



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

*Déardaoin, 25 Bealtaine, 2023*

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH**  
**QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Justice the measures he is taking to remediate the current prison overcrowding crisis. — Pa Daly. [24679/23]
2. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will report on any discussion he has had with senior Garda authorities on the policing of anti-asylum seeker/refugee demonstrations and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [25462/23]
3. To ask the Minister for Justice his views on the current civil legal aid review; the plans, if any, he has in relation to the criminal legal aid sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [24680/23]
4. To ask the Minister for Justice how he intends to improve recruitment and retention rates in An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [25403/23]
5. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who arrived into the State through Dublin Airport without valid documentation to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [25425/23]

**CEISTEANNA EILE**  
**OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

6. 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]
7. 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]
8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

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

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

### **CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

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

49. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he intends to extend current supports to address ash dieback; if he will outline additional measures his Department is taking to support forestry landowners with removing affected trees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25111/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the plan to provide supports to the Forgotten Farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25141/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to increase the amount of land being farmed for tillage purposes. — Holly Cairns. [25024/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the National Strategic Plan for Sustainable Aquaculture Development (2021 – 2030); when the plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25048/23]

### **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

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

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

\*102. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if mobile and software applications from a company (details supplied) will be banned from Government devices to protect users' data from being passed to state security services, in light of information outlined in a media report. — Louise O'Reilly. [25375/23]

\*103. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs with regard to the UN database of companies operating in Israel's illegal settlements in occupied Palestinian territory, if he is of the opinion that the database is at present achieving the objectives outlined in the Resolution adopted by the U.N. Human Rights Council in 2016; the initiatives that the Government has taken since 2020 to assist the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in making sure that the database has been regularly updated and is fit for purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25450/23]

\*104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the additional measures he intends to take to ensure that no products from illegal Israeli settlements in Palestine are imported into Ireland, irrespective of labelling, in order to guarantee that Ireland is not contributing to gross human rights abuses of Palestinians; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25451/23]

\*105. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is satisfied that Ireland played its part in ensuring that the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights has fully complied with the UN Human Rights Council mandate to compile, publish and regularly update a database of all businesses operating in illegal Israeli settlements in occupied Palestinian territory; if he fears that extensive political pressure may have been brought to bear on the High Commissioner to disregard this mandate, to interpret it in a particular way or to hamper progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [25452/23]

\*106. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will confirm that no Irish companies are engaged in activities in Israel's illegal settlements in Palestine or profiting from or contributing to systematic human rights violations against Palestinian communities; the tangible systems and procedures that are in place to end any involvement in illegal Israeli settlements of Irish companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [25453/23]

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

\*107. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if mobile and software applications from a company (details supplied) will be banned from Government devices to protect users' data from being passed to state security services, in light of information outlined in a media report. — Louise O'Reilly. [25373/23]

\*108. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department or any agency under the aegis of his Department has any responsibility to ensure the safety or environmental integrity of residents from the effects of construction works in their area; if the EPA has any statutory or legal role in ensuring construction works operate in a safe and environmentally appropriate manner (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [25394/23]

\*109. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the special interim dividend mentioned in Parliamentary Questions (details supplied); if he will detail the mechanism through which the payments were made to large energy users; what the total value was for the dividend paid to the LEUs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25444/23]

\*110. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the special interim dividend mentioned in Parliamentary Questions (details supplied); if the payments were subject to the revised estimate process; if not, what parliamentary scrutiny and oversight there was of these payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25445/23]

\*111. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the resolution available to ensure that a household (details supplied) is broadband enabled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [25481/23]

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

\*112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if mobile and software applications from a company (details supplied) will be banned from Government devices to protect users' data from being passed to state security services, in light of information outlined in a media report. — Louise O'Reilly. [25370/23]

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

\*113. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of delays in the roll-out of the school mobility programme in the administrative area of Dublin City Council due to staff shortages; if he will sanction the recruitment of two walking and cycling officers to join the school mobility team of this council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [25338/23]

