the Revenue Commissioners over the past five years to date; the amount of VRT recovered in respect of the seizures; and the number of vehicles returned following payment of outstanding VRT. — Catherine Murphy. [24554/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Finance to outline, in tabular form, how much has been spent on the bike-to-work scheme for each year to date since its introduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24614/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Finance why the help-to-buy (HTB) scheme does not apply to second-hand homes; if he will consider extending the HTB scheme to second-hand homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [24720/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of restoring the regional uplift of 5% to the film tax credit. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24744/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Finance when it is expected the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal will be formed and be in a position to hear appeals again. — Frankie Feighan. [24755/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Finance when it is expected the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal will be formed and be in a position to hear appeals again, given the backlog of applications. — Frankie Feighan. [24756/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking in response to rising mortgage repayments on family homes as a result of the ECB increasing interest rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24795/23]

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.

*243. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the estimated full-year cost of ensuring that every public sector worker is paid a minimum of €15 per hour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24032/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the estimated full-year cost of ensuring that every public sector worker earning under €100,000 receives a pay increase of 10% in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24033/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of people working in the public sector earning less than the living wage of €15 per hour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24034/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the engagements he has had with the Department of Justice in relation to the restoration of barrister fees under the criminal legal aid scheme following FEMPI cuts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [24097/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the engagements he has had with the Department of Health and the HSE in relation to funding proposals for the new HSE Home Support Tender 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [24099/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will ascertain from the OPW when a matter (details supplied) will be progressed and finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [24103/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of modular units ordered through an organisation (details supplied) to date for refugees/asylum seekers; if he will provide a breakdown of the suppliers that have been contracted through the organisation to deliver these; and the number that each individual company is contracted to supply. — Alan Kelly. [24207/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department and public bodies/agencies that operate under his remit have policies in place to install artificial structures that provide shelter and habitat space for wild species, such as, but not limited to, insect hotels, bat boxes, nesting towers and beehives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24267/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when the OECD report: Strengthening Environmental Considerations in Public Investment Management in Ireland, will be completed and published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24502/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when he anticipates the review intended to update the shadow pricing related to the climate targets in the Public Spending Code; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24503/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the variance from profile to date of each Ministerial Vote Group, in tabular form. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24504/23]

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

*254. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he and or his officials and or the IDA in the context of their support of an organisation (details supplied) conducted due diligence in advance of delivering support to them; if he and or his officials and or the IDA discussed corporate responsibility with the organisation and or agents acting on its behalf; and if his attention, that of his officials and or the IDA had been drawn to industrial relations and environmental concerns regarding the way in which the organisation conducts its business in advance or after offering to support the organisation. — Catherine Murphy. [24838/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline the situation with respect to the issuing of employment permits for dairy farm assistants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [24019/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated full-year cost of introducing three new bank holidays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24035/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the supports available to businesses which were established under the last 12 months and therefore, do not qualify for the temporary business energy support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [24065/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department and public bodies/agencies that operate under his remit have policies in place to install artificial structures that provide shelter and habitat space for wild species, such as, but not limited to, insect hotels, bat boxes, nesting towers and beehives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24259/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a schedule of the amount of fees under each heading that the CRO has received in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [24310/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is aware that a business (details supplied) dismissed four mechanical workers as fitters and welders in Limerick, simply because they requested that their legal entitlements be honoured; his views on whether this is appropriate conduct from a company which is benefitting from a number of State contracts; if he will take action to pause any contracts with this company which are currently being negotiated until these workers are reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [24332/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on actions to address Recommendation 1.2 in the Report of the SME Taskforce: National SME and Entrepreneurship Growth Plan to 'Remove the cost and availability of insurance as a barrier to the start-up and growth of SMEs and to the types of businesses that can be established. Review the extent to which there is a systemic market failure problem in Ireland'; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24344/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the recourse an employee has when their employer does not pay sick pay and they did not make a claim to the Department of Social Protection. — Robert Troy. [24394/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he is taking in response to large retailers offering the same products at different prices depending on whether a consumer has access to a loyalty card system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24545/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*264. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on funding for current educational psychologist (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [24832/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full-year cost of reducing the pupil teacher ratios to 1:15, across primary and post primary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24104/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full-year cost of making primary and post-primary education totally free, i.e. abolishing all charges (including voluntary contributions), providing free school uniforms, books and all other required equipment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24105/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Education the number of psychologists currently employed by NEPS; the number of sanctioned psychologist posts in NEPS; the average full-year cost of running NEPS; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24106/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Education the number of SNAs currently employed by her Department; the number of sanctioned SNA posts; the average full-year cost of employing these SNAs; and the average cost of each SNA to her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24107/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Education the number of SETs currently employed by her Department; the number of sanctioned SET posts; the average full-year cost of employing these SETs; the average cost of each SET to her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24108/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of increasing capitation grants to primary and post-primary schools by 50%. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24109/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Education the actions her Department intends on taking in terms of restoring the ex-quota position for guidance counsellors in schools and improving the ratio of guidance counsellors to students across the board, in recognition of their role in dealing with student mental health issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [24144/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider the DEIS+ Cluster proposals that have been put forward by a group of principals in schools across Dublin, with a view to expanding the DEIS scheme further; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [24147/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) will be given approval to proceed to construction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [24156/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Education if she will confirm the date of occupation for a school (details supplied) under construction. — Sean Sherlock. [24201/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Education the number of licence agreements held by a pre-school for the use of space within primary schools buildings across the country. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [24210/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Education the number of licence agreements held by a pre-school for the use of space within primary schools buildings across the country, that were terminated in each of the years 2018 to 2022. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [24211/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Education the number of licence agreements held by a pre-school for the use of space within primary schools buildings across the country, that commenced in each of the years 2018 to 2022. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [24212/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Education to outline in tabular form the number of students that have received braille exam papers for both the Junior and Leaving Certificate for each of the last ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [24234/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will be made on an additional accommodation application for a school (details supplied in County Mayo) in view of the space shortage in this school and the urgent need for same as outlined in the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [24243/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department requires primary schools to have an anti-discrimination policy; if so, the reason a school (details supplied) does not appear to either have such a policy or to implement it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [24249/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department and public bodies/agencies that operate under her remit have policies in place to install artificial structures that provide shelter and habitat space for wild species, such as, but not limited to, insect hotels, bat boxes, nesting towers, and beehives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24258/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Education the full year cost of running the CLASS Scheme 2021-2022; and the total number of beneficiaries. — Gary Gannon. [24284/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Education the engagement that has taken place between her Department, Bus Éireann and a school (details supplied) in respect of a number of concerns in relation to a bus route, and a request to reroute same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [24293/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Education when the opportunity will arise again for schools to be considered for DEIS status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [24297/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Education the plans that are in place to replace a bus service (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24307/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Education to provide additional supports, specifically extra time, for students with dyslexia undertaking the Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [24313/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Education when funding will be provided in respect of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [24316/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been brought to a number of schools and principals who are advocating for increased services in DEIS schools; if she will consider expanding the North East Inner City Multidisciplinary Teams Model and the Support Teacher Service to include all of the schools in this cluster; if she will consider the establishment of fully resourced and staffed nurture rooms in all of these schools; if her Department will engage with these principals on this proposal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [24318/23]

*289. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a breakdown by county of the number of pupils travelling to secondary school on private buses and not covered by the school transport scheme. — Joe Flaherty. [24321/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children waiting for a placement in an ASD class in County Tipperary for September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24333/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of a two-classroom ASD unit build at a school (details supplied), given that this school’s tender report has been with her Department since 21 December 2022, and the successful builders currently have an opening in their schedule and are ready to begin construction as soon as the go-ahead is given; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [24334/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the opening of a new school (details supplied) planned for this September; if she will reaffirm her commitment to seeing the school opened and fully operational in time for the next school year; if she will confirm this personally with the school committee providing it with a clear opening date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [24370/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Education to consider a review of the ‘pilot voluntary redeployment scheme’ in consultation with teachers that takes into consideration the current educational, financial and environmental climate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24378/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools that have been built between 2011 and 2022, in tabular form, by year, per county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24382/23]

*295. To ask the Minister for Education if she will agree to the establishment of a DEIS+ band within the DEIS programme. — Paul Murphy. [24396/23]

*296. To ask the Minister for Education if further progress has been made in securing a school place for the son of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24485/23]

*297. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cad é an meastachán ar chostais a bhainfeadh leis an Deontas Caipitíochta do na Colaistí Samhraidh Gaeltachta a thabhairt ar ais, bunaithe ar an ráta a bhí ann sular cuireadh ar scoir é, agus ar an ráta a bheadh ann dá gcuirfí an ráta boilscithe ó shin san áireamh, agus é measta go bhfreastalaíonn timpeall 27,000 dalta orthu i rith an tsamhraidh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24525/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Education if she will publish the KOSI report which her Department funded Donegal Education Centre to commission; the amount the report cost; if the recommendations of this report are now in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [24536/23]

*299. To ask the Minister for Education to ensure that the criteria of a transport service (details supplied) is amended to enable more children avail of it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24544/23]

*300. To ask the Minister for Education if she will agree to meet the management of a school (details supplied) to discuss their concerns in respect of the proposals for the badly needed new school building; if she will provide an update and give assurances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [24552/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that a teacher (details required) is registered with the Teaching Council of Ireland without further delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [24557/23]

*302. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated additional cost of expanding the Creative Schools programme to every secondary school in the State. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24571/23]

*303. To ask the Minister for Education the funding spent by her Department on the Creative Schools programme every year from since 2017; the breakdown by current and capital spending; and a list of each participating school each year, and the amount received. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24572/23]

*304. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the insufficient allocation of English as an Additional Language support hours for a school (details supplied) to teach and integrate diverse children into a small rural school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24594/23]

*305. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a breakdown across the primary and secondary schools in County Mayo that have been sanctioned additional education supports for English as an Additional Language, taking into account the number of additional children enrolled into mainstream primary and secondary school under international protection and benefices of temporary protection. — Alan Dillon. [24595/23]

*306. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a breakdown of additional children enrolled into mainstream primary and secondary school under international protection and

benefices of temporary protection; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24596/23]

*307. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider significantly increasing the hours for the secretarial post/grant for a school (details supplied) whose workload has significantly increased beyond part-time hours; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24597/23]

*308. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider changing the principal at a school (details supplied) from teaching to administrative, or an additional classroom teaching post within the school to align the classrooms across the four curricular planning bands for increase enrolment of children with additional needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24598/23]

*309. To ask the Minister for Education when primary and post-primary schools will receive their ICT grants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [24718/23]

*310. To ask the Minister for Education when funding can be provided for a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [24728/23]

*311. To ask the Minister for Education if she will make changes to the school bus route servicing an area (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [24750/23]

*312. To ask the Minister for Education if she will alter the designated secondary school for an area (details supplied) with regard to school bus tickets. — Robert Troy. [24751/23]

*313. To ask the Minister for Education if she will instruct the State Examinations Commission to introduce access to extra time for dyslexic students in Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate examinations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24760/23]

*314. To ask the Minister for Education if she will engage with an organisation (details supplied) which has sought extra time for dyslexic students sitting their Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate exams; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [24761/23]

*315. To ask the Minister for Education if she supports a call by an organisation (details supplied) on the State Examinations Commission to introduce extra time for dyslexic students in Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate exams; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [24764/23]

*316. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 253 of 27 April 2023, if she will confirm whether Bus Éireann has reviewed the school transport application in question to determine whether concessionary transport is available from the nearest pick-up point from their family home; if Bus Éireann has contacted the family directly in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [24766/23]

*317. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the status of an application for a retrofit grant for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24782/23]

*318. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a new build for a school (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [24783/23]

*319. To ask the Minister for Education if she will support the call by an organisation (details supplied) to introduce extra time for dyslexic students in Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate examinations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [24789/23]

*320. To ask the Minister for Education to clarify the eligibility of student to access the school transport for post-primary students when their nearest school does not have a school transport route for their area of residence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24793/23]

*321. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to establish a Gaelcholáiste serving the Dublin 2, 4, 6 and 8 areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24794/23]

*322. To ask the Minister for Education if a school transport service could be provided on a route (details supplied) considering the number of students currently travelling the route to attend their second nearest secondary school or if these students could avail on school transport on the scheduled service at a reduced fare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [24823/23]

*323. To ask the Minister for Education if private schools such as a school (details supplied) can avail of Ireland's first national primary school book scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [24830/23]

*324. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the school place for a pupil (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [24839/23]

*325. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on Government plans to provide solar photovoltaic panels as part of the summer works scheme; how schools can apply/avail of this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [24859/23]

*326. To ask the Minister for Education when she expects school transport to be provided to a child (details supplied) in County Leitrim, as recommended by the local SENO; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [24940/23]

*327. To ask the Minister for Education if she will resolve a school transport issue (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [24943/23]

*328. To ask the Minister for Education the timeframe for the appointment of the design team for the additional classrooms for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [24971/23]

