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Chun an Taoiseach: To the Taoiseach.

1. 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]

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4. 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]

5. 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]

6. 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]

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

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

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

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

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

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

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27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

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

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

32. 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]

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

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

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

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Government's response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2022. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22488/23]

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

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*39. To ask the Taoiseach if he will seek urgent assistance and advice for a local company (details supplied) in respect of their time-sensitive funding issues, in particular to assess whether funding from the shared island unit might be considered, given the cross-border nature of the company. — Fergus O'Dowd. [25041/23]

*40. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on progress regarding policing reform and community safety, as identified in the Strategy Statement 2021-2023 for his Department. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23214/23]

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

*41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is aware of the circumstances (details supplied); if he is satisfied that all the proper protocols and legislation were followed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [25210/23]

*42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide information regarding a passport application (details supplied) needing further clarification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [25058/23]

*43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he intends to bring forward the Control of Economic Territories (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018 to the third stage in Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25137/23]

*44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is aware of the circumstances (details supplied); if he is satisfied that all proper protocols and legislation were followed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [25211/23]

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

*45. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide cén dáta faoina bhfuil sé i gceist aige go mbeidh gach logainm nó sráidainm ar Éirchód ar fáil trí Ghaeilge; cé na háiseanna a theastódh chun a chinntiú go bhfuil gach logainm ar Éirchód ar fáil trí Ghaeilge, cá dteastódh na háiseanna sin, agus cén costas a bhainfeadh leis na háiseanna sin. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24696/23]

*46. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what is required from a contractor to be added to the list of approved contractors for work in energy efficiency, with specific reference to installation of heat pumps. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [25038/23]

*47. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the mechanism for removal of a contractor from the list of approved contractors for work in energy efficiency, with specific reference to installation of heat pumps. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [25039/23]

*48. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the checks in place to ensure that contractors who are on the list of approved contractors for work in energy efficiency, with specific reference to installation of heat pumps, are in compliance with high standards, and that their work is satisfactory and efficient; and if there are reviews, inspections or audits of work, or what quality control is in place. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [25040/23]

*49. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number and total value of solar photovoltaic grants provided in 2022; the average grant provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [25059/23]

*50. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will increase the funding for the sustainable energy communities programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [25061/23]

*51. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of projects in respect of the national trust transition fund; the nature of such projects; the total value of the projects; and the number of full-time and indirect jobs created in these projects to date. — Darren O'Rourke. [25062/23]

*52. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if retrofitting grants will be available to persons with solid fuel central heating systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [25063/23]

*53. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of staff working in the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities; their cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [25067/23]

*54. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how the Offshore Wind Delivery Taskforce is resourced to complete its objectives and mandate. — Darren O'Rourke. [25071/23]

*55. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has met with waste management companies regarding their recent price increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [25082/23]

*56. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has met with energy companies regarding the fall in wholesale energy prices; if these will be passed onto the customer; when this is likely to happen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [25083/23]

*57. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when it is expected that the just transition commission, as committed to in the Climate Action Plan of 2023, will be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25089/23]

*58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline in detail, according to the relevant sections of the Climate Act, and by month, the annual climate action planning and reporting cycle and mechanisms for reporting on the implementation of the plan, as described in chapter 6 of the 2023 Climate Action Plan. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25097/23]

*59. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the energy review report will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [25133/23]

*60. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications If he has received the 2021 annual report from Inland Fisheries Ireland; if so, when same will be published. — Alan Kelly. [25259/23]

*61. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when works will be carried out for an elderly person (details supplied), given that the applicant has been waiting for over two years since the works were approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [25265/23]

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

*62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of vacancies, by rank, in the Defence Forces School of Music as of 15 May 2023; and when these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [25264/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*63. To ask the Minister for Transport in respect of the Luas Finglas, the reason there is a five-year delay between the Enforceable Railway Order in 2024 and the enabling works starting in 2029; the proposed funding schedule for this project; if he intends to accelerate this schedule in light of the significant budget surplus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [25032/23]

*64. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to noise pollution being generated by flights landing and departing from Dublin Airport from 5 am onwards, in contravention of the DAA commitment to ensuring there are no departures before 9 am; and if he will intervene to resolve the noise pollution which is impacting residents along the airport's flight path. — Emer Higgins. [25096/23]

*65. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the forecasted opening date for Kishogue Railway Station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [25102/23]

*66. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the development of the Hazelhatch Greenway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [25103/23]

*67. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a complete breakdown of the cost incurred by drone disturbance in the past two years in Dublin Airport; the amount of this cost that has been covered by the State; if counter-drone technology is now operational; the estimated amount that anti-drone technology will cost on a yearly basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [25146/23]

*68. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of individuals currently waiting driving licence tests appointments; the average length of time between booking a test and the test taking place; the reason for these exceptionally long delays; and the plan he is putting in place to shorten this waiting time. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25197/23]

*69. To ask the Minister for Transport the dates in 2023 on which he spoke formally with the CEO and or Chairperson of each State agency under the remit of his Department, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [25245/23]

*70. To ask the Minister for Transport if officials from his Department have met with their United States counterparts as part of the Preclearance Consultative Group to date in 2023. — Alan Kelly. [25246/23]

*71. To ask the Minister for Transport the current number of bus drivers and HGV testers in County Tipperary; and the current number of vacancies for bus drivers and HGV testers in County Tipperary. — Alan Kelly. [25247/23]