\*114. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the M20 project; and a timeline for same. — Thomas Gould. [25339/23]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent to date on the M20. — Thomas Gould. [25340/23]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 140 of 9 May 2023, if he will address a query (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [25350/23]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Transport if mobile and software applications from a company (details supplied) will be banned from Government devices to protect users' data from being passed to state security services, in light of information outlined in a media report. — Louise O'Reilly. [25384/23]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans regarding the 50% discount on the young adult card and student leap card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [25446/23]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Transport when the necessary infrastructure will be put in place to facilitate local bus companies that are investing in electric buses so that they can charge their vehicles in a timely way and in a convenient location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [25469/23]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will reassert his commitment to support the Kerry to Dublin air route in the event of future commercial market failure on the route, as was asserted in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25530/23]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Transport the cost of public notices published on 18 May 2023 in an article (details supplied) in respect of the Bus Connects scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25531/23]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide in tabular form the number, per county, of local area hackney service licences issued to date; if he will provide a breakdown of the years in which these licences were issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25532/23]



\*123. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for the upgrade of Phase 2 of the N22 Macroom to Ovens project; if he will provide a timeline for completion of the project and an outline of the proposed scheme and estimated cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25533/23]

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

\*124. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Airgeadais an bhfuil machnamh déanta aige ar an moladh go ndéanfar Uplift Gaeltachta a chur mar chreidmheas cánach i gcás scannánaíochta, bunaithe ar an Uplift Réigiúnach, agus cad é an meastachán ar chostais dá gcuirfí Uplift Gaeltachta 2%, 3.5% nó 5% i bhfeidhm. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24709/23]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will legislate to ensure that all electric buses purchased to provide transport through Local Link are exempt from VAT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [25470/23]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Finance if mobile and software applications from a company (details supplied) will be banned from Government devices to protect users' data from being passed to state security services, in light of information outlined in a media report. — Louise O'Reilly. [25374/23]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Finance further to the recently approved amendment to the Finance Bill 2023 to apply a zero per cent VAT rate for the supply and installation of solar panels, where the zero VAT rate applies, and if he could clarify whether it is applied to the wholesaler or claimed back retrospectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [25407/23]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if he was aware of this issue with professional services withholding tax faced by GPs working in such organisations; if he intends to take steps to address this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [25410/23]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Finance the current status of the disabled drivers medical board of appeal; the number of applications presently awaiting a decision; the current waiting time for a decision; the number of appeals considered and determined in each month over the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [25443/23]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware that VAT is applied to the directive charitable donations of goods; if it is possible to introduce a VAT waiver on such donations to support households in the context of the high cost-of-living, reduce waste and support the circular economy. — Pearse Doherty. [25459/23]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Finance whether VAT refunds are available specifically on the purchase of through-floor lift used by people with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [25471/23]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Finance the annual median earnings in each of the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022. — Pearse Doherty. [25476/23]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Finance if he might indicate, in respect of a recent tax appeals commission ruling wherein both Revenue and TAC held that the disposal of a portfolio of

loans by a vulture fund was “the disposal of an interest in land”, and therefore subject to CGT, why the purchase of the portfolio of loans is not subject to stamp duty where the purchase is of an acquisition in land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25501/23]

*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.*

\*134. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if mobile and software applications from a company (details supplied) will be banned from Government devices to protect users’ data from being passed to state security services, in light of information outlined in a media report. — Louise O’Reilly. [25380/23]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of wastewater treatment plants that will be included in NDP Delivery up until 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [25468/23]

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

\*136. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if mobile and software applications from a company (details supplied) will be banned from Government devices to protect users’ data from being passed to state security services, in light of information outlined in a media report. — Louise O’Reilly. [25372/23]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to outline the measures that are being taken by his Department to address current employment permit appeals waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [25388/23]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide an update on an employment permit appeal application for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [25389/23]

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

\*139. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport can be provided to a child (details supplied) from their home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [25331/23]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline in detail the additional supports available in secondary schools for pupils with a diagnosis of autism; if there is a provision in place to offer regular engagement with speech and language therapy and reading supports; and if she will outline other ancillary services which can be availed of by pupils and parents to support a fair educational opportunity. — Robert Troy. [25347/23]