*329. To ask the Minister for Education if she will take into account the wishes of career guidance and counsellor teachers in Cork city and not move their counselling supervision meetings to a Tuesday due to the impact this will have, including on availability to teach other subjects, and costs to her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [24986/23]

*330. To ask the Minister for Education if she will support the efforts of a school (details supplied) to open an ASD unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [25009/23]

*331. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will facilitate a school bus in order that students can continue their education through Irish (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [25016/23]

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

*332. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the estimated full-year cost of doubling the current spending on the arts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24028/23]

*333. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the estimated full-year cost of increasing the spending on the Arts by 10%. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24029/23]

*334. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the estimated full-year cost of increasing spending on the Arts to the EU average of 0.6% of GDP; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24030/23]

*335. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department and public bodies/agencies that operate under her remit have policies in place to install artificial structures that provide shelter and habitat space for wild species, such as, but not limited to, insect hotels, bat boxes, nesting towers and beehives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24271/23]

*336. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to the great success of a pop-up pool in Ardee, County Louth, which finished on 12 May, if there is any consideration being given to the provision of a permanent pool in the growing town of Ardee; if her attention has been drawn to any engagement on such a proposal, given the need that is quite evident and the lack of any other public pools in the area; if she will advise on possible funding or guidance available for Louth County Council to explore this option going forward; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [24295/23]

*337. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the IMMA satellite museum initiative in Ballina, County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24505/23]

*338. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a list of all external assurance process reviews tendered for to date; the value of the contract; and the name of the successful company, in tabular form. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24509/23]

*339. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad maoiniú caipitil a caitheadh trí Údarás na Gaeltachta in aghaidh gach bliana ó 2003. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24513/23]

*340. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad maoiniú reatha a caitheadh ar fhorbairt pobal faoi scáth Údarás na Gaeltachta in aghaidh gach bliana ó 2013. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24514/23]

*341. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad maoiniú reatha a caitheadh ar phleanáil teanga faoi scáth Údarás na Gaeltachta in aghaidh gach bliana ó 2013, agus an ndéanfaidh sí briseadh síos ar an maoiniú bliantúil sin de réir limistéar pleanála teanga agus baile seirbhíse Gaeltachta. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24515/23]

*342. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cad é an tuarastal bliantúil d'oifigeach pleanála teanga, agus cé mhéad maoiniú anuas air sin atá ar fáil in aghaidh na bliana i gcomhair plean teanga a chur i bhfeidhm. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24516/23]

*343. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad maoiniú reatha a caitheadh ar na ceanneagraíochtaí faoi scáth Fhoras na Gaeilge in aghaidh gach bliana ó 2013, agus an ndéanfaidh sí briseadh síos ar an maoiniú bliantúil sin de réir ceanneagraíochta. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24517/23]

*344. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad maoiniú reatha a caitheadh ar an Scéim Forbartha Lónraí Gaeilge nó an Scéim Pobal Gaeilge faoi scáth Fhoras na Gaeilge in aghaidh gach bliana ó 2013, agus an ndéanfaidh sí briseadh síos ar an maoiniú bliantúil sin de réir contae.; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24518/23]

*345. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad maoiniú caipitil a caitheadh trí Fhoras na Gaeilge in aghaidh gach bliana ó 2003, agus an ndéanfaidh sí briseadh síos ar an maoiniú bliantúil sin de réir contae. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24519/23]

*346. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad maoiniú reatha a caitheadh trí Fhoras na Gaeilge in aghaidh gach bliana ó 2003. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24520/23]

*347. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cad é an meastachán ar chostais a bhainfeadh le maoiniú caipitil Údarás na Gaeltachta a mhéadú faoi 10%, 20%, 25% agus 35%. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24521/23]

*348. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cad é an meastachán ar chostais a bhainfeadh le maoiniú caipitil Fhoras na Gaeilge a mhéadú faoi 10%, 20%, 25% agus 35%. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24523/23]

*349. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cad é an meastachán ar chostais a bhainfeadh leis an Deontas Caipitíochta do na Coláistí Samhraidh Gaeltachta a thabhairt ar ais, bunaithe ar an ráta a bhí ann sular cuireadh ar scoir é, agus ar an ráta a bheadh ann dá gcuirfí an ráta boilscithe ó shin san áireamh, agus é measta go bhfreastalaíonn timpeall 27,000 dalta orthu i rith an tsamhraidh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24524/23]

*350. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad a íocadh le mná agus fir tí in aghaidh an linbh, agus ar an iomlán, faoi Scéim na bhFoghlaimeoirí Gaeilge in aghaidh gach bliana ó 2003. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24526/23]

*351. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad a d'íoc an Roinn le brúnna a thacaíonn le coláistí samhraidh Gaeltachta in aghaidh an linbh, agus ar an iomlán, in aghaidh gach bliana ó 2003. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24527/23]

*352. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad a d'íoc an Roinn le coláistí cónaithe samhraidh Gaeltachta in aghaidh an linbh, agus ar an iomlán, in aghaidh gach bliana ó 2003. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24528/23]

*353. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the capital funding spent on arts centres, concert halls, theatres, galleries or artistic spaces every year from 2003; and a breakdown by centre, hall, theatre, gallery or space. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24553/23]

*354. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the current funding spent on arts centres, concert halls, theatres, galleries or artistic spaces every year from 2003; and a breakdown by centre, hall, theatre, gallery, or space. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24555/23]

*355. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding spent on An Chomhairle Ealaíon every year since 2003; and a breakdown by current and capital spending. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24563/23]

*356. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the estimated cost of increasing the annual expenditure on An Chomhairle Ealaíon by 5%, 10%, 15%, 20% and 25%. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24564/23]

*357. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding spent on Culture Ireland every year from since 2005; and a breakdown by current and capital spending. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24565/23]

*358. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the estimated cost of increasing the annual expenditure on Culture Ireland by 5%, 10%, 15%, 20% and 25%. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24566/23]

*359. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding spent on the Creative Ireland programme every year since 2017; and a breakdown by current and capital spending. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24567/23]

*360. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the estimated cost of increasing the annual expenditure on Creative Ireland by 5%, 10%, 15%, 20% and 25%. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24568/23]

*361. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding spent by her Department on the Creative Schools programme every year since 2017; the breakdown by current and capital spending; and a list of each participating school each year and the amount received. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24569/23]

*362. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the estimated additional cost of expanding the Creative Schools programme to every primary school in the State. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24570/23]

*363. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for a breakdown in tabular form of the funding spent on each National Cultural Institution every year since 2003; and a breakdown for each by annual current and capital spending. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24577/23]

*364. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the separate estimated costs of increasing the annual expenditure on each National Cultural Institution by 5%, 10%, 15%, 20% and 25%. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24578/23]

*365. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding spent on Fís Éireann every year since 2003; and a breakdown by current and capital spending. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24579/23]

*366. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the estimated cost of increasing the annual expenditure on Fís Éireann by 5%, 10%, 15%, 20% and 25%. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24580/23]

*367. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding spent on Sound and Vision funding through the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland in every year since the funding was established; and a breakdown by current and capital spending. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24581/23]

*368. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding spent by her Department on Traveller Culture, Heritage and Identity annually in 2022 and 2023; and a breakdown by current and capital spending. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24583/23]

*369. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding spent by her Department on Roma Culture, Heritage and Identity annually in 2022 and 2023; and a breakdown by current and capital spending. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24584/23]

*370. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding spent on the Decade of Centenaries annually in 2022 and 2023; the breakdown by current and capital spending; and an outline of her plans to continue the State programme of commemorations following the completion of the Decade of Centenaries. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24589/23]

*371. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for a breakdown in tabular form of the funding spent on each local and regional museum every year since 2003; and a breakdown for each by annual current and capital spending. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24590/23]

*372. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will consider working with other Government Departments to establish a funding scheme to assist event organisers in meeting the costs associated with policing civic events, such as marathons or other such community runs or similar sporting events, parades or arts events in order to ensure their viability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24740/23]

*373. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media how she proposes to ensure effective enforcement of the rights afforded to film directors in the Irish film industry under SI 567/2021, which enacted the EU Copyright Directive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [24820/23]

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

*374. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of boats removed from rivers, canals and inland waterways in Ireland from January 2022 to April 2023, by month in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [24788/23]

*375. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated number of housing units which were not commenced or completed during the period of Covid-19 restrictions which applied to the construction sector in 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24022/23]

*376. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 32 local authority housing units approved for construction at a location (details supplied) have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [24036/23]

*377. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 27 local authority housing units approved for construction at a location (details supplied) have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [24037/23]

*378. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 44 housing units at a location (details supplied) approved to be acquired by Fingal County Council in January 2016 have been acquired; if so, the date; the final cost of the acquisition; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the acquisition not proceeding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [24038/23]

*379. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the four local authority housing units approved for construction at a location (details supplied) in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [24042/23]

*380. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the local authority housing unit approved for construction at a location (details supplied) in May 2015 has finished construction; if so, its completion date; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [24043/23]

*381. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 12 local authority housing units approved for construction at a location (details supplied) in January 2016 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [24044/23]

*382. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the six local authority housing units approved for construction at a location (details supplied) in January 2016 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [24045/23]

*383. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the two local authority housing units approved for construction at a location (details supplied) have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [24051/23]

*384. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the local authority housing unit approved for construction at a location (details supplied) has finished construction; if so, its completion date; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [24052/23]

*385. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 26 local authority housing units approved for construction at a location (details supplied) have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [24053/23]

*386. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm whether a Senior Counsel was appointed to pursue accountability from suppliers of defective concrete blocks; and if he will provide an update on the work of this appointed SC. — Eoin Ó Broin. [24056/23]

*387. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the expected revenue yield from an increase in the derelict site levy to 20% in a full year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24058/23]

*388. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the targets set out in Appendix 1 of the Laying the Foundations: Housing Action Report produced in 2016 by the then Department of Environment, Community and Local Government were met in respect of Cork City Council; and the final spend on the same. — Sean Sherlock. [24061/23]

*389. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 35 AHB housing units approved for construction (details supplied) have finished construction; if so,

their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [24062/23]

*390. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress of the development on rightsizing; if he has engaged with participating local authorities regarding the uptake of this policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [24063/23]

*391. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on a matter (details supplied). — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [24072/23]

*392. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he has taken to ensure full, public visibility of the “available data” that the NPWS is using in order to inform decisions on the review of the Open Seasons Order and transparency as to whom the “stakeholders” are that NPWS is engaging with as part of this public consultation. — Martin Browne. [24092/23]

*393. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the situation regarding a number of vacant units owned by a corporation (details supplied); and if there is a plan to bring them back into use. — Francis Noel Duffy. [24116/23]

*394. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm that the regulations and mechanisms are now in place to allow builders to build residential accommodation and receive the subsidy under the recently announced cost-rental scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [24132/23]

*395. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm that his Department has communicated with all of the relevant stakeholders, setting out in detail the regulations which will apply for those who wish to build residential accommodation under the recently announced cost-rental scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [24133/23]

*396. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if properties, the upper floors of which are vacant but the ground floor is and has been in use, are eligible to apply for the croí cónaithe (towns) fund scheme in respect of the upper floors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [24145/23]

*397. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide any independent peer-reviewed scientific and/or industry-based evidence as to how the installation of a fine bubble-diffused aeration system can increase a waste-water treatment plants’ physical PE load capacity by more than 20% (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [24146/23]

*398. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update as to where the new scheme for homes impacted by defective blocks and pyrite is currently at (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [24148/23]

*399. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify a matter relating to the residential zoned land tax (details supplied). — Danny Healy-Rae. [24195/23]

*400. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are grants available for private, not-for-profit organisations to install or renovate publicly accessible toilets on their properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [24200/23]

*401. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the specific plans and timelines he has received from a local authority on a project (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [24205/23]

*402. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the specific plans and timelines he has received from a local authority on a project (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [24206/23]

*403. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when we can expect to see the residential zoned land tax imposed. — Brian Stanley. [24235/23]

*404. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the significant number of property developers that are seeking to delist property to avoid the residential zoned land tax being imposed upon their vacant lands; his plans to provide oversight to ensure the tax is properly and efficiently imposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [24236/23]

*405. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details on how the capital carryover from the 2022 housing budget has been allocated for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [24244/23]

*406. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department and public bodies/agencies that operate under his remit have policies in place to install artificial structures that provide shelter and habitat space for wild species, such as, but not limited to, insect hotels, bat boxes, nesting towers and beehives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24265/23]

*407. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if any consideration has been given to reducing the rent differential assessment in households of very low income, where the recipients have received small increases in their social welfare payments following budgetary changes; if such a policy would be considered where a total household income is below a certain level, with obvious consideration given to the total number of people in the household; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [24300/23]