*72. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost to have all remaining buses in the Bus Éireann fleet fully wheelchair accessible. — Alan Kelly. [25248/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*73. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an outline of the process by which decisions will be made on how the projected windfall revenues from corporation tax will be spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [25033/23]

*74. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are any plans for broad consultation with different civil and political stakeholders on how the projected windfall revenues from corporation tax will be spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [25034/23]

*75. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration has been given to putting in place a carbon tax rebate for horticulturists and growers who recycle carbon in greenhouses and tunnels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [25144/23]

*76. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will confirm the interest rate that will be charged on the balance of tax liabilities which were deferred under the debt warehousing scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [25152/23]

*77. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the amount in tax liabilities that was deferred via the debt warehousing scheme from when it was implemented to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [25153/23]

*78. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a breakdown per sector, to include multinationals, retail and hospitality, on the amount in tax liabilities that was deferred via the debt warehousing scheme from when it was implemented to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [25154/23]

*79. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of vehicles seized by the Revenue Commissioners under Section 141 of the Finance Act 2001 in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [25252/23]

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.

*80. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of times the Procurement Reform Board has met in each year since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [25181/23]

*81. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the service improvement and reform plans to be prepared by each Government Department in conjunction with his Department, as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [25185/23]

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

*82. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on actions to address an aspect of a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25118/23]

*83. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will give consideration to establishing a property technology fund to support property technology companies which aim to reduce the financial risk associated with residential property development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [25159/23]

*84. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if property technology companies can access the disruptive technology fund; if so, if he will initiate a specific funding call for property technology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [25160/23]

*85. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a specific fund is available for disabled entrepreneurs. — Thomas Gould. [25189/23]

*86. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he met with the CEO of an organisation (details supplied) during his recent trade mission to New York and Boston. — Alan Kelly. [25249/23]

*87. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of WTE Inspectors working in the Workplace Relations Commission in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased. — Alan Kelly. [25250/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*88. To ask the Minister for Education if the offers of bursaries (details supplied) made to new incoming first-year psychology students can be made retrospectively to current second- and third-year psychology students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25147/23]

*89. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update regarding an additional school accommodation application for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [25056/23]

*90. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 271 of 9 May 2023, if she can provide a breakdown by county of where the 160 additional NSCE staff, 686 teachers and 1,194 SNAs will be employed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [25073/23]

*91. To ask the Minister for Education if, following correspondence from a school (details supplied), if she will take into consideration the erection of a permanent structure on site rather than the modular building previously committed to; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [25085/23]

*92. To ask the Minister for Education is she will provide the number of special needs assistants in each county in the school years 2020/2021, 2021/22 and 2022/23, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [25086/23]

*93. To ask the Minister for Education if she will publish the report which her Department commissioned into the governance of education centres (details supplied); the cost of the report; if the recommendations of the report are now in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [25088/23]

*94. To ask the Minister for Education the educational experts and or groups that she consulted with before reaching her recent decision to reduce time on the primary school curriculum for the teaching of Irish Language classes for 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25090/23]

*95. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 552 of 18 April 2023, if she will confirm whether the assessment process for a school’s (details supplied) additional accommodation scheme application is now complete; when a decision will be communicated to the school authority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [25077/23]

*96. To ask the Minister for Education if she will give consideration to a proposal (details supplied) to overhaul how the Irish language is taught in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [25127/23]

*97. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update as to where the ongoing review of the school transport scheme is at; when the results are expected to be published; when the recommended changes will be implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [25138/23]

*98. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has completed its review of the school transport system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [25175/23]

*99. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department would consider developing a mechanism for sharing historic employment records for the purposes of pension eligibility with the Department of Social Protection; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [25179/23]

*100. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department is considering modernising the storage of historic employment records for ease of retrieval; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [25180/23]

*101. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an bhfuil aon phleananna aici chun leasú a dhéanamh ar bpolasaí cuimsitheach oideachais trí mheán na Gaeilge mar atá molta ag an bhfeachtas #Gaeilge4All; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25196/23]

*102. To ask the Minister for Education the average salary of a guidance counsellor. — Thomas Gould. [25275/23]

*103. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students per guidance counsellor. — Thomas Gould. [25276/23]

*104. To ask the Minister for Education when her Department is going to make a decision on the application for a temporary classroom structure for a school (details supplied) considering that the school needs to be informed whether it is to purchase or rent the temporary accommodation unit before it can proceed with this project, and if this decision is not made soon, the accommodation will not be in place for the coming academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25322/23]

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

*105. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad a d'íoc an Roinn le Comhchoiste Náisiúnta na gColáistí Samhraidh in aghaidh gach bliana ó 2003. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24683/23]

*106. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an ndéanfaidh sí tábla a sholáthar lena ndéantar briseadh síos ar líon na ndaltaí scoile in aghaidh na bliana a fuair scoláireacht chun freastal ar choláiste samhraidh Gaeltachta ón Roinn gach bliain ó 2003, cén luach airgid a bhain le scoláireacht i gcomparáid leis na táillí an bhliain sin, agus cén costas iomlán bliantúil atá ar scoláireachtaí Gaeltachta den chineál seo. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24684/23]