\*141. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an bhfuil sí ar an eolas nach bhfuil an tairseach chlárúcháin MyRegistration/MoChlarú de chuid na Comhairle Múinteoireachta ar fáil i nGaeilge do mhúinteoirí fós cé gur gealladh go mbeadh sí ar fáil go luath sa bhliain 2023; an bhfuil a



Roinn i dteagmháil leis an gComhairle ar an ábhar; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25348/23]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 89 of 16 May 2023, if she will provide an update on new applications registered to date for the 2023/2024 school transport scheme for mainstream, SEN and Ukrainian students; if she will outline the number of paid up applications to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [25351/23]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the capital project for a school (details supplied); if a timeframe can be provided as to the commencement of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25363/23]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a breakdown, by county, of the number of new-school builds between 2016 to 2019, in tabular form; if she will provide a similar breakdown, by county, of the number of new-school builds between 2020 and to date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [25364/23]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a breakdown, by county, of the number of schools that were refurbished between 2016 to 2019, in tabular form; if she will provide a similar breakdown, by county, of the number of schools that were refurbished between 2020 and to date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [25365/23]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a breakdown, by county, of minor works grants for schools between 2016 to 2019, in tabular form; if she will provide a similar breakdown, by county, of minor works grants between 2020 and to date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [25366/23]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a breakdown, by county, of the number of special needs assistants employed in schools between 2016 to 2019, in tabular form; if she will provide a similar breakdown, by county, of the number of special needs assistants employed in schools between 2020 and to date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [25367/23]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Education if mobile and software applications from a company (details supplied) will be banned from Government devices to protect users' data from being passed to state security services, in light of information outlined in a media report. — Louise O'Reilly. [25371/23]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 282 of 25 April 2023, when correspondence will issue from the State Examinations Commission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [25397/23]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of restoring the primary school library fund at a rate of €10 per primary-school child; and the additional estimated cost of expanding such a scheme to second-level schools at a rate of €10 per secondary-school child. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25406/23]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Education why a reasonable accommodation request for a student (details supplied) with severe dyslexia has been refused; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [25408/23]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of Cara Nua which has been in existence since 2013 and funds it was set to administer and distribute for the benefit of survivors of institutional abuse; if it has been wound up as indicated would happen in 2020; what is due to happen to its remaining funds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25411/23]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Education if she has given consideration to allowing childcare providers to offer a service for the Summer Programme 2023, especially in areas where no such service is currently being offered and where there is definite demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [25412/23]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Education the amount of money spent on an annual basis on transporting children with special educational needs outside their local school-catchment area. — Paul Murphy. [25414/23]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children with special educational needs that are waiting for appropriate school places for September 2023. — Paul Murphy. [25415/23]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the number of occasions on which she has used her powers under S. 37A to direct a school to provide places for children with special educational needs. — Paul Murphy. [25416/23]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Education the name of the accountancy firm that has been commissioned to audit the 21 education centres in Ireland; the amount this exercise will cost; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [25419/23]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Education the amount of funding provided to each of the 21 education centres in Ireland for each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [25420/23]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Education the number of the 21 education centres in Ireland that will publish their annual and audited accounts on their websites in each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [25421/23]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Education how a school can commence engagement with her Department with a view to requesting a new school site and building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [25456/23]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the progression of the review into the school transport scheme; if she will provide an indicative timeline for the publication of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [25538/23]

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

\*162. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad maoiniú a caitheadh ar TG4 in aghaidh gach bliana ó 2003, agus an ndéanfaidh sí briseadh síos air de réir maoiniú reatha agus caipitil. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24699/23]

\*163. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad maoiniú breise a theastóidh chun straitéis forbartha TG4 a chur i bhfeidhm in aghaidh na bliana, agus an bhfuil sé i gceist ag an Aire í a chur i bhfeidhm. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24700/23]

\*164. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad maoiniú a caitheadh ar RTÉ in aghaidh gach bliana ó 2003, agus an ndéanfaidh sí briseadh síos air de réir maoiniú reatha agus caipitil. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24702/23]

\*165. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad maoiniú a caitheadh ar Raidió Rí Rá in aghaidh gach bliana ó 2003, agus an ndéanfaidh sí briseadh síos air de réir maoiniú reatha agus caipitil. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24704/23]