*408. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that Louth County Council have closed applications for the housing adaptation grant schemes due to significant pressures the council faces in meeting demand; if he will advise, notwithstanding the increased funding delivered year on year, if any consideration has been given to providing additional and exceptional funding to clear the very serious backlogs of applications in local authorities, many of whom are exceptionally vulnerable applicants with no other route available to assistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [24303/23]

*409. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he intends to publish the report into planning matters in County Donegal; and if his intention is not to publish, to set out the actions that he intends to take to address the issues raised in the report. — Eoin Ó Broin. [24323/23]

*410. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects to publish the report on the review of the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability, which has been prepared by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [24329/23]

*411. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress that has been made to date regarding URDF in Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [24338/23]

*412. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of any plans for the regeneration of St. Andrew's Court, Dublin 2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24374/23]

*413. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has received any application from Dublin City Council for housing at the St. Andrew's Court site in Dublin 2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24375/23]

*414. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of any Part 8 or Part 10 plans for St. Andrew's Court, Dublin 2; if so, the stage these plans are at; the number of units; the size unit; the estimated timeframe for when they will be progressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24376/23]

*415. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of sites placed on the vacant sites register of each local authority during 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [24379/23]

*416. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of derelict sites acquired by each local authority under the Derelict Sites Act 1990, the Derelict Sites Act 1961, or the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act 1940, used for the purpose of housing in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [24380/23]

*417. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount levied by each local authority in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 as a levy under section 15 of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, known as a vacant site levy, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [24381/23]

*418. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will introduce a scheme to enable local authority tenants to apply for inter-county transfers. — Robert Troy. [24401/23]

*419. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will make provision to ensure that the waiver for water connections for new developments is extended to homes seeking a connection from private group water schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [24414/23]

*420. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the number of hunting licences issued over the past ten years, broken down by type of licence and district issued, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [24482/23]

*421. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the Government schemes and grants that are available to support companies that wish to refurbish multiple derelict or vacant properties within towns and villages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [24484/23]

*422. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider including houses built as part of multi-unit developments that are currently included in the defective apartments and duplexes redress scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [24486/23]

*423. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funds or grants available to housing estates that wish to upgrade their sewerage treatment plant or percolation area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [24489/23]

*424. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many local authority homes were retrofitted in 2022, and in Q1 2023, by area, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [24491/23]

*425. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the post-retrofit BER status of local authority homes retrofitted in 2022, and in Q1 2023, by area, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [24492/23]

*426. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the guidance on improving energy efficiency in traditional buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [24493/23]

*427. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of all external assurance process reviews tendered for to date; the value of the contract; and the name of the successful company, in tabular form. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24506/23]

*428. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 25 AHB housing units under Respond, approved for construction in (details supplied) have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister, and when; if not, the reason for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [24538/23]

*429. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 12 local authority housing units approved for construction in (details supplied) have finished construction; if so, their completion date, the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister, and when; if not, the reason for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [24539/23]

*430. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 4 AHB housing units, under Society of St. Vincent de Paul, approved for construction in (details supplied) have

finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister and when; and if not, the reason for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [24540/23]

*431. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there have been any applications or approvals to the new home scheme in Kerry, Limerick or Tipperary since the scheme was first set up; the number for each of these counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24558/23]

*432. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding spent on An Chomhairle Oidhreachta every year since 2003; and a breakdown by current and capital spending. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24575/23]

*433. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of increasing the annual expenditure on An Chomhairle Oidhreachta by 5%, 10%, 15%, 20% and 25%. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24576/23]

*434. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of purchasing each of the remaining houses on the terrace of the historic Moore Street battle site at the same cost per house as those already purchased by the State. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24582/23]

*435. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding spent by his Department on Traveller Culture, Heritage and Identity annually in 2022 and 2023; and a breakdown by current and capital spending. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24587/23]

*436. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding spent by his Department on Roma Culture, Heritage and Identity annually in 2022 and 2023; and a breakdown by current and capital spending. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24588/23]

*437. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will seek details from each individual local authority in respect of the percentage of rural one-off housing applications that have been refused by county and local authority, over the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [24729/23]

*438. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify whether the fresh-start principal under the local authority home loan scheme is available to those who previously owned and sold/lost a property prior to their second home purchased with a spouse/partner, in so far as the person can show they have low income and savings and cannot attain loans through the standard avenues, and where the person is not applicable for social housing support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [24757/23]

*439. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount in the capital budget as set out in table 13 of the Stability Programme Update 2023 that is designated for building social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [24799/23]

*440. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of providing family hubs for the 1,639 families currently accessing emergency homeless accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [24800/23]

*441. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of expanding the Housing First programme to the 1,639 families currently accessing emergency homeless accommodation, including the provision of wraparound services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [24801/23]

*442. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department has issued guidance on assessing credit time for an applicant for social housing, who may have, in fleeing domestic violence, left one local authority for another area, and in so doing lost credit time built up within that local authority; and if he agrees that if this person is an applicant in the local authority they have moved to, the previous credit time may be taken into account. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [24815/23]

*443. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homebuyers in each county who have now been approved under the first-home shared equity scheme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [24915/23]

*444. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will intervene in a dispute between a local authority (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [24956/23]

*445. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration has been given to including self-builds which commenced prior to the announcement of the waiver connection and council fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [24990/23]

*446. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps being taken by him and his Department to avert the threatened strike by retained firefighters around the country; the contingency plans that are being put in place in the event that the strike proceeds in the view of the risk that such a strike would pose to many in society, and the vital and varied role of these firefighters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24993/23]

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

*447. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of genders currently recognised by her Department; if the expression transgender has been defined in Irish law; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24024/23]

*448. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 391 of 9 May 2023, the steps which have taken place from November 2019 to date in relation to the preparation of the legislation referred to in her response; when she expects to publish same; if she will list the dates of all meetings between her, or her predecessor, with officials in her Department or with the Attorney General which have taken place in relation to this legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24025/23]

*449. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide details on the tendering process for the provision of meals for pupils at a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [24031/23]

*450. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) has been refused an old age pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [24089/23]

*451. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position with regard to the issue where priests were prohibited from paying a contribution before 1988 and where those priests who have since retired are now unable to achieve a full State pension due to the lack of contributions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [24102/23]

*452. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) is not receiving their full pension entitlement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24115/23]

*453. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) can expect a decision on their social welfare appeal. — Robert Troy. [24126/23]

*454. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) did not receive the €200 cost-of-living payment. — Robert Troy. [24128/23]

*455. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount of support that the Government will give to the construction industry that brings in workers from abroad (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24135/23]

*456. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if full carer's allowance will be approved for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [24173/23]

*457. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of community welfare officers allocated to County Tipperary; and the number of vacant posts, broken down on a county and office basis. — Martin Browne. [24194/23]

*458. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if partial capacity benefit will be approved immediately for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [24196/23]

*459. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a payment application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24246/23]

*460. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in relation to a person who has modified PRSI contributions before paying A class contributions, if the effective date of entry into insurance for the calculation of State pension contributory can be the date that the full-rate reckonable contributions started being paid, given that the modified PRSI contributions were paid from 1981 and full-rate reckonable PRSI contributions commenced in 1988; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [24250/23]

*461. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department and public bodies/agencies that operate under her remit have policies in place to install artificial structures that provide shelter and habitat space for wild species, such as, but not limited to, insect hotels, bat boxes, nesting towers and beehives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24269/23]

*462. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify whether returning review letters for child benefit can still be sent by freepost, or if individuals are required to pay for the postage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24354/23]

*463. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will improve the State pension (contributory) for foster carers by extending the number of homecaring periods that a foster carer can accrue throughout the years they foster; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24356/23]

*464. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason pensioners in receipt of the qualified adult increase do receive the Christmas bonus, but were not paid the recent cost-of-living increase that were paid to pensioners on the State pension (contributory) and (non-contributory). — Eoin Ó Broin. [24360/23]

*465. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an appeal by a person (details supplied) has been registered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24361/23]

*466. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of the disability allowance application for a person (details supplied); when a decision will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24364/23]

*467. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the rate of disability being paid to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be re-examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24383/23]

*468. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she intends to review carer's allowance in the context of Budget 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [24388/23]

*469. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware that the contribution history records currently being used by her Department do not show home making and home caring credits; if she agrees that this is putting many parents and carers at a disadvantage in terms of receiving their correct pension entitlement; if she further agrees that this is having a particularly negative effect on the ability of many older women to access a proper pension; the steps she is taking to address this serious deficiency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [24390/23]

*470. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the decision to disallow a fuel allowance application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24391/23]

*471. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing the limit of off-farm earnings in farm assist by €5, €10 and €20; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24398/23]

*472. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing the depreciation of assets for farm assist to 10%; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24399/23]

*473. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing the capital disregard of farm assist to €36,000; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24400/23]

*474. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the State pension can be increased up to 34% of average earnings in the near future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [24402/23]

*475. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the Government have any plans to recognise Covid 19 as an occupational disease for frontline healthcare workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24462/23]

*476. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the percentage increase she prescribed by which the preserved benefit of occupational pension schemes should have been adjusted each year since 2013 under Section 33(4) of the Pensions Act, 1990/the Occupational Pension Schemes (Revaluation) Regulations; for schemes exempted under Section 37(1) of the Act on the basis that they provide benefits that are no less favourable to members concerned than those required by the Act, how her Department monitors that these schemes continue to meet the criteria for exemption; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [24495/23]

*477. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she can outline the reason a person (details supplied) in receipt of an old age (contributory) pension as a qualified dependant on her husband's pension received the October and Christmas bonus, but has been told she is ineligible for the spring bonus, and as she had previously inquired with her office but could not get an explanation. — Mairéad Farrell. [24498/23]

*478. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of each €1 per week increase in payments to International Protection applicants living in direct provision accommodation, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24543/23]

*479. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of successful applicants for fuel allowance in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [24551/23]

*480. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for fuel allowance will be awarded when waiting on a probate (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24561/23]

*481. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the pilot food poverty programme announced in Budget 2023; the timeline for implementation of the programme; if there has been any work undertaken by her Department to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [24593/23]

*482. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to increase the amount of income disregarded in respect of the farm assist scheme to 30%, 40%, 50%, 60% and 70%, respectively, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24642/23]

*483. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware that people dependent on disability benefit are living significantly below the poverty line; the measures she will take to protect them against increases in the cost of living; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15768/23]

*484. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware that the automatic enrolment pension system being proposed by the Government could be provided at a lower cost to the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [22109/23]

*485. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to award foster carers entitlements to PRSI credits to recognise their contribution as carers of vulnerable children on behalf of the State; and if this cohort will qualify for the enhanced State pension in January 2024. — Kathleen Funchion. [24719/23]

*486. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a breakdown of the number of applications for the additional needs payments, including the exceptional needs and urgent needs payments, made to her Department/community welfare services for the year 2022, broken down month-by-month; and a further breakdown of the number of these applications that were granted, refused, appealed and granted or not on appeal. — Catherine Murphy. [24758/23]

*487. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a breakdown of the number of applications for the additional needs payments, including the exceptional needs and urgent needs payments, made to her Department and community welfare services to date in 2023, broken down month by month; and a further breakdown of the number of these applications that were granted, refused, appealed and granted or not on appeal. — Catherine Murphy. [24759/23]

*488. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on the proposed legislation to bring forward changes to the child maintenance system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24763/23]

*489. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on increasing the household benefits package to match the rising cost-of-living; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24798/23]

*490. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to outline the reason the adult dependant was excluded from the recent additional payment of €200 that was issued to persons in receipt of social protection payments, and no additional pro-rata payment was paid in respect of the adult dependent; if this matter can be examined and a payment made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [24816/23]

*491. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide information regarding the reasoning behind the decision by the Citizens Information Board that volunteer information officers would not return to their normal work when citizen information centres reopened in Autumn 2021 and Covid rules were relaxed, and the decision that from 31 August 2022 these volunteer information officers could not return unless they accepted a reduced administrative role; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [24821/23]

*492. To ask the Minister for Social Protection why the spring cost-of-living bonus has not yet issued to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [24824/23]

*493. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are any circumstances carers benefit that can be issued to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24831/23]

*494. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine a case whereby a person (details supplied) has waited six months for a decision relating to a paternity benefit appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [24844/23]

*495. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider including qualified adult payment recipients in the Christmas bonus double payment and any such double payment in future Budgets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [24942/23]

*496. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a supplementary welfare allowance appeal can be awarded for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [24985/23]

*497. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware that separated couples who have divided responsibility for childcare across a given week are currently caught in a situation where neither party is deemed to be entitled to the working family payment, despite the children being entirely dependent on both parties; if she has plans to address this unfair anomaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24987/23]

*498. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, in the light of the changing shape of the Irish family, her Department has plans to review the eligibility criteria for family-based social protection payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24988/23]

*499. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of cases referred to appeal in respect of all means-tested payments; the extent to which such cases are successful on appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24997/23]