*107. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an ndéanfaidh sí tábla a sholáthar lena ndéantar briseadh síos ar líon dhaltaí scoile DEIS in aghaidh na bliana a fuair scoláireacht chun freastal ar choláiste samhraidh Gaeltachta ón Roinn gach bliain ó 2003, cén luach airgid a bhain le scoláireacht i gcomparáid leis na táillí an bhliain sin, agus cén costas iomlán bliantúil atá ar scoláireachtaí Gaeltachta den chineál seo. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24685/23]

*108. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cad é an meastachán ar chostais a bhainfeadh le Clár na Leabhar Gaeilge a thabhairt ar ais de réir an ráta a bhí ann sular cuireadh ar scoir é, agus de réir an ráta a bheadh ann dá gcuirfí an ráta boilscithe ó shin san áireamh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24686/23]

*109. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán conas a dhéantar maoiniú ar an Áisíneacht Dáileacháin Leabhar (ÁIS), agus cé mhéad maoiniú a caitheadh ar ÁIS in aghaidh gach bliana ó 1980. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24687/23]

*110. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán conas a dhéanann an Stát maoiniú ar dhéantús ábhair fuaime i nGaeilge, lena n-áirítear podchraoltaí, closleabhair agus ceol, agus cé mhéad maoiniú a caitheadh ar dhéantús ábhair fuaime, podchraoltaí, closleabhair, agus ceol, trí mheán na Gaeilge in aghaidh gach bliana ó 2003. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24688/23]

*111. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad maoiniú reatha a caitheadh ar phleanáil teanga faoi scáth Fhoras na Gaeilge in aghaidh gach bliana ó 2013, agus an ndéanfaidh sí briseadh síos ar an maoiniú bliantúil sin de réir líonra Gaeilge nó baile seirbhíse Gaeilge. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24689/23]

*112. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad maoiniú a caitheadh ar Thaibhdhearc na Gaillimhe, Amharclann Náisiúnta na Gaeilge, in aghaidh gach bliana ó 2003, agus an ndéanfaidh sí briseadh síos de réir maoiniú reatha agus caipitil. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24691/23]

*113. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cad é an meastachán ar chostais a bhainfeadh le plean straitéiseach Thaibhdhearc na Gaillimhe a foilsíodh anuraidh a chur i bhfeidhm. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24692/23]

*114. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad maoiniú a chaith an Chomhairle Ealaíon ar Thaibhdhearc na Gaillimhe, Amharclann Náisiúnta na Gaeilge, in aghaidh gach bliana ó 2003, agus an ndéanfaidh sí briseadh síos de réir maoiniú reatha agus caipitil. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24693/23]

*115. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán uasdátú a thabhairt ar fheidhmiú agus líon foirne an Choiste Logainmneacha ó bunaíodh go hoifigiúil é, agus cén maoiniú atá tugtha dó. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24694/23]

*116. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé na háiseanna a theastódh ón gCoiste Logainmneacha chun a chinntiú go bhfuil gach logainm ar Éirchód ar fáil trí Ghaeilge faoi 2025 agus cén costas a bhainfeadh leis na háiseanna sin. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24695/23]

*117. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad maoiniú a caitheadh ar Chnuasach Bhéaloideas Éireann agus Dúchas.ie in aghaidh gach bliana ó 2003, agus an ndéanfaidh sí briseadh síos de réir maoiniú reatha agus caipitil. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24697/23]

*118. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad maoiniú a caitheadh ar Oifig an Choimisinéara Teanga in aghaidh gach bliana ó 2003, agus an ndéanfaidh sí briseadh síos de réir maoiniú reatha agus caipitil. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24698/23]

*119. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline the progress of the Short Term Tourist Letting Bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25135/23]

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

*120. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta cad é an meastachán ar chostais bhreise a bhainfeadh le hoifigeach Gaeilge nó Oifigeach Forbartha Gaeilge a bheith fostaithe ag gach údarás áitiúil sa Stát. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24690/23]

*121. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff working in the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority; their cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [25064/23]

*122. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the level of biodiversity expertise in the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [25065/23]

*123. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the level of marine and environmental expertise in the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [25066/23]

*124. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff working in An Bord Pleanála; their cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [25068/23]

*125. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the level of marine and environmental expertise in An Bord Pleanála; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [25069/23]

*126. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the level of biodiversity expertise in An Bord Pleanála; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [25070/23]

*127. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he is taking to meet his Department's commitment to address the recruitment and retention crisis in the retained fire service. — Martin Browne. [25422/23]

*128. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if any Ministerial consent exists for works on listed buildings on Moore Street, given that the last Ministerial consent in 2012 related to a now lapsed planning permission; if so, when it was granted; the works that were intended on foot of that consent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25029/23]

*129. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the Residential Tenancies (Right to Purchase) Bill 2023, announced as legislation for priority publication this session, will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25037/23]

*130. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with reference to the new funding scheme announced on 28 April 2022, and targeting the wastewater collection and treatment needs of villages and settlements without access to public waste water services under his Department's Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2022-2025, if he will outline the requests submitted by Cork County Council for funding for specific priority projects; the applications which were successful for such funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [25043/23]

*131. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures that he is taking to address the recruitment and retention crisis in retained firefighter services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25057/23]

*132. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of trebling the existing number of staff on each grade currently employed in An Bord Pleanála's marine and climate unit. — Darren O'Rourke. [25060/23]

*133. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if fencing in cases such as one (details supplied), can be deemed within the bounds of the housing adaptation grant. — Anne Rabbitte. [25078/23]

*134. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the mandate, statutory standing of the Designated Areas Appeals Advisory Board with regard to advising government on planning applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25098/23]