\*166. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad maoiniú a caitheadh ar Raidió na Life in aghaidh gach bliana ó 2003, agus an ndéanfaidh sí briseadh síos air de réir maoiniú reatha agus caipitil. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24705/23]

\*167. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad maoiniú caipitil a caitheadh ar chultúrlanna nó ionaid Ghaeilge in aghaidh gach bliana ó 2003, agus an ndéanfaidh sí briseadh síos air de réir an ionaid nó na cultúrlainne. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24706/23]

\*168. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad maoiniú reatha a caitheadh ar chultúrlanna nó ionaid Ghaeilge in aghaidh gach bliana ó 2003, agus an ndéanfaidh sí briseadh síos air de réir an ionaid nó na cultúrlainne. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24707/23]

\*169. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an ndéantar aon chúrsaí Gaeilge saor in aisce do dhaoine fásta a mhaoiniú faoi láthair, agus cad é an costas ar an Stát. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24711/23]

\*170. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán conas atá ag éirí leis an gcoinníoll faoi Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021 a deir gur gá 5% den chaiteachas fógraíochta ag comhlacht poiblí a chaitheamh ar fhógraíocht sna meáin Ghaeilge; cén mhonatóireacht atá ar bhun ar chomhlíonadh na forála seo; agus cé mhéad airgead atá caite ar na meáin Ghaeilge de thoradh an choinníll seo go dtí seo faoin Acht. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24714/23]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if mobile and software applications from a company (details supplied) will be banned from Government devices to protect users' data from being passed to state security services, in light of information outlined in a media report. — Louise O'Reilly. [25383/23]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will consider devising a bursary scheme to help accommodation and tourism providers in towns like Lisdoonvarna, County Clare who are struggling, owing to the major role their town has played in providing accommodation to Ukrainian refugees, to attract tourists and make a sustainable income this year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [25458/23]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has directed any relevant body under her aegis to prepare a report under Section 15(2) of the Climate Action Low Carbon Development Act 2016, as amended. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25461/23]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the State has any plans to mark the 250th anniversary of the birth of Daniel O’Connell in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25535/23]

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

\*175. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of individuals who have unsuccessfully applied for their land, with respect to land that is being actively farmed, to be re/de-zoned from residential zoning but have been unsuccessful, and are now subject to the residential zoned land tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25427/23]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of people on the social housing lists currently subject to notices-to-quit in County Kildare; the likelihood of those people/families being socially housed before the expiration of their notice, or what other alternatives in terms of emergency accommodation are available to them to prevent their falling into homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [25334/23]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding provided to Kerry County Council for the voids programme each year since 2015, in tabular form; the number of voids completed; the amount of money drawn down by Kerry County Council each year; the amount unspent each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25341/23]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has engaged with a company (details supplied) regarding empty apartments above its store in Macroom, Cork. — Thomas Gould. [25342/23]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the Government is waiting for the new Energy Performance of Buildings Directive to start requiring measurement of embodied carbon emissions (i.e. 2027), while other European Union member states, such as Denmark, are already addressing this issue, given that embodied carbon emissions from the construction industry account for 14% of Ireland’s national emissions and are likely to increase until 2030 if unaddressed. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25352/23]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a pension lump sum one-off payment is taken into account when assessing someone for social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25361/23]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if mobile and software applications from a company (details supplied) will be banned from Government devices to protect users' data from being passed to state security services, in light of information outlined in a media report. — Louise O'Reilly. [25378/23]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify his Department's position on four housing issues (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [25393/23]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of tenant-in-situ sales completed by Cork City Council to date; the number in progress; and the number requested. — Thomas Gould. [25455/23]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to give councils and the Housing Agency any flexibility with the income limits for cost rental tenant-in-situ scheme to ensure that applicants whose income is just over the upper income limit for cost rental are not excluded from the tenant-in-situ scheme and thus rendered homeless. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25457/23]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total amount of general Government capital expenditure on social and affordable housing by local authorities, approved housing bodies and the Land Development Agency in 2022 by funding via voted-Government capital expenditure, Approved Housing Body-