*500. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applicants whose applications for the State pension have been deemed unsuccessful in the past three years on the grounds of insufficient contributions or a lack of the minimum requirement in terms of overall contributions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24998/23]

*501. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which she continues to examine the situation whereby women who left full-time employment to care for a relative/family and return to the workforce with insufficient time to enable them to make the necessary contributions can meet the necessary contributions to qualify for pension; if she continues to examine such cases with the prospect of remedial action; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24999/23]

*502. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she might examine the extent to which a shortfall in an applicant's contributions has affected their entitlement to the State pension (contributory); if there remains an option of increasing their contributions up to the required level to enable them to qualify; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25000/23]

*503. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of appeals currently in hand in respect of means-tested social welfare payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25001/23]

*504. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for various health-related payments that have been refused over the past three years on the basis of failure to qualify on health grounds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25002/23]

*505. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of payments to men and women throughout the country on reaching their 100th birthday in each of the past five years to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25003/23]

*506. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of persons currently employed in community employment schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25004/23]

*507. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of persons currently in receipt of carer's allowance in respect of family members and non-family members; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25005/23]

*508. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of applications for exceptional needs payments in the past three years to date; the numbers pending, refused and successful in the same period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25006/23]

*509. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of deserted wives' benefit payments that have been discontinued for whatever reason in the course of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25007/23]

*510. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of widow's pension payments that have been discontinued for whatever reason in the course of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25008/23]

*511. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the annual budget for the JobPath scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [25014/23]

*512. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the annual budget for the JobsPlus scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [25015/23]

*513. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount spent on funeral costs under the supplementary welfare allowance for the years 2016 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and the average cost of funerals. — Sean Sherlock. [25018/23]

*514. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for a public services card in 2022 and to date in 2023. — Sean Sherlock. [25019/23]

*515. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of transport used under public services cards by individuals, by county, in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [25021/23]

*516. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people incorrectly awarded the spring bonus; and the estimated cost of recouping that. — Sean Sherlock. [25022/23]

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

*517. To ask the Minister for Justice the process to be followed by a person (details supplied) who wishes to have her children join her in this jurisdiction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24556/23]

*518. To ask the Minister for Justice if he can outline the rationale as to why persons who are in the State on student visas are allowed to work on a casual or part-time basis, but are not allowed to become self-employed and work on a casual or part-time basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24742/23]

*519. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on an application for Irish citizenship (details supplied); and if he will expedite same. — Cathal Crowe. [24762/23]

*520. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps he is taking to support forcibly displaced Sudanese citizens with family members in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24964/23]

*521. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 436 of 9 May 2023, if Ukrainian applicants for temporary protection are requested to provide their last address in Ukraine to his Department or to the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service as part of their application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24026/23]

*522. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1061 of 21 March 2023 and 163 of 9 March 2022, when a decision will be made in the application for naturalisation for an Indian national (details supplied), married to an Irish citizen since 14 February 2010, who submitted a naturalisation application in 2020 and has, to date, not received a decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [24049/23]

*523. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will examine the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [24054/23]

*524. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of refugee and international protection applications that have been made for each of the past five years; the number of refugee and international protection applications still awaiting a first decision currently; the number of refugee and international protection applications awaiting an appeal decision; and the average and longest time for the initial decision to be made and the appeal decision to be made. — Peadar Tóibín. [24087/23]

*525. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of deportation orders that have been made to date for each of the past five years; the number of people that have actually left the country as a result of a deportation order being issued in their name for each of the past five years; the number of people that have entered the country on false documents for the same timeframe; the number of people that have entered the country without any documents; the average success/failure rate of those who enter the country on false or no documents; and the average application processing time for these type of applicants. — Peadar Tóibín. [24088/23]

*526. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has met with the representatives of gun clubs and hunters regarding their concerns over the expert firearms committee which was established to review the legislation regarding firearms licensing; and if he will be taking any action to ensure the voices of gun clubs are represented on the Committee. — Martin Browne. [24090/23]

*527. To ask the Minister for Justice if the data which the expert firearms committee uses to make its decisions will be made publicly available to ensure transparency. — Martin Browne. [24091/23]

*528. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of his plans to bring forward a general scheme of a Criminal Legal Aid Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [24095/23]

*529. To ask the Minister for Justice his plans for the restoration of fees, arising from the FEMPI cuts, for barristers under the criminal legal aid scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [24096/23]

*530. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of members and staff of An Garda Síochána, per grade, that resigned or were dismissed in each of the years 2018 to 2023 inclusive, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [24137/23]

*531. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of members and staff of An Garda Síochána, per grade, that resigned on health grounds in each of the years 2018 to 2023 inclusive, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [24138/23]

*532. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of members of An Garda Síochána holding full-time equivalent posts at the rank of Sergeant, Inspector, Superintendent, Assistant Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and Commissioner, in each of the years 2018 to 2023 inclusive, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [24139/23]

*533. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of members of An Garda Síochána, by grade and by division, in administrative posts who are in receipt of overtime payments; and the value of those payments from 2018 to 2023 inclusive, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [24140/23]

*534. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of complaints received by GSOC from 2018 to 2023 inclusive, in tabular form; and the number of those complaints that have resulted in a criminal complaint. — Neasa Hourigan. [24141/23]

*535. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No 234 of 11 May 2023, if he will clarify, of the “450 approvals for beneficiaries”, the number of applications to which this number relates; the number of the 528 applications that remain to be processed and completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24162/23]

*536. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide details of any analysis carried out or commissioned by his Department, or bodies under the aegis of his Department, regarding the pilot (details supplied) undertaken by the Legal Aid Board in relation to online family mediation during the Covid-19 pandemic; if this pilot is still underway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24175/23]

*537. To ask the Minister for Justice the actions being taken to address lengthy waiting lists for the mediation service provided by the Legal Aid Board; if he will provide details of any guidelines in place regarding target waiting times for mediation services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24176/23]

*538. To ask the Minister for Justice the timeline for the full commencement of the Mediation Act 2017; the timeline for the establishment of the Mediation Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24177/23]

*539. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications received for the 2023 Garda recruitment campaign; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [24215/23]

*540. To ask the Minister for Justice if his Department and public bodies/agencies that operate under his remit have policies in place to install artificial structures that provide shelter and habitat space for wild species, such as, but not limited to, insect hotels, bat boxes, nesting towers and beehives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24266/23]

*541. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications that were received by his Department for the Immigrant Investor Programme (IIP) after the announcement that the scheme was closing; the deadline for processing of same; when a decision on these applications is due; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [24274/23]

*542. To ask the Minister for Justice when a decision will be made on an application for a visa by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [24294/23]

*543. To ask the Minister for Justice if there have been any instances in each of the past five years where there are no immigration officials present at Dublin Port as passengers board and disembark. — Peadar Tóibín. [24308/23]

*544. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress that has been made to date regarding the provision of a women's refuge in Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [24339/23]

*545. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on Action 1.7 of the Family Justice Strategy 2022-2025 to 'Consider the outcomes of the research and consultation on parental alienation and develop appropriate proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24353/23]

*546. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda graduates from Templemore in the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the district they were first posted to, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [24363/23]

*547. To ask the Minister for Justice in relation to the fact that the Irish prison population has confirmed overcrowding issues, if he will confirm whether prisoners who are entitled to early release by international standards are being detained to disguise homeless figures; if this is not the case, the reason for their extra judicial detention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [24377/23]

*548. To ask the Minister for Justice if citizenship applications are continuing to be processed in chronological order; the number of applications from 2021 and 2022 that are still being processed; the number of applications for 2023 to date that have been processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [24397/23]

*549. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of firearms offences [seizures, discharging, possession or theft from a legal holder] over the past ten years, broken down by district and offence, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [24474/23]

*550. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of firearms-related deaths over the past ten years, broken down by district, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [24475/23]

*551. To ask the Minister for Justice if he is aware of any incidents relating to the 3D printing of illegal firearms within the State; and his plans to counter these. — Patrick Costello. [24477/23]

*552. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the work of the Firearms Expert Committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [24478/23]

*553. To ask the Minister for Justice if the numbers of live firearms licences that are tracked by individual holders [do we know how many people hold multiple firearms licences]; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [24479/23]

*554. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the work of the Firearms Range Inspector; the number of inspections that they have carried out in the last ten years and where those took place, broken down by district, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [24480/23]

*555. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the number of currently active firearms licences, broken down by district, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [24481/23]

*556. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide details of the number of cases of violent disorder, as defined by Section 15 of the Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act 1994, prosecuted by the DPP in each of the past five years, including the numbers of these that resulted in conviction. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24501/23]

*557. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated cost of providing an additional 331 domestic abuse refuge spaces to meet Ireland's obligations under the Istanbul Convention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24541/23]

*558. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of protected disclosures she and or the Irish prison service has received in respect of Dóchas centres in the past five years to date; the number of and names of and costs associated with engaging external experts to investigate same; the number of protected disclosures over that time period that were rejected, investigated and closed, remain under investigation; and if any person was sanctioned or dismissed on foot of the outcome of investigations. — Catherine Murphy. [24550/23]

*559. To ask the Minister for Justice if he can provide the policy framework from An Garda Síochána for their pricing structure for public events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24726/23]

*560. To ask the Minister for Justice if he can provide a breakdown of the costs charged by An Garda Síochána for the policing of all public events, sporting, civic and commercial events such as concerts for the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Paul Kehoe. [24727/23]

*561. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will clarify when the Familicide and Domestic Homicide Review commissioned by the Government will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [24765/23]

*562. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the construction of the new family court facility at Hammond Lane, Dublin 7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [24785/23]

*563. To ask the Minister for Justice if there a dedicated email address for members of the Houses of the Oireachtas (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [24786/23]

*564. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide in tabular form a breakdown of the increased funding of €7 million for organisations funded by TUSLA to address acute demands in existing domestic violence services throughout the country; and in tabular form, a breakdown of funding allocated to investment in new services as outlined in the new Strategy, and the new services these monies have been or will be allocated to at the close of this year. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24806/23]

*565. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); when a decision is expected to issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24817/23]

*566. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24822/23]

*567. To ask the Minister for Justice if documentation, including declaration and police record, have been received in respect of the ongoing application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); if this file is at an advanced stage of processing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24829/23]

*568. To ask the Minister for Justice why a large number of applicants who applied in 2020 – 2022 are experiencing significant delays in the processing times for their Irish naturalisation applications to be processed, compared to applicants who applied in 2023, who have had their applications processed and have also received Garda vetting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24834/23]

*569. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of students in the students of sanctuary programme who have been served with a deportation order during their studies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [24849/23]

*570. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of students with legal status to remain in Ireland that have gone on to higher education in Ireland in the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [24850/23]

*571. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a timeline on the publishing of the parental alienation consultation report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [24868/23]

*572. To ask the Minister for Justice when the study on familicide and domestic homicide reviews will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [24913/23]

*573. To ask the Minister for Justice given there are currently 857 missing persons and 44 unidentified bodies in Ireland, if he will consider establishing an independent body to review all the files to assist and supplement the work already carried out by An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [24962/23]

*574. To ask the Minister for Justice if he plans to invite the United States National Security Advisor to Ireland before year end. — Catherine Murphy. [24977/23]

*575. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount spent on replacement of Garda public order equipment in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [24978/23]

*576. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda cars and motorcycles attached to each Garda divisional roads policing unit as of 18 May 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [24979/23]

*577. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will consider changes to general employment permits to allow those coming to work as health care assistants to bring their spouses and children to live in the State by amending income criteria in line with the wage rate in private nursing homes; if he will consider waiving the need for qualified nurses to undertake QQI level 5 training as health care assistants (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [25010/23]

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

*578. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he expects to be in a position to make decisions on TAMS 3 applications for the installation of solar PV panels on farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [24018/23]

*579. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm targets for land use associated with the growing of crops for 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025; and his proposed measures to reach those targets. — Claire Kerrane. [24055/23]

*580. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures his Department has put in place for the enforcement of the EIA (Agriculture) Regulations 2011. — Martin Browne. [24093/23]

*581. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise regarding a specific focus (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24101/23]

*582. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details on the participation rates of the reconstitution and underplanting scheme (ash dieback); the number of applications made to the scheme from its inception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24199/23]

*583. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether the reconstitution and underplanting scheme (ash dieback) is fit for purpose; if he will conduct a review of the operation and the terms of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24203/23]

*584. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there have been changes to the Export Health Cert process; if he will advise specifically with regard to certification of poultry and its transport to Britain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24230/23]

*585. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine why is there an age restriction for women when applying for the TAMS grant, and not for men; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24237/23]

*586. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine why is there an absence of grant aid for farmers with the traditional working horse (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24238/23]

*587. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if grant aid will be made available in the interest of animal welfare for the heavy horse working harness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24239/23]