*135. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the current membership of the Designated Areas Appeals Advisory Board; if he will provide details of appointments to the DAAAB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25099/23]

*136. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the number of appeals heard by the Board each year; the outcome of each appeal from 2017 to 2022 and to date in 2023, respectively, including details of the area that was subject to appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25100/23]

*137. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Housing, Local Government and Heritage maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte Uimh. 22 den 17 Samhain 2022, stádas an ghrúpa idir-rannach atá ag obair chun cúrsaí pleanála i gceantair a chur chun cinn; soiléiriú a thabhairt ar an gcruinniú is déanaí den ghrúpa; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [23453/23]

*138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the sale of private properties with structural defects at a location (details supplied); if he is concerned with such sales; and if he will outline the powers, if any, he has to ensure that where properties with structural defects are being sold, there is a duty on the seller to fully declare such defects. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25198/23]

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

*139. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline her plans to bring the State pension (contributory) up to 34% of the average industrial wage index linked, as promised in 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [25030/23]

*140. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for carer's allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); when a decision is likely to issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25045/23]

*141. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that a person who is in receipt of a payment under the occupational injuries scheme and is paying their PRSI contributions is not entitled to receive illness benefit when required, in view of the fact that they are paying their contributions and now cannot avail of the benefits of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [25076/23]

*142. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she intends to recognise Covid-19 as an occupational illness for healthcare workers; if so, the timeline she is working towards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [25093/23]

*143. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has plans to publish an updated proposal following the recent public consultation on pay-related jobseeker's benefit; when that can be expected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [25104/23]

*144. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider the complaints from charities and public representatives regarding the difficulties that people are having to contact a community welfare officer when applying for supplementary welfare allowance and the additional needs payment. — Brian Stanley. [25128/23]

*145. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department recognises that the removal of the physical clinics held by community welfare officers has led to difficulties for applications who are in a financially vulnerable position; and if her Department will now re-instate this face-to-face service. — Brian Stanley. [25129/23]

*146. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expedite a carer's allowance appeal on behalf of a person (details supplied) and ensure an oral hearing is scheduled in advance of any decision. — Robert Troy. [25130/23]

*147. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will include new agricultural schemes as eligible payments for farm assist, given that a significant number of schemes have changed under the new CAP; if she will provide a list of schemes which will be included under farm assist; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25134/23]

*148. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a farm assist payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25286/23]

*149. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for partial capacity benefit by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25294/23]

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

*150. To ask the Minister for Justice when a citizenship certificate will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25035/23]

*151. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [25047/23]

*152. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 234 of 11 May 2023, if data is collected on the number of arrivals to Ireland under the Afghan Admission Programme; if not, the reason for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25074/23]

*153. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will ensure an adequate consultation process with the relevant representative groups following the publication of the Firearms Expert Committee Report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22902/23]

*154. To ask the Minister for Justice if consideration is being given to changing the existing coercive control legislation to allow it to relate to people in non-intimate relationships, in order to close the current gap that allows non-intimate offenders to be held to account under the legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [25081/23]

*155. To ask the Minister for Justice on and from what date and year were FEMPI reductions applied to the remuneration of a sector (details supplied) in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [25115/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide his response to a UN Report on parental alienation (details supplied) and its implications for government policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25117/23]

*157. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of reports of child sex abuse made to An Garda Síochána for each of the years 2015 to 2022 and to date in 2023. — Mattie McGrath. [25148/23]

*158. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prosecutions for child sex abuse made by An Garda Síochána for each of the years 2015 to 2022 and to date in 2023. — Mattie McGrath. [25149/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of convictions in the criminal courts for child sex abuse for each of the years 2015 to 2022 and to date in 2023. — Mattie McGrath. [25150/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update in respect of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25157/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update in respect of his Department's plans to increase and improve community safety, in particular the provision of community policing teams in local communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [25239/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for Justice if general employment permit holders, their agencies and employers have been made aware of recent amendments to the salary requirements of the sponsor when applying for a family reunification visa after one years' service, wherein the net income per week based on the working family payment has increased, in view of the fact that employers may not be in a position to increase the sponsor's wages in order that they satisfy the eligibility requirements for a family reunification application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [25244/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount of revenue generated through the issuing of special exemption orders in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [25260/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for Justice if he met with the Metropolitan Police Commissioner during his recent visit to London. — Alan Kelly. [25261/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 518 of 7 March 2023, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities in order to have the PQ answered. — Alan Kelly. [25262/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of unmarked cars and unmarked vans attached to the Garda National Immigration Bureau as of 16 May 2023; if he will provide the same figures as of 1 March 2021, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [25263/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason that superintendents in An Garda Síochána are implementing recommendations from the FEC before the online consultation is over (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [25321/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 965 of 18 April 2023, if he will clarify whether the new Garda air fleet will use unleaded fuels (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [25323/23]