*588. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department and public bodies/agencies that operate under his remit have policies in place to install artificial structures that provide shelter and habitat space for wild species, such as, but not limited to, insect hotels, bat boxes, nesting towers and beehives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24255/23]

*589. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration would be given to the establishment of a targeted financial support scheme to safely manage the removal of infected roadside ash trees, to be administered by local authorities, that would assist landowners and farmers in coordinating the safe removal of the trees through financial grants to support them in hiring relevant professionals to safely fell these trees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [24285/23]

*590. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration would be given to proposals (details supplied) in respect of the interim reconstitution and underplanting scheme (ash dieback); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [24286/23]

*591. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current cost of the culling of each badger under the TB Eradication Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [24324/23]

*592. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of the rate of use of vaccination and microchipping of badgers under the TB Eradication Programme per annum over the lifetime of the project to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [24325/23]

*593. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the project timeline with measurable deliverables with regard to the badger culling programme and badger vaccination programme under the TB Eradication Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [24326/23]

*594. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether any geographical data is held on the current vaccinated microchipped badgers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [24327/23]

*595. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current resources assigned to the badger culling programme and the badger vaccination programme, and their assigned geographical area and rate of culling and vaccination completed in each area over the last five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [24328/23]

*596. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on adjusting ash dieback schemes to ensure that all infected ash dieback plantations are eligible for a 100% reconstitution grant, that covers all costs associated with clearing the site and replanting with a forest type that meets their management objectives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24342/23]

*597. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) in County Mayo will receive payment under the TAMS II scheme, in view of the financial hardship that is being caused to this person through no fault of their own and the fact that this person had no option but to change banks during the tenure of the application as their bank closed down, and the manner in which they were conducting their payments appears to be causing an issue even though they have receipts to verify all payments which have been submitted to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [24366/23]

*598. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1895 of 26 April 2022, the current status of the 12,483 non-coursing greyhounds born in 2021 as recorded on the RCETS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [24403/23]

*599. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the year of birth of each of the 203 non-coursing greyhounds listed as dead of natural causes for the year 2022 on the RCETS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [24404/23]

*600. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the year of birth of each of the 272 non-coursing greyhounds listed as euthanised on humane grounds for the year 2022 on the RCETS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [24405/23]

*601. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the year of birth of each of the 53 non-coursing greyhounds listed as euthanised terminal illness for the year 2022 on the RCETS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [24406/23]

*602. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the year of birth of each of the 98 non-coursing greyhounds listed as euthanised unsuitable as a pet for the year 2022 on the RCETS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [24407/23]

*603. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the year of birth of each of the 1,241 non-coursing greyhounds listed as deaths notified by ICC for the year 2022 on the RCETS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [24408/23]

*604. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for a breakdown of the cause of death in the case of the 1,241 non-coursing greyhounds listed as deaths notified by ICC for the year 2022 on the RCETS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [24409/23]

*605. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers who received payments under the areas of natural constraint scheme in 2022 under each category and payment rate; the average number of hectares on which land was claimed in each in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24448/23]

*606. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of participants in the sheep welfare scheme in 2022; the number of breeding ewes on which payment was made; the rate of payment, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24450/23]

*607. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of participants in the tillage incentive scheme from March 2022 to date, in tabular form by month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24451/23]

*608. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of participants in the fodder incentive scheme in 2022 and to date in 2023, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24452/23]

*609. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers in receipt of TAMS 3 by county under each category of the payment, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24453/23]

*610. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of ex-gratia funding for animal welfare organisations allocated in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24454/23]

*611. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide the target by year for the adoption of low emissions slurry spreading (LESS) technology; the intended allocation under TAMS to support same; the target number of farmers in receipt of such funds by year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24455/23]

*612. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding amount allocated to TAMS by year from 2014 to date; the amount that was allocated and expended in relation to low-emission slurry spreading technology; the number of applications and refusals in relation to low-emission slurry spreading technology (LESS), by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24456/23]

*613. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of organic farming scheme participants that exited the scheme in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24457/23]

*614. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers who received payments under the areas of specific constraint islands scheme in 2022 under each category and payment rate; the average number of hectares on which land was claimed in each in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24458/23]

*615. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers availing of the nitrates derogation; the total number of cattle in the herds of those farmers; the total hectareage on which basic payment was claimed that is, grassland per county from January 2022 to date, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [24459/23]

*616. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers thought to currently comprise the category known as the forgotten farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24460/23]

*617. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of fodder, hay or silage produced under the fodder support scheme in 2022 and to date in 2023; the percentage of fodder that the scheme contributed to overall fodder supplies in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24465/23]

*618. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of tillage produced under the tillage incentive scheme in 2022 and to date in 2023; the percentage of tillage that the scheme contributed to overall grain supplies in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24466/23]

*619. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of recipients of CAP Pillar 1 funds, in bands and by county from 2021 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24467/23]

*620. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers participating in the beef environmental efficiency programme - sucklers in 2022 in which one-, two-, three- and four-cow and calf pairs were weighted; the payment received, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24468/23]

*621. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers participating in the beef data and genomics programme in 2022 with herd sizes of one, two, three, four and five; the average payment received; the average hectarage of such herds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24469/23]

*622. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of organic farming scheme participants by county in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24470/23]

*623. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of organic farming scheme participants that exited the scheme in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24471/23]

*624. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers who participated in both the beef environmental efficiency programme - suckler and the beef data and genomics programme from January 2022 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24472/23]

*625. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagement his Department has had with farmers who have been negatively financially impacted by abolishment of the BurrenLife scheme and the move to ACRES; the action that has been taken to address these cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24500/23]

*626. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a stud greyhound (details supplied) is registered accordingly in the Greyhound Racing Ireland's RCETS traceability system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [24717/23]

*627. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when funding will be paid to a person (details supplied) in respect of the Hen Harrier Programme 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [24743/23]

*628. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of trainers' licences granted annually from 2018 to 2022 inclusive under the Greyhound Trainers Regulations 1961, in tabular form; the number that were revoked annually; and the number of previously registered trainers that are deemed ineligible to register. — Neasa Hourigan. [24767/23]

*629. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise the measures that his Department have put in place to reduce administrative issues arising from the application process for the basic income support for sustainability scheme and the related eco-scheme and complementary redistributive income support for sustainability scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24771/23]

*630. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of farmers receiving notification of significant reduction in payments under the new basic income support for sustainability and related schemes in comparison to the previous basic payment scheme; the supports that are being offered to farmers who have received a payment reduction in real-terms and who rely on these payments to meet outgoings, loans and bills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24772/23]

*631. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person's (details supplied) single farm payment was effected last year; if he would reconsider the decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24807/23]

*632. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person's (details supplied) GLAS scheme has been reduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24808/23]

*633. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine why a persons' (details supplied) GLAS application was not looked at favourably; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24811/23]

*634. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the horse and greyhound racing industries are grossly more funded than any other sports; if he agrees that there are many projects that could bring better social benefits (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [24843/23]

*635. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he had examined the range of crops included in the tillage incentive scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24912/23]

*636. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated full-year cost of recruiting one additional WTE senior superintending veterinary inspector and one additional WTE district superintendent for his Department, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [24984/23]

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

*637. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his Department's policy for people between 20-65 years of age currently in nursing homes to transition to independent living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [24780/23]

*638. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when respite care will be approved for a person (details supplied); when long-term residential care will be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [24812/23]

*639. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth why a young person with intellectual disabilities (details supplied) has been denied respite hours despite repeated promises over the last two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [24835/23]

*640. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when emergency funding will be provided for the placement of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [24914/23]

*641. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he expects the neurological rehabilitation team in CHO7 to be in place to deliver services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [24916/23]

*642. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of residential places for people with a disability currently being provided as of 1 May 2023 or the latest date available; and if he would provide a tabular breakdown by CHO area of same. — Michael Moynihan. [24919/23]

*643. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of staff in community neuro-rehabilitation teams in each community healthcare organisation, in tabular form; the specific medical or healthcare posts in each team in each CHO; and the estimated full-year cost of providing a full neuro-rehabilitation team in each CHO. — Michael Moynihan. [24921/23]

*644. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of people with disabilities in receipt of home support hours in each LHO area as of 1 May 2023 or the latest date available, in tabular form; the number of people currently on the waiting list for same in each LHO area; the number waiting 0-3 months; the number waiting 3-6 months; the number waiting 6-12 months; and the number waiting 12 months plus. — Michael Moynihan. [24922/23]

*645. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of people with disabilities in receipt of personal assistance hours in each LHO area as of 1 May 2023 or the latest date available, in tabular form; the number of people currently on the waiting list for same in each LHO area; the number waiting 0-3 months; the number waiting 3-6 months; the number waiting 6-12 months; and the number waiting 12 months plus. — Michael Moynihan. [24923/23]

*646. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of new emergency places provided to people with a disability as of 1 May 2023, by Local Health Office area, in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [24924/23]

*647. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children as of 1 May 2023 or the latest date available that were awaiting a first assessment from the HSE under the 2005 Disability Act, for each LHO area, in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [24925/23]

*648. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current waiting time to obtain an assessment of needs in CHO area 2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [24959/23]

*649. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has explored the possibility of providing funding for the installation of communication boards in playgrounds around the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [24040/23]

*650. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider, as a matter of priority, an increase in the weekly allowance paid to foster carers, which has not seen an increase since 2009, and before that, in 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [24050/23]

*651. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth where phase two of the resettlement programme in Carlow aims to resettle the refugee population and how many International Protection persons are to come to Carlow for this IRPPII process; the status of the Inter Agency Working Group in Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [24069/23]

*652. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated full-year cost of increasing the spending on childcare to 1% of GDP. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24081/23]

*653. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated full-year cost of providing free childcare for all children under five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24082/23]

*654. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated full-year cost of providing free afterschool childcare for all children in primary school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24083/23]

*655. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated full cost moving to a fully publicly-run childcare service; the estimated time needed to achieve that; the estimated cost in year one; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24084/23]

*656. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a breakdown of the number of refugees and international protection applicants that are accommodated in each county in the State; the number of refugees and international protection applicants that are homeless, are accommodated in tents, accommodated in hotels, guesthouses and B&Bs, accommodated in direct provision, accommodated in modular homes, and

accommodated in refurbished offices; and the number of refugees and international protection applicants accommodated in other accommodation categories not above listed. — Peadar Tóibín. [24085/23]

*657. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total cost per year of accommodation for refugees and international protection applicants; the cost on average per individual international protection applicant accommodated each year; and the cost to the State for each of the accommodations listed above for each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [24086/23]

*658. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress in devising the transport support scheme which is to replace the motorised transport grant scheme which closed to new applicants in 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [24130/23]

*659. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the criteria his Department uses for identifying suitable properties for international protection applications; if his Department takes cognisance, in particular, of the remoteness of a facility and lack of connecting infrastructure to populated centres such as villages, towns and cities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [24142/23]

*660. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will investigate the case of a company (details supplied) regarding delayed payments from his Department's Ukrainian accommodation section; the reasons for these delays; if he can confirm whether his Department has contracted with a third party to manage such payments, or if these payments are managed in-house by Departmental staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [24167/23]

*661. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated full-year cost of ensuring that the timelines for assessment of needs, outlined in the Disability Act 2005, are adhered to for every child that is in need of such an assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24189/23]

*662. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a service provider (details supplied) will receive payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [24191/23]

*663. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department and public bodies/agencies that operate under his remit have policies in place to install artificial structures that provide shelter and habitat space for wild species, such as, but not limited to, insect hotels, bat boxes, nesting towers, and beehives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24256/23]

*664. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of the case (details supplied); if it could be reviewed as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [24275/23]

*665. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth which agency or body approved the use of Magowna House to accommodate applicants for international protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [24304/23]

*666. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when Clare County Council was informed of the proposed change of use of Magowna House to accommodate applicants for international protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [24305/23]

*667. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if Magowna House had been deemed unsuitable for recipients of temporary protection in the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [24306/23]

*668. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of officials by grade in his Department that are assigned to assisting persons seeking international protection here in the context of integration and related supports. — Catherine Murphy. [24319/23]

*669. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of officials by grade in his Department that are assigned to assisting persons seeking international protection seeking accommodation and related supports; and the number of officials assigned to sourcing accommodation. — Catherine Murphy. [24320/23]

*670. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress that has been made to date regarding the provision of community centre for young people at Tullow Road in Carlow; the engagement his Department has had with Carlow local authority on this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [24340/23]

*671. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will increase the foster care allowance payment rates to meet the rising cost of living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24355/23]

*672. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the budget for children's residential services for CHO5 for the past five years; if he will outline the new children's residential units provided over the past five years; the budget available to CHO5 for new residential services; if the opening of new residential services will impact on the respite services budget for CHO5; the number of new residential services required to meet current demand in CHO5, in Tipperary in particular; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24365/23]

*673. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of the new ASD diagnostic team being developed in south Tipperary; the details of the team; if the team is operational; the referral path; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24372/23]

*674. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 483 of 25 April 2023, to outline how many children are in Tusla's care, broken down by CHO; and how many of them have allocated social workers, broken down by CHO. — Paul Murphy. [24412/23]

*675. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 483 of 25 April 2023, how many social workers are employed by Tusla broken down by CHO; how many social care workers are employed by Tusla broken down by CHO; and how many unfilled positions for social workers there are, broken down by CHO;

and how many unfilled positions for social care workers there are, broken down by CHO. — Paul Murphy. [24413/23]

*676. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of unaccompanied Ukrainian minors that are currently in Ireland arising from the Temporary Protection Directive. — Kathleen Funchion. [24415/23]

*677. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to set out the legal status of Ukrainian unaccompanied minors, specifically whether they are in the care of the Irish State. — Kathleen Funchion. [24416/23]

*678. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Ukrainian unaccompanied minors who have been allocated a designated social worker. — Kathleen Funchion. [24417/23]

*679. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the services and supports which are available to Ukrainian unaccompanied minors. — Kathleen Funchion. [24418/23]

*680. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports Ukrainian unaccompanied minors will be entitled to when they turn 18 years of age if they are not able to return to Ukraine before that date, and specifically whether they will be eligible for aftercare support available to Irish care leavers. — Kathleen Funchion. [24419/23]

*681. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost of increasing the foster carer's basic payment by 25%. — Kathleen Funchion. [24423/23]

*682. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of early childhood care and education only providers, that is, providers that do not offer a service outside of ECCE provision; the amount of annual funding they received; the number of childcare providers in receipt of State funding in same; the amount of annual funding received; the number of providers in receipt of funding that do not provide ECCE; and the amount of annual funding received in 2022. — Kathleen Funchion. [24424/23]

*683. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of successful applicants for the building blocks improvement grant in 2021, 2022; and 2023 and the total in funding, respectively for each year. — Kathleen Funchion. [24425/23]

*684. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount of funding that was allocated in 2022 to the national childcare scheme; and the amount of this allocation that was spent in 2022, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [24426/23]

*685. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount it cost the State to increase the universal subsidy under the national childcare scheme from 50c to €1.40. — Kathleen Funchion. [24427/23]

*686. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount it cost the State to increase the universal subsidy under the national childcare scheme by 25% for all recipients. — Kathleen Funchion. [24428/23]

*687. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of community creches who rely solely on State funding. — Kathleen Funchion. [24429/23]

*688. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total of additional ECCE places created in 2022. — Kathleen Funchion. [24430/23]

*689. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of new early years and childcare facilities to open in 2022; and the total number of closures in 2022. — Kathleen Funchion. [24431/23]

*690. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total of additional 0-2-year-old baby/toddler places created in early years services in 2022, per unit. — Kathleen Funchion. [24432/23]

*691. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of social care workers that have been promoted to social worker level in the previous five years (2018 - 2022). — Kathleen Funchion. [24433/23]

*692. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total percentage of State spending and parental spending in 2021 and 2022 on early learning, care and school-age childcare, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [24434/23]

*693. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the percentage of childcare agencies' income that is made up of fees. — Kathleen Funchion. [24435/23]

*694. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the cost of increasing the building blocks improvement grant to €100,000 from a current ceiling of €75,000. — Kathleen Funchion. [24436/23]

*695. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what he intends to do with the abandoned former Tusla facility at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [24490/23]

*696. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if, given the skills shortage in areas such as construction, healthcare, teaching, farming, and caring, there are plans to progress a skills audit of people in the International Protection system with a view to harmonising skills and qualifications here; the amount that this would cost in the first year; his views on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24542/23]

*697. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if, in light of the shortage of IPAT accommodation and instances of refugees sleeping rough, if his Department has considered the use of the disused SIPTU office building on the South Circular Road. — Patrick Costello. [24562/23]

*698. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding spent by his Department on Traveller Culture, Heritage and Identity annually in 2022 and 2023; and a breakdown by current and capital spending. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24585/23]

*699. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding spent by his Department on Roma Culture, Heritage and Identity annually in 2022 and 2023; and a breakdown by current and capital spending. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24586/23]

*700. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a property (details supplied) in County Clare is being acquired by the International Protection Accommodation Service to accommodate refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [24746/23]

*701. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when an assessment of need will be undertaken in the case of a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24749/23]

*702. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide his response to a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24790/23]

*703. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide details of all the current and planned capital projects being funded by his Department or State bodies under his remit providing community or sporting facilities aimed at adolescents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24791/23]

*704. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on reviewing guardianship laws (details supplied) to reflect larger societal changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24792/23]

*705. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will examine the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [24825/23]

*706. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total spend allocated to Tusla under the third Domestic, Sexual and Gender Based Violence Strategy for capital works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [24826/23]

*707. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total estimated cost to build a ten room domestic violence refuge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [24827/23]

*708. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the complaints process for parents of children who are refused a place in the early childhood care and education programme based on additional needs; the body that deals with these complaints specifically on discrimination based on additional needs of the child; if he or his Department has discussed this issue with the Department of Health as there is some crossover with Tusla; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [24944/23]

*709. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost of a one-off payment of €10,000, €15,000 or €20,000 to the approximately 4,800 boarded-out children as part of the mother and baby homes institutional payment scheme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [24953/23]

*710. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total estimated cost of including all 24,000 mother-and-baby homes survivors currently excluded from the mother and baby homes payment scheme. — Kathleen Funchion. [24954/23]

*711. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost of raising funding by 20% across the State to family resource centres. — Kathleen Funchion. [24955/23]

*712. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated first- and full-year cost of increasing the ECCE capitation grant by 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [24957/23]

*713. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated first- and full-year cost of increasing the affordable childcare subsidy for children under three years of age by €1 per hour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [24958/23]

*714. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when payment for accommodation will issue to a provider (details supplied) given that it is several months overdue and they simply cannot continue providing this accommodation unless they receive payment; how the interest compensation for late payments is calculated in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [24989/23]

*715. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on an occupational therapist assigned to a school (details supplied) who was supposed to begin work on 1 May 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25011/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*716. To ask the Minister for Health if there are impediments to former nursing homes which are no longer in use being considered for emergency accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [24847/23]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health when respite services at a hospital (details supplied) will be fully opened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24014/23]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health the future plans in place to increase bed capacity and resources for respite services in Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24015/23]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to open respite beds (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24016/23]

*720. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the tender for the home care sector; and if there is a timeframe available as to when the process will be completed. — Eoin Ó Broin. [24020/23]

*721. To ask the Minister for Health if he will assist a person (details supplied) to access their medical files at St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin. — Kathleen Funchion. [24027/23]

*722. 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. [24064/23]

*723. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE has not implemented recommendations (details supplied) in a hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [24070/23]

*724. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the progress of funding proposals for the new HSE Home Support Tender 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [24098/23]

*725. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24100/23]

*726. To ask the Minister for Health if an earlier appointment can be provided for a child in County Donegal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [24114/23]

*727. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the case of a person (details supplied) who is scheduled to have cataract surgery through the NI Planned Healthcare Scheme, with a cost of £2,200 per eye and will be reimbursed £1,626.33 (€1,870) by this State, outlining the reason for the shortfall in re-imbursement to the patient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [24122/23]

*728. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department is considering a national screening programme for hemochromatosis. — Michael Creed. [24125/23]

*729. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a group of workers (details supplied) who, although eligible for the pandemic bonus payment, have yet to receive their payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [24131/23]

*730. To ask the Minister for Health if he has made a response to a request (details supplied) for an urgent meeting with relevant Government Ministers to agree funding for a new rate on Tender 2023 that reflects increased costs of care; if he will work with trade unions to ensure that resources are used to pay care staff a living wage, travel time and mileage costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [24166/23]

*731. To ask the Minister for Health if an application for a medical card in the name of a person (details supplied) will be expedited and approved. — John McGuinness. [24168/23]

*732. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of providing and staffing ten additional acute beds in a public hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24179/23]

*733. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of providing and staffing ten additional ICU beds in a public hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24180/23]

*734. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of reducing the maximum payment on the drug payment scheme to €40; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24181/23]

*735. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of providing free primary care (including GPs) for all; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24182/23]

*736. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of providing free dental care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24183/23]

*737. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of abolishing all inpatient and ED charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24184/23]

*738. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of abolishing all prescription charges for medical card holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24185/23]

*739. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of abolishing all parking charges at public hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24186/23]

*740. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of introducing a fully funded universal contraception scheme. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24187/23]

*741. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of staffing public health teams to the WHO-recommended levels. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24188/23]

*742. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost in 2023 of reinstating all the benefits that were available under the dental treatment services scheme before the economic crash; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24190/23]

*743. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of hospitals not accepting referrals for patients who availed of the cross-border initiative for treatment, despite HSE guidelines which assure patients that should complications arise they have the right “to access the Irish health care system to put it right”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [24197/23]

*744. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the proposed delivery of a primary healthcare centre in Sixmilebridge, County Clare; the services that will be delivered at the facility; the staffing resources that will be dedicated to the operation of these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [24208/23]

*745. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied), will have an ENT appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [24209/23]

*746. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on waiting lists for home support carers and funding in each month of 2022 and to date in 2023 for each LHO and CHO, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [24216/23]

*747. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the number of people on waiting lists for home support carers, by length of time waiting, by LHO and CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [24217/23]

*748. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the number of people on waiting lists for home support funding, by length of time waiting, by LHO and CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [24218/23]

*749. To ask the Minister for Health the number of allocated home support hours that cannot be filled, by LHO and CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [24219/23]

*750. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who are currently experiencing a delay in discharge from hospital due to lack of, or delay in providing, home care or nursing home care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [24220/23]

*751. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the cost and hours of home support delivered by non-Health Service Executive (HSE) providers paid by the HSE for 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [24221/23]

*752. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the cost and hours of home support provided directly by the HSE for 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [24222/23]

*753. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the number of home support hours delivered nationally in 2022 and to date in 2023; the number of these delivered to new home support clients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [24223/23]

*754. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the number of people to whom home support was delivered nationally in 2022 and to date in 2023; the number of these who were new home support clients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [24224/23]

*755. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update regarding the tender for home support services; if a decision has been made on the tender content; if so, if he will provide details; if he anticipates a further extension of the current contract arrangements with home care providers; when he expects the new contract arrangements to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [24225/23]

*756. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE health care support assistants nationally, by LHO and CHO; the number of such vacant posts, by LHO and CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [24226/23]

*757. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that have been taken to address employment issues in the home care/help sector to address home support shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [24227/23]

*758. To ask the Minister for Health the number of non-EU carers who have taken up work permits to work in the care industry in Ireland; the total number of permits available; the reasons

for the poor uptake; the steps he intends to take to improve the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [24228/23]

*759. To ask the Minister for Health when a new GP will be appointed to a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [24242/23]

*760. To ask the Minister for Health when Tender 2023 will be resolved (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24245/23]

*761. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the promised return of nursing staff to Curlew Road health centre; if he will clarify whether staffing levels have increased; when the health centre will have a full complement of staff back to deliver much-needed health services to the population of Drimnagh; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [24253/23]

*762. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department and public bodies/agencies that operate under his remit have policies in place to install artificial structures that provide shelter and habitat space for wild species, such as, but not limited to, insect hotels, bat boxes, nesting towers and beehives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24264/23]

*763. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the level of excess deaths currently being experienced in Ireland; if his Department has carried out an investigation into the trends and causes for the level of excess deaths; if not, if he will order an enquiry into the level, trends and causes of the excess deaths; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24273/23]

*764. To ask the Minister for Health the number of radiographers in each hospital that have left their positions to transfer to the NHS from 1 September 2022 to 16 May 2023, in tabular form; and the number that have indicated they plan to transfer. — Sean Sherlock. [24278/23]

*765. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a timeline for the rolling out of post cataract care by the HSE to its primary eye care clinics; if these clinics have the required resources in place for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [24287/23]

*766. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm whether privately owned community optical practices will be included in the rollout of post-cataract care by the HSE to its primary eye care clinics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [24288/23]

*767. To ask the Minister for Health the dentists in Clare registered to provide services under the dental treatment services scheme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [24289/23]

*768. To ask the Minister for Health the treatments covered under the dental treatment services scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [24290/23]

*769. To ask the Minister for Health the financial breakdown of monies paid to dentists in Clare under the dental treatment services scheme in the past two years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [24291/23]

*770. To ask the Minister for Health the cross-border treatment options that are available with respect to dental services between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [24292/23]

*771. To ask the Minister for Health if all Section 38 workers who were entitled to the pandemic payment should have received it by now; the remedy mechanism there is for those who have not received it; and if he will request his Department to investigate the case of a worker (details supplied) who has yet to receive a payment as their employer has yet to be paid it. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [24301/23]