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

*169. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of any work being carried out or commissioned by his Department with regard to the development of strategies for the wild and farmed seaweed sectors, as referred to in a document (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25055/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of any measures planned for the protection of the sprat fishery which is concentrated inside the 6nm zone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25075/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a GLAS payment will be made to a farmer (details supplied) and the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [25087/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will clarify the reason that only five afforestation licences have been granted to date in 2023; the number of afforestation licences granted in the same time period in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [25151/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if, in light of recent developments pertaining to the withdrawal of several racecourses from an organisation's (details supplied) proposed media rights deal with two companies, he will review the applicability of Section 10 of the Horse and Greyhound Racing Act 2001, due to the infringement on the exclusive property rights of racecourse owners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [25200/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will amend the Horse and Greyhound Racing Act 2001 to introduce an appeals mechanism, in order to provide for independent recourse for complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [25201/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the latest statistics available on farm accidents and fatalities; the steps being taken to reduce these incidences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [25229/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will detail the key points made during his trade mission to China in relation to food systems and food security; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [25230/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the difficulties that Irish farmers are facing as a result of having to meet climate targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [25231/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the age profile of Irish farm holders and the difficulties associated with succession and attracting younger people into the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [25232/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds microchipped and entered (details supplied) between 1 January 2022 and 30 April 2023, that were born in 2022. — Neasa Hourigan. [25291/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a breakdown, by year of birth, of the 5,312 non-coursing greyhounds recorded as 'exported' in 2022 on the Rásaíocht Con Éireann Traceability System. — Neasa Hourigan. [25292/23]

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

*181. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will ensure an assessment of needs is provided urgently for a four-year-old child (details supplied), who has been waiting over six months since August 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [25155/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the progress of promised legislation on the banning of conversion therapy for LGBTQ+ persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25091/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the process of tendering for research that has been commissioned to outline the mechanisms in use in other countries and to provide practical advice in relation to recognition for children under the age of 16 years (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25092/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of the current waiting lists for the community neurorehabilitation team in CHO3, which are up to six months; and the plans in place to address the shortfall in staffing to this team to meet requirements. — Cathal Crowe. [25139/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will ensure an adequate level of services in a disability service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25182/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of the appeal of the decision to exclude certain workers in an organisation (details supplied) from the Covid recognition payment; if officials from his Department or the HSE are dealing with this appeal; his views on the exclusion of these workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [25184/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the outcome of an appeal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [25219/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the outcome of an appeal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [25220/23]

*189. 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 Services to accommodate refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [25238/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if TUSLA has contracted private companies to conduct inspections of private residential care homes for children in State care; if so, the details of the companies that have been contracted; and the total value of contracts awarded. — Alan Kelly. [25251/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*191. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify how long forensic evidence collected in relation to the reporting of sexual assault is stored to enable the survivor to proceed with a prosecution at a future date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25124/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give positive consideration to the building identified by the local community in Newmarket-on-Fergus (details supplied) as a replacement venue for the local GP practice. — Cathal Crowe. [25031/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Health the plans, if any, to extend the special leave with pay for Covid-19 (SLWP) scheme, with particular reference to frontline healthcare workers who are still suffering from long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25042/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Health if additional supports will be introduced for the private nursing home sector, particularly for smaller-scale providers; the proposals, if any, there are to introduce a stabilisation fund; when a review of the fair deal scheme will be undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25044/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Health if he will advise when a Parkinson's nurse specialist will be assigned to the Westmeath area; and if any submissions were made regarding recruitment for this specialised area. — Peter Burke. [25072/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Health if any financial support or HSE schemes are available to Irish citizens for a specific treatment which is available in the UK (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [25079/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details on the discussions which have taken place to date in respect of the establishment of a national adult safeguarding authority; the expected timelines for the establishment if progressed and any other relevant information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [25080/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to extend the special scheme of paid leave for healthcare workers suffering from long-Covid given that it is due to end on 30 June 2023; the timeline his Department is working towards in concluding its examination of options in that regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [25094/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 610 of 16 May 2022, the date at which the sign off form and further information will be available to healthcare assistants working in Ireland under the general employment permit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [25095/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide funding for national physiotherapy services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [25105/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the waiting lists for endometriosis clinics in each CHO, including a breakdown of the amount of time individuals are waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25119/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the waiting lists for pain clinics in each CHO, including a breakdown of the amount of time individuals are waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25120/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a person (details supplied) awaiting a clinical appointment. — Holly Cairns. [25121/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking in response to a care centre (details supplied) withdrawing from the fair deal scheme at the end of May unless the National Treatment Purchase Fund provides increased funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25122/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking in relation to a nursing home (details supplied) that will exit the fair deal scheme at the end of May if the National Treatment Purchase Fund, NTPF, does not increase payments to it. — Holly Cairns. [25123/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on MS-care investment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [25126/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Health if he will directly intervene in the case of a patient (details supplied) seeking assistance in the treatment abroad scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [25156/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Health if the Covid recognition payment will be extended to the staff of an organisation (details supplied) who worked throughout the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [25176/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm whether the HSE has written to all schools to advise which primary care centre for dental services their school has been attached to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [25177/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Health if all schools with special classes have been contacted by the HSE to advise them that their pupils attending the special classes are given priority for dental services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [25178/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the appeal of the decision to exclude certain workers in an organisation (details supplied) from the Covid recognition payment; if officials from his Department or the HSE are dealing with this appeal; his views on the exclusion of these workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [25183/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Health if there are specific articles in the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 that prevent the title of psychologist being a protected title under the Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [25186/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify whether the Clinical Director of CUMH and of maternity services in the region are two separate roles; if there is an amalgamated salary for the roles or if the salary is derived from multiple sources; and if he will provide a breakdown of annual payments for the roles. — Catherine Murphy. [25241/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE ophthalmology registrars working in Cork University Hospital in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [25253/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant rheumatologists based at University Hospital Limerick in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [25254/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Health how the additional €8.8 million will be spent on primary care services during 2023. — Alan Kelly. [25255/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE clinical nurse specialists in anticoagulation that are based in each hospital part of the South/SouthWest Hospital Group in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [25256/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE ICU nurses in University Hospital Limerick in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; if this number will be further increased; and if so, when. — Alan Kelly. [25257/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant spinal surgeons based at the Mater Hospital in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [25258/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Health the funding to each taskforce respectively in 2023, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [25266/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Health the number of addiction rehabilitation, detox and stabilisation beds currently open, by facility, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [25267/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Health the average cost of assessment and the percentage of people who paid a fee, by addiction rehabilitation, detox and stabilisation facilities, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [25268/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Health the WTE staffing level, by role and taskforce, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [25269/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Health if mapping has been done on availability of addiction rehabilitation, detox and stabilisation across the State; and if so, if he will publish this. — Thomas Gould. [25270/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Health the current funding, per taskforce, for dual diagnosis. — Thomas Gould. [25271/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Health the current funding, per CHO, for dual diagnosis. — Thomas Gould. [25272/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Health the average spend, per staff member in social work, on external supervision. — Thomas Gould. [25273/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Health the average spend, per staff member in mental health services, on external supervision. — Thomas Gould. [25274/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of the pilot festival drug monitoring scheme at a music festival (details supplied) in 2022. — Thomas Gould. [25277/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Health the number of stepdown facilities, by county; and the number of beds open in each. — Thomas Gould. [25278/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Health the number of mobile needle exchange facilities, by CHO. — Thomas Gould. [25279/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Health the number of pharmacy needle exchange facilities, by CHO. — Thomas Gould. [25280/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Health if a business plan has been drafted for the supervised injection facility in Dublin; and if so, the estimated cost of this. — Thomas Gould. [25281/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding allocated to addressing crack cocaine use to date in 2023. — Thomas Gould. [25282/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Health the funding made available to an initiative (details supplied) to date in 2023. — Thomas Gould. [25283/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the implementation of each section of the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018. — Thomas Gould. [25284/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Health if plans can be made to distribute a special type of bread to PKU sufferers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [25285/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time permanent speech therapist, occupational therapist, physiotherapist roles in Galway; the number of these that are vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [25287/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Health if it is his intention to organise work done by speech and language, OT and physio professionals who work with ASD classes around the class as a whole rather than individual students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [25288/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Health the stage plans are at for a primary care centre for Youghal (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [25289/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [25293/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1586 of 18 April 2023, if he can provide any further information as to the date at which he expects to expand eligibility for GP-visit cards to people who earn the median household income or less; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [25320/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the current position within his Department and the HSE in respect of developing a rehabilitation facility in Cork, in particular in view of the new modular hospital which has been built in Mallow which has capacity to take 40 rehabilitation patients if the required staff were employed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [25324/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Health if a home support application will be processed for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal to allow discharge from a hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25325/23]