*772. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the case of a person (details supplied). — Mark Ward. [24311/23]

*773. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for a procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [24315/23]

*774. To ask the Minister for Health the number of sudden deaths reported in 2021, 2022 and quarter 1 2023; the number of strokes and heart attacks reported in the same periods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24317/23]

*775. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the National Children's Hospital; when the project is due to be completed; the current cost of the project; the estimated final cost of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24322/23]

*776. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made to date regarding the provision of an ambulance base in Carlow; the date on which the National Ambulance Service requested HSE estates to refurbish the existing building there as an ambulance base; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [24335/23]

*777. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to have an injury clinic in Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [24336/23]

*778. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made to date regarding the provision of a new fit-for-purpose building for Holy Angels Day Care Service for Children with Special Needs in Carlow; the date on which his Department expects HSE estates to begin works at the Kelvin Grove site; if he will provide a list of proposed tenants to the Kelvin Grove building under the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [24337/23]

*779. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the home support Tender 2023 process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24348/23]

*780. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking in response to the increasing cost of thyroid medication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24349/23]

*781. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that all employees of an organisation (details supplied) who worked on the frontline during the pandemic will receive the pandemic special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24350/23]

*782. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to improve the diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24351/23]

*783. To ask the Minister for Health the number of charities or individuals in the direct employment of charities registered in Ireland that are subject to tax withholding arrangements by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [24352/23]

*784. To ask the Minister for Health the current timeframe for turnaround of reimbursement applications under the Cross Border Directive; if there is a reason for the delays experienced by some applicants; if action is being taken to ensure reimbursement is provided to applicants at the earliest opportunity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [24368/23]

*785. To ask the Minister for Health if a process will be put in place for staff (details supplied) to be provided with special additional financial recognition by his Department based on the particular additional risks they faced in the performance of their normal duty during the pandemic as employees that were at risk of exposure to SARS-COV-2 virus, as per the Government's decision of 19 January 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [24369/23]

*786. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24371/23]

*787. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for managed access protocols medicines that have been approved or rejected in the past 24 months; how Ireland compares with other EU member states regarding the rates of approval for medicines covered by MAPs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [24384/23]

*788. To ask the Minister for Health the governance process for deciding on a managed access protocol for a new medicine; the criteria used to inform a managed access protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [24385/23]

*789. To ask the Minister for Health the access criteria for managed access protocols across all medicines; if he has considered whether there is sufficient transparency of the MAP process for patients and clinicians, particularly with regards to the rejection of applications; if MAPs should be amended if they are found not to be accommodating to clinicians and patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [24386/23]

*790. To ask the Minister for Health when he will publish the review of cardiac services in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [24387/23]

*791. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the issue of nursing staff being removed from a health centre (details supplied); and to provide clarity as to whether nurses will be practicing from the centre or the Armagh Road Primary Care Centre. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24395/23]

*792. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of HCCI's call to ensure that the new home care Tender 2023 is not delayed again; if he will fulfil the HCCI request for an urgent meeting with Ministers (details supplied); if the HSE will agree funding for a new rate on Tender 2023 that reflects increased costs of care and that allows home care staff to receive a living wage,

travel time and mileage costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [24422/23]

*793. To ask the Minister for Health to set out the short-term measures in place to address the shortages of Ozempic; the reason for the ongoing shortages; the long-term solutions being put in place to prevent these shortages recurring in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24437/23]

*794. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being put in place to address the shortages of 241 medicines, including 13 which are on the World Health Organisation's 'critical list'; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24438/23]

*795. To ask the Minister for Health to elaborate on the media comments made by his Department regarding the Government consideration of the introduction of a 'Serious Shortage Protocol'; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24439/23]

*796. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide information on the financial supports being made annually to support breastfeeding in hospitals; if he will provide information on the financial supports being made annually to support breastfeeding in the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [24496/23]

*797. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the HSE business case put forward in respect of breastfeeding supports, including but not limited to lactation consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [24497/23]

*798. To ask the Minister for Health the number of CAMHS mental health intellectual disability teams that are currently in operation; the staffing levels within CAMHS mental health intellectual disability teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24499/23]

*799. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of all external assurance process reviews tendered for to date; the value of the contract; and the name of the successful company, in tabular form. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24508/23]

*800. To ask the Minister for Health if he will set out in tabular form the number of full-time posts and the number of part-time posts currently funded and staffed for non-clinical data management across genetic and rare disease services in the HSE. — Neasa Hourigan. [24531/23]

*801. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the current dedicated funding to support clinical leads in European Reference Networks on Rare Diseases in their engagement with European partners in the provision of services (outside of research funds, given the network is not a research network); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [24532/23]

*802. To ask the Minister for Health the total cost of legal fees spent by the HSE in each of the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 involving the defence of Grievance and or Dignity At Work cases or advice on such cases taken by HSE employees against HSE managers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [24533/23]

*803. To ask the Minister for Health if the cost of legal representation of HSE staff who are not at management level is covered by the organisation in Grievance or Dignity At Work cases

taken against them by less senior ranking HSE staff, or if this is extended solely to managers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [24534/23]

*804. To ask the Minister for Health if he will announce the launch date for the income limit for the GP visit card to be increased to include people on or below the median income original date from April 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [24535/23]

*805. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm that no sickness insurance scheme provided for by law or regulation exists in Ireland within the meaning of Regulation No 31 (EEC), 11 (EAEC), laying down the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community (the “EU Staff Regulation”); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [24549/23]

*806. To ask the Minister for Health the number of homecare support hours for older people provided in each LHO area in 2020, 2021 and 2022; the allocation in each LHO for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [24560/23]

*807. To ask the Minister for Health the names of all residential drug rehabilitation centres to which the HSE awards core funding; and the amount of funds they receive, in tabular form. — Francis Noel Duffy. [24591/23]

*808. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds each HSE-funded residential drug rehabilitation centre has, in tabular form. — Francis Noel Duffy. [24592/23]

*809. To ask the Minister for Health if he will appoint a dedicated full-time project management team to implement the plan to develop a Model 4 Hospital at University Hospital Galway, including the new cancer centre, bed block, emergency department, maternity department and paediatric department to ensure a coordinated delivery of the entire facility by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [24599/23]

*810. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the WHO proposal for an international treaty to strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness and response; to outline the engagement he has had with the European Union, the World Health Organisation and the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body on the matter; the role Ireland will play in the negotiations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [24608/23]

*811. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be given a date to have their rescheduled operation. — Chris Andrews. [24616/23]

*812. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that are waiting for a knee replacement in Galway; the average wait time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [24715/23]

*813. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that are waiting for a hip replacement in Galway; the average wait time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [24716/23]

*814. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide figures on HSE spending on private companies providing home care services in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form by year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24723/23]

*815. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting on a cataract operation. — Niamh Smyth. [24724/23]

*816. To ask the Minister for Health when an issue at University Hospital Limerick will be resolved (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24747/23]

*817. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm when all those who have not yet received the pandemic recognition payment but are entitled to it will receive the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [24748/23]

*818. To ask the Minister for Health if a national strategy for haemochromatosis is currently under consideration, where everyone has equal access to testing, diagnosis, treatment and quality of care, regardless of where they live in Ireland or their financial circumstances; if consideration has been given to the development of a population screening programme for haemochromatosis in primary and hospital care settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [24754/23]

*819. To ask the Minister for Health when a pension and lump sum will be paid in the case of a person (details supplied), who recently retired as a clinical nurse manager on 31 March 2023, who has yet to receive any confirmation of payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24768/23]

*820. To ask the Minister for Health the powers the public authorities had in dealing with private nursing homes which were failing to comply with public health guidelines during phase 1 of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [24774/23]

*821. To ask the Minister for Health if any warning letters were issued by the HSE/HIQA outlining concern on failures to comply with regulations issued to nursing homes in April 2020; if so, how many; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [24775/23]

*822. To ask the Minister for Health how many people between 20-65 years of age are living in nursing homes in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [24776/23]

*823. To ask the Minister for Health how many people between 20-65 years of age living in nursing homes in Ireland are in the fair deal scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [24777/23]

*824. To ask the Minister for Health how many people between 20-65 years of age living in nursing homes in Ireland are in public nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [24778/23]

*825. To ask the Minister for Health how many people between 20-65 years of age living in nursing homes in Ireland are in private homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [24779/23]

*826. 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. [24781/23]

*827. To ask the Minister for Health the financial supports that are available to patients who are required to carry Epinephrine Injections (EpiPens) on their person in case they experience severe anaphylaxis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [24784/23]

*828. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the announced funding for participants in a psychology training programme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24796/23]

*829. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that an out-of-hours GP service is open after 9pm (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24797/23]

*830. To ask the Minister for Health the amount in the capital budget as set out in table 13 of the Stability Programme Update 2023 that is designated for infrastructure to support Community Healthcare Networks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [24802/23]

*831. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing 20 additional dedicated children's beds for psychiatric care to stop the practice of using beds in adult psychiatric services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [24803/23]

*832. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of implementing the 'Connecting for Life' suicide prevention programme in a full year. — Mick Barry. [24804/23]

*833. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of implementing the 'Sharing the Vision' strategy in a full year. — Mick Barry. [24805/23]

*834. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to establish a clinical lead for haemochromatosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [24809/23]

*835. To ask the Minister for Health if he will list the acute hospitals and primary care centres which perform venesection for patients with haemochromatosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [24810/23]

*836. To ask the Minister for Health if ophthalmic care can be established in Letterkenny University Hospital to cater for patients in North and West Donegal who currently have to travel by car to Sligo University hospital for treatment and routine appointments, which is up to two hours' drive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [24818/23]

*837. To ask the Minister for Health the current status with getting a GP to take over the practice in Lettermacaward Health Centre, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [24819/23]

*838. To ask the Minister for Health to provide in tabular form the full complement of therapists, public health nurses and so on that made up the complement of health staff in Curlew Road Health centre before 1 April 2023; how many health staff from all grades were transferred over to Armagh Road; how many health workers have been recruited since the beginning of the year; and how many of those have been allocated to Curlew Road and Armagh Road. — Joan Collins. [24828/23]

*839. To ask the Minister for Health the counselling services available for individuals with inherited predispositions to cancer; the counselling services there are for individuals who test

positive for cancer associated BRCA variants; the counselling services available for individuals who test negative for cancer associated BRCA variants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24842/23]

*840. To ask the Minister for Health if a resident in a nursing home is entitled to receive a pressure reducing mattress via HSE funding rather than paying out of their own pocket; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24848/23]

*841. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children admitted to adult mental health units to date in 2023. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24851/23]

*842. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public patients who have been removed from outpatient lists in 2023 as a result of a validation exercise, and not as a result of having an appointment with a consultant for each public and voluntary hospital, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24852/23]

*843. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical cards as of 1 May 2023; the number of general practitioner cards on the same date; and the number for each type of card issued on a discretionary basis on that date. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24853/23]

*844. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed discharges for each public/voluntary hospital at the end of April 2023, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24854/23]

*845. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost in each owing to delayed discharges for each public/voluntary hospital to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24855/23]

*846. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients aged 75 years or over who experienced an emergency department wait time of more than 24 hours between the beginning of January and end of April 2023; and the hospitals where the wait occurred. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24856/23]

*847. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance attendances at each emergency department nationwide in April 2023, in tabular form; the number of such ambulances that waited longer than 20 minutes to hand over patients, get their trolleys back and return to responding to calls; the number that waited longer than 40 minutes for same; the number that waited longer than 60 minutes for same; the number that waited longer than 90 minutes for same; the number that waited more than 120 minutes for same; and the number that waited more than 180 minutes for same. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24857/23]

*848. To ask the Minister for Health if he will agree to meet urgently with representatives of an organisation (details supplied) in an effort to agree to funding for a new rate on the Homecare Tender 2023 that reflects increased costs of care and that allows them to offer homecare staff a living wage, travel time and mileage costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [24858/23]

*849. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an MRI scan in the Ireland East Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [24860/23]

*850. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the Ireland East Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [24861/23]

*851. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the Ireland East Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [24862/23]

*852. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the Ireland East Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [24863/23]

*853. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the Ireland East Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [24864/23]

*854. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) in the Ireland East Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [24865/23]

*855. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the Ireland East Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [24866/23]

*856. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an electrocardiogram (ECG) in the Ireland East Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [24867/23]

*857. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an MRI scan in the RCSI Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [24869/23]

*858. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the RCSI Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [24870/23]

*859. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the RCSI Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [24871/23]

*860. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the RCSI Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [24872/23]

*861. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the RCSI Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [24873/23]

*862. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) in the RCSI Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [24874/23]

*863. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the RCSI Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [24875/23]

*864. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an electrocardiogram (ECG) in the RCSI Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [24876/23]

*865. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an MRI scan in the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Barry Cowen. [24877/23]

*866. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Barry Cowen. [24878/23]

*867. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Barry Cowen. [24879/23]

*868. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Barry Cowen. [24880/23]

*869. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Barry Cowen. [24881/23]

*870. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) in the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Barry Cowen. [24882/23]

*871. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Barry Cowen. [24883/23]

*872. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an electrocardiogram (ECG) in the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Barry Cowen. [24884/23]

*873. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an MRI scan in the University of Limerick Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [24885/23]

*874. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the University of Limerick Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied).; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [24886/23]

*875. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the University of Limerick Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [24887/23]

*876. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the University of Limerick Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [24888/23]

*877. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the University of Limerick Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied).; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [24889/23]

*878. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) in the University of Limerick Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [24890/23]

*879. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the University of Limerick Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [24891/23]

*880. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an electrocardiogram (ECG) in the University of Limerick Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [24892/23]

*881. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an MRI scan in the South/South West Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Aindrias Moynihan. [24894/23]

*882. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the South/South West Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied).; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [24895/23]

*883. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the South/South West Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied).; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [24896/23]

*884. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the South/South West Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied).; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [24897/23]

*885. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the South/South West Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Aindrias Moynihan. [24898/23]

*886. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) in the South/South West Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied).; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [24899/23]

*887. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the South/South West Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Aindrias Moynihan. [24900/23]

*888. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an electrocardiogram (ECG) in the South/South West Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Aindrias Moynihan. [24901/23]

*889. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive orthodontic treatment in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [24902/23]

*890. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an MRI scan in the Saolta University Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24903/23]

*891. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the Saolta University Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24904/23]

*892. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the Saolta University Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24905/23]

*893. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the Saolta University Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24906/23]

*894. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the Saolta University Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24907/23]

*895. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) in the Saolta University Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24908/23]

*896. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the Saolta University Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24909/23]

*897. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 May 2023 or the nearest available date for an electrocardiogram (ECG) in the Saolta University Hospital Group for various waiting periods, in tabular form (details supplied). — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24910/23]

*898. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the reason that the current governance model used in other CHO areas cannot be used in CHO7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [24917/23]

*899. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to develop a specialist service for Huntington's disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [24918/23]

*900. To ask the Minister for Health when the contract management support units will be fully in place to support the various service providers across the nine community healthcare organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [24920/23]

*901. To ask the Minister for Health if he would detail in tabular form for each LHO area as of 1 May 2023 or the latest date available the number of people on the physiotherapy waiting list and within that the numbers waiting less than 4 months; the number waiting 4-12 months; the number waiting more than 12 months; and for each category the numbers waiting aged 0-4 years, 5-17 years, 18-64 years and aged 65 plus. — Michael Moynihan. [24926/23]

*902. To ask the Minister for Health if he would detail in tabular form for each LHO area as of 1 May 2023 or the latest date available the number of people on the speech and language therapy assessment waiting list and within that the numbers waiting less than 4 months; the number waiting 4-12 months; the number waiting more than 12 months; and for each category the numbers waiting aged 0-17 years and those aged 18 and above. — Michael Moynihan. [24927/23]

*903. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details on speech and language therapy (details supplied). — Michael Moynihan. [24928/23]

*904. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details on the speech and language therapy further treatment list (details supplied). — Michael Moynihan. [24929/23]

*905. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details on the occupational therapy first-time assessment waiting list (details supplied). — Michael Moynihan. [24930/23]

*906. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in each LHO area waiting for a podiatry appointment in primary care as of 1 May 2023 or the latest date available; the numbers waiting 0 to 12 weeks; the numbers waiting 12 to 26 weeks; the numbers waiting 26 to 52 weeks; and the numbers waiting more than 52 weeks. — Michael Moynihan. [24931/23]

*907. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in each LHO area waiting for an ophthalmology appointment in primary care as of 1 May 2023 or the latest date available; the numbers waiting 0 to 12 weeks; the numbers waiting 12 to 26 weeks; the numbers waiting 26 to 52 weeks; and the numbers waiting more than 52 weeks. — Michael Moynihan. [24932/23]

*908. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in each LHO area waiting for an audiology appointment in primary care as of 1 May 2023 or the latest date available; the numbers waiting 0 to 12 weeks; the numbers waiting 12 to 26 weeks; the numbers waiting 26 to 52 weeks; and the numbers waiting more than 52 weeks. — Michael Moynihan. [24933/23]

*909. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in each LHO area waiting for a dietetics appointment in primary care as of 1 May 2023 or the latest date available; the numbers waiting 0 to 12 weeks; the numbers waiting 12 to 26 weeks; the numbers waiting 26 to 52 weeks; and the numbers waiting more than 52 weeks. — Michael Moynihan. [24934/23]

*910. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in each LHO area waiting for a psychology appointment in primary care as of 1 May 2023 or the latest date available; the numbers waiting 0 to 12 weeks; the numbers waiting 12 to 26 weeks; the numbers waiting 26 to 52 weeks; and the numbers waiting more than 52 weeks. — Michael Moynihan. [24935/23]

*911. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in each LHO area waiting for a counselling appointment in primary care as of 1 May 2023 or the latest date available; the numbers

waiting 0 to 12 weeks; the numbers waiting 12 to 26 weeks; the numbers waiting 26 to 52 weeks; and the numbers waiting more than 52 weeks. — Michael Moynihan. [24936/23]

*912. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in each Local Health Office area waiting for a child and adolescent mental health services appointment as of 1 May 2023 or the latest date available; the numbers waiting 0 to 12 weeks; the numbers waiting 12 to 26 weeks; the numbers waiting 26 to 52 weeks; and the numbers waiting more than 52 weeks. — Michael Moynihan. [24937/23]

*913. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours currently being provided in each LHO area as of 1 May 2023 or the latest date available; how that compares to target in each LHO for the same time period; if he would detail in tabular form the number of people currently on the waiting list for home support hours in each LHO area; the number waiting 0-3 months; the number waiting 3-6 months; the number waiting 6-12 months; and the number waiting 12 months plus. — Michael Moynihan. [24938/23]

*914. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting placement under the fair deal scheme as of 1 May 2023 or the latest date available; the average waiting time; if he will provide, in tabular form, for each local health area the numbers of persons currently awaiting placement under the scheme; and the length of time waiting. — Michael Moynihan. [24939/23]

*915. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on when funding plans for the training of counselling psychologists will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24941/23]

*916. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the HSE's insistence on treating a charity group (details supplied) differently from other charities providing medical services whereby the HSE deducts professional services withholding tax from payments, which is severely restricting the activities of the charity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [24945/23]

*917. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish the latest three-monthly numbers of emergency department presentations for the nine acute model 4 hospitals in the country (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [24946/23]

*918. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the nine model 4 acute hospitals in the country, if he will publish the latest quarter running/expenditure costs for each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [24947/23]

*919. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the average waiting time for first time patients referred to the endometriosis clinic in the Coombe Hospital; the number of persons currently awaiting a first appointment; the number of persons awaiting a follow-up appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24948/23]

*920. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the delivery of two specialist endometriosis centres for complex care located at Cork University Maternity Hospital and Tallaght University Hospital; and if he will confirm when patient referrals will be accepted at these services. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24949/23]

*921. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the status of the Government's commitment to develop a National Endometriosis Framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24950/23]

*922. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the development of an endometriosis quick reference guide to assist GPs in recognising endometriosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24951/23]

*923. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE National Clinical Guideline for Management of Endometriosis will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24952/23]

*924. To ask the Minister for Health when Ireland will be making its official response to the European Commission on the pharmaceutical review; if he will provide an indicative timeframe; and the consultation he is making with industry in Ireland. — Robert Troy. [24960/23]

*925. To ask the Minister for Health the number of days for each model 3 and model 4 hospital to date in 2023 that full capacity protocols have been active, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [24968/23]

*926. To ask the Minister for Health if a review of policy to prohibit former nursing homes registered on 1 September 2022 converting to accommodation for Ukrainian refugees has been completed; if there has been any change to the policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24972/23]

*927. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cardiothoracic surgeries performed at the Mater Hospital in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [24981/23]

*928. To ask the Minister for Health the services available within the State for children and adults suffering with anorexia nervosa. — Catherine Murphy. [24982/23]

*929. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric neurosurgeons surgeries performed at CHI Temple Street in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [24983/23]

*930. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the supply of a medication (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [24991/23]

*931. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the long waiting lists for endometriosis clinics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25012/23]

*932. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the long waiting lists for pain specialists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25013/23]

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

*933. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated full-year cost of ensuring all postgraduate research students receive a full-year €28,000 stipend; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24073/23]

*934. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated full-year cost of providing a funded psychology postgraduate course for counselling,

education and clinical services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24074/23]

*935. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated full-year cost of abolishing postgraduate third-level registration and tuition fees, including the associated reduction in the student support grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24075/23]

*936. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated full-year cost of abolishing third-level registration fees for all EU students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24076/23]

*937. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated full-year cost of abolishing tuition fees for postgraduate courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24078/23]

*938. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated full-year cost of abolishing tuition fees for mature or repeating students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24079/23]

*939. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated full-year cost of ensuring that the maintenance grants for both undergraduate and postgraduate students are doubled, and that the adjacent rate is reduced to 24km; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24080/23]

*940. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the first- and full-year cost of reducing the student contribution charge (academic year 2023/24 rate) by €500, €750 and €1,000, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [24149/23]

*941. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the first- and full-year cost of increasing the SUSI maintenance grant by 15%, 25% and 35%, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [24150/23]

*942. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the first- and full-year of extending SUSI to cover part-time students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [24151/23]

*943. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the first- and full-year cost of extending the free fees initiative to graduate entry medicine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [24153/23]

*944. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there has been any change in a figure (details supplied); if so, the current funding gap; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [24155/23]

*945. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the first- and full-year cost of increasing the reckonable income threshold for SUSI by €5,000 under several categories, in tabular form (details supplied). — Mairéad Farrell. [24164/23]

*946. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department and public bodies/agencies that operate under his remit have policies in place to install artificial structures that provide shelter and habitat space for wild species, such as, but not limited to, insect hotels, bat boxes, nesting towers and beehives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24263/23]

*947. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of increasing the student maintenance grant by €1,000 for full-time students at third level. — Gary Gannon. [24279/23]

*948. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of increasing the non-adjacent maintenance grant by €1,000 to €4,225 for full-time students at undergraduate and postgraduate level. — Gary Gannon. [24280/23]

*949. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of extending a non-adjacent maintenance grant by €1,000 to €4,225 to part-time students at undergraduate and postgraduate level. — Gary Gannon. [24281/23]

*950. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of increasing the adjacent maintenance grant by €1,000 to €2,415 for full-time students at undergraduate and postgraduate level. — Gary Gannon. [24282/23]

*951. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of extending an adjacent maintenance grant by €1,000 to €2,415 to part-time students at undergraduate and postgraduate level. — Gary Gannon. [24283/23]

*952. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a list of all external assurance process reviews tendered for to date; the value of the contract; and the name of the successful company, in tabular form. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24507/23]

*953. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students who undertake mandatory placement as part of their degree; how many of those are unpaid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [24814/23]

*954. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a list of all colleges in the North attended by students from the South, that are eligible for SUSI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [24911/23]

*955. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has any plans to introduce public sector pay schemes for tutors (details supplied) in order that they may have the security of other colleagues in the public service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [24961/23]

*956. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of colleges employing tutors for specific course areas who have no contracted employment during the summer months and therefore have to revert, in many cases, to social protection payments (details supplied); if he has any plans to introduce public sector pay schemes for these tutors in order that they may have the security of other colleagues in the public sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [24969/23]

*957. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the major capital works projects that are currently being part funded either by the Higher Education Authority and or his Department in Maynooth University in 2022 and to date in 2023; the amount of Exchequer funding provided to each capital works project; and when each of these capital works projects will be completed, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [24975/23]

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

*958. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of the €50 million community recognition fund that has been spent to date; the projects on which it was spent; and the counties in which the money was spent. — Peadar Tóibín. [24067/23]

*959. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on an application by a group (details supplied) for the community recognition fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [24192/23]

*960. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department and public bodies/agencies that operate under her remit have policies in place to install artificial structures that provide shelter and habitat space for wild species, such as, but not limited to, insect hotels, bat boxes, nesting towers, and beehives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24268/23]

*961. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will outline her engagement with the Minister for the Environment, Communications, and Climate concerning the subsea cable to Sherkin Island, which has been out of order since November 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24357/23]

*962. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the manner in which her Department supports agricultural shows; the individual shows supported; the allocation and expenditure from 2018 to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24420/23]

*963. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will consider working with other Government Departments to establish a funding scheme to assist event organisers in meeting the costs associated with policing civic events, such as marathons or other such community runs or similar sporting events, parades or arts events in order to ensure their viability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24741/23]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY,
FOR ORAL ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 24 MAY, 2023**

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the National Reform Programme for the European Semester, recently published by his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22486/23]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the shared island dialogue all-island women's forum civic initiative. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22487/23]

3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Government's response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2022. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22488/23]