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

*245. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a student (details supplied) would be entitled to tax relief or any other financial benefits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [25036/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if consideration has been given to additional further education courses and/or apprenticeships in the area of horticulture; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [25145/23]

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

*247. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the latest recipients of the community support fund will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [25101/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the local improvement scheme; the number of applications that were received and approved, by county, in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25131/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of applications that have been received by her Department under CLÁR funding; the number of successful applications and the number rejected, by county, in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25132/23]

*250. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte Uimh. 106 an 25 Aibreán 2023, an ndéanfaidh sí soiléiriú a thabhairt faoi stádas an Pholasáí Oileánda; cathain a fhoilseofar an polasaí nua; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [25174/23]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 25 MAY, 2023**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Justice the most current schedule of audits on the accessibility of prison facilities in relation to upholding the principles of the UNCRPD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [24627/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in providing a refuge centre in counties Cavan and Monaghan for victims of domestic abuse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25049/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the status of the review of the Special Criminal Court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [25162/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Justice the discussions he has had with the Garda Commissioner regarding the incident where tents belonging to refugees were burned. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [25167/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Justice if he is satisfied that the present Garda Síochána structures are adequate and sufficiently responsive to meet the security needs of communities particularly in the Border region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25050/23]

6. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the recent commitment given by him to amend laws to increase sentences for assaults which cause harm to members of An Garda Síochána and other emergency service workers; if a maximum sentence of 12 years for assaults will be introduced; if so, if he can provide a timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [24172/23]

7. To ask the Minister for Justice the actions he is taking to resolve the concerns highlighted in a report (details supplied), which identified significant concerns about the environmental accessibility of Irish prisons for people with disabilities, with some individuals being unable to leave their cells or wings for large portions of their prison stay and, accordingly,

having limited access to education, employment and recreational activities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [25310/23]

8. To ask the Minister for Justice his plans to extend youth diversion projects to under-25s; when such an extension could be made; the estimated number of young people that could be diverted from the judicial system as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24770/23]

9. To ask the Minister for Justice the plans in place to reduce delays in the probate office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24653/23]

10. To ask the Minister for Justice his views on the long waiting time for citizenship applications to be processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [25309/23]

11. To ask the Minister for Justice the new measures that have been taken to ensure that communities are safe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [25172/23]

12. To ask the Minister for Justice if he is satisfied that there is an adequate Garda presence in the Cahersiveen area at all times; if he will provide details of the levels of coverage for this district; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25311/23]

13. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will report on the work to date of the CEO of the Gambling Regulatory Authority. — Thomas Gould. [25221/23]

14. To ask the Minister for Justice the plans in place to increase garda numbers on the streets of rural towns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24652/23]

15. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on insurance reform issues which fall under the remit of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [25107/23]

16. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will outline the preparatory work being done for the rollout of community safety plans beyond the pilot areas; if new sources of funding, beyond the proceeds of crime, will be needed to fund initiatives under these plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [25190/23]

17. To ask the Minister for Justice the Garda numbers, by rank, in Cork city and Cork county, in tabular form. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [24171/23]

18. To ask the Minister for Justice when the pilot project for a mental health crisis de-escalation team will be in operation in Limerick; and the reason for any delays. — Mark Ward. [24753/23]

19. To ask the Minister for Justice the action his Department is taking to ensure that victims of crime receive the highest standard of treatment and the necessary services and supports; the action that is being undertaken to further develop and improve the support services for victims; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [25237/23]

20. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will establish a comprehensive review of the outworking of the immigrant investor programme. — Matt Carthy. [25188/23]

21. To ask the Minister for Justice the action he proposes to take to raise criminal legal aid fees in order to protect the criminal justice system and ensure fair pay for barristers; and if he agrees that current fee levels are unsustainable. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [25171/23]

22. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has concluded his deliberations on the report into the death of a person (details supplied); and if he will now establish an independent inquiry into the actions of all relevant State agencies in respect of this case. — Matt Carthy. [25187/23]

23. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has plans to discuss the far right with the Garda Commissioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [25315/23]

24. To ask the Minister for Justice if a target exists for the number of persons to be recruited into the Garda Reserve; when recruiting will commence; the budget for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [25235/23]

25. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the status of a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [25316/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update in relation to the case of a person (details supplied); the status and expected date for publication of the scoping report; the actions he intends to take; if he will clarify the reason for the ongoing delays in acting on the wishes of the person's family for a full public inquiry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [25243/23]

27. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will confirm that the policy document on non-EEA family reunification 2016 has been amended to reflect the increased salary requirements required of the sponsor when applying for a family reunification visa, in particular category B sponsors, such as those on general employment permits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [25236/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on total Garda numbers in County Donegal; if he will outline his plans to increase Garda recruitment in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25300/23]

29. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prosecutions for uninsured driving in 2022. — Niamh Smyth. [25106/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Justice his views on the policing of far-right protests and aggression against refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [25313/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Justice his plans to establish a dedicated public transport section of An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [25299/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Justice if he can confirm that a whistleblower and former employee of the Prison Service was awarded a settlement by the WRC; if that award has been paid; the reason, if any, for non-payment; when the payment will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [25170/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to Gaeltacht regions; the number of vacancies in these regions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [25227/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the support to victims of crime now being provided, including an assessment of the numbers benefitting from supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [25191/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Justice the work currently being undertaken to provide reasonable accommodations to prisoners with disabilities, including those who may be neurodivergent, autistic or have mental health conditions as it relates to overcrowding and access to services in prisons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [24626/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to Gaeltacht regions; the number assigned to each station; the number who are fluent in Irish; the same number with respect to each, in each year since 2009; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25301/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Justice his plans to implement a new domestic violence register; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [25298/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the report into familicide and domestic homicide reviews; when the report will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25052/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has examined the community court system operating in New York and elsewhere; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [25234/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will consider legislating or taking any other measures that would result in tougher punishment for people who attack gardaí in the course of their duties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25312/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Justice when the interim report on the operation of the pilot community safety partnerships will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [25207/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which An Garda Síochána has adequate powers to deal with hate crimes; if An Garda Síochána has the necessary powers to intervene where law and order prevails and is seen to prevail throughout society regardless of race, creed or colour; the number of incidents, if any, recorded in the past three years which would indicate otherwise; if any action is proposed to respond to any such threats; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25204/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Justice the level of criminal offences committed by under-18s to date in 2023 in comparison to previous years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [25173/23]

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

44. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine given the critique of Ireland's Forest Programme by the DG EU Environment, if the Government is redrafting the programme; where that process is at; if he will be conducting an updated cost-benefit analysis that includes impacts on water, biodiversity and environment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25305/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to support farmers in tackling ash dieback. — Holly Cairns. [25028/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the forestry programme; if he can provide a timeline for when it is expected that state aid approval will be reached from the European Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25113/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his engagement to date with Irish infant-formula manufacturers in relation to falling birth rates in China; if there is a strategy in place for these manufacturers for the substantial fall in market share; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [25225/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the horse project in Cork; and the funding provided for the control of horses in Cork in 2022. — Thomas Gould. [25223/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps his Department has taken to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to increase the veterinary presence available on all live-export consignments to third countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [25214/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the new initiatives he plans on the farm safety front; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25319/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if, given the detrimental health effects, there are plans to ban glyphosate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [25108/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the results of a recent survey of over 250 farmers by researchers at University College Dublin, which suggested that over half had experienced moderate to extremely severe depression; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [25226/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when his Department's review of the EIA (Agriculture) regulations will commence; if he will require screening of all hedgerow removal, land drainage and conversion of land to agricultural use, regardless of the scale of such operations, while such a review is ongoing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [25216/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has plans to increase the funding for social farming, given the benefits that are felt by people with psychosocial issues, people with disabilities, young people not in employment, education or training, people

recovering from substance misuse and refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [25307/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the governance and oversight frameworks that reside with his Department in instances if the governing body of greyhound racing or coursing has failed to act on evidence of breaches of animal welfare legislation or failure to exclude trainers convicted of animal welfare breaches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [24629/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is intending to reform the mandate of Coillte, in line with the recommendations of a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25302/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if additional funding will be allocated to the national liming programme, given the level of applications received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25112/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 112 of 20 April 2023, if he will provide an update on the work of the Wool Council; if the €30,000 in Departmental funding promised to support the Wool Council has been drawn down to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25054/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has plans to develop social farming in order that an employment programme can be offered as well as a pre-employment programme, so that participants can receive payment, as well as the farmer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [25308/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way his Department is promoting the planting of trees; the progress that has been made to date in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [25215/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way the price of carbon fixed in the public expenditure code is factored into the design of agricultural policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [25195/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress that has been made on sourcing new markets for Irish food produce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25318/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the review of land use currently under way; the key findings of the work to date; and the implications for future policy development. — Richard Bruton. [25194/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts being made to put supports in place for forgotten farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24655/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if financial supports or grants will be made available to farmers and landowners to safely manage roadside ash trees which would support farmers to hire relevant professionals to safely fell these trees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [24159/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to address the low rates of afforestation. — Holly Cairns. [25027/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when his Department will launch a voluntary reduction scheme for dairy farmers; how the scheme will be structured in a way which ensures that reductions in breeding ruminants on a participating farm are not offset by increases in breeding ruminant numbers on that farm or on other farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [25217/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine following a controversy (details supplied), the steps that are being taken to reform Coillte's approach to meeting Ireland's afforestation targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25306/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied that agri-food production in this country continues to be recognised as a central part of the economy, with major job creation in both urban and rural settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25203/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking in response to a report by Bord Iascaigh Mhara (details supplied), with the conclusion that 'for many length classes [of the small-scale fleet], particularly the lower ones, this salary was at a very low level and the current economic crises have exerted major cost pressures and squeezed this income significantly'. — Holly Cairns. [25026/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on delays to the basic income support scheme, and areas of natural constraints scheme; the action his Department is taking to ensure payments are made on time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25110/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of a new report (details supplied); if so, the measures, if any, in the report under consideration by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [25208/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions he is taking fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to 'ensure that inshore waters continue to be protected for smaller fishing vessels and recreational fishers and that pair trawling will be prohibited inside the six-mile limit'. — Holly Cairns. [25025/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline any changes in regulations or requirements with regard to the stacking of silage bales, in particular, with regard to how many rows high they are permitted to be stacked; the penalties that apply in respect of a failure to adhere with same; what leeway will be provided to farmers who have to stack bales three-rows high due to space constraints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [25218/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is going to adopt the recommendations of the Citizens Assembly on Biodiversity in terms of reform of Coillte and forestry policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25304/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way he is encouraging and supporting farmers to plant trees on their farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [25233/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to ensure the future of the agri-food sector, while at the same time meeting emission targets, thereby ensuring maximum utilisation of the benefits of arable, productive land to ensure against likely food shortages in the future, which the formation of the European Community sought to avert; if he is satisfied that emissions from the agri-food sector are comparable with the rest of Europe, keeping in mind their national herds; if he will continue to ensure the use of science to curtail emissions in Ireland, in line with targets, thereby ensuring a fair balance between emission reduction, agri-food production and a comparability with other jurisdictions throughout the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25202/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of any measures planned for the protection of the sprat fishery which is concentrated inside the 6nm zone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25053/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will be allocating additional funding to support animal welfare in Budget 2024; if he is concerned that animal welfare organisations are overburdened with welfare cases due to the lack of enforcement by authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [24160/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the details of the stringent terms and conditions mentioned in clause 1.1 of the new interim afforestation scheme; if the €200,000 threshold mentioned in this clause refers to investment or premium pay out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [25142/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will re-examine the current allocation system of the national mackerel quota; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24654/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the additional supports being provided for the sheep sector, given that the Brexit adjustment reserve was not used to provide much-needed supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25114/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the proposed EU Nature Restoration Regulation has been considered at the Council of Agriculture Ministers; if so, the proposals he put forward; the outcome of such discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25213/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of hectares of new afforestation in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the projected total for 2023. — Matt Carthy. [25192/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of hectares planted for 2023; the number of licences issued; the target for licences issued in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [25297/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he is going to implement the commitment in the Programme for Government to review and reform the Forestry Act 1988; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25303/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how he proposes to treat farmers who did not make an application for the ACRES scheme by the November 2022 deadline, as they had been informed by Teagasc, a State agency under his Department, that there was insufficient capacity to deal with the number of applications and only because of the said lack of capacity of Teagasc; if farmers who make an application by August 2023, will be treated as though they had made the application in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [24769/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications received for the reconstitution and underplanting scheme related to ash dieback in 2022; the number of applications received to date in 2023; the number approved in each of these categories; the amount paid out under the RUS in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [25209/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the new forestry programme, including when it is expected that new applications will be accepted into the scheme. — Matt Carthy. [25193/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he and his Department accept and endorse the findings of the 2021 Power Report, commissioned by Rásaíocht Con Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [24628/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on reforms to ACRES to allow non-turbary and turbary areas to be scored independently of each other; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [25296/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the new afforestation scheme will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [25143/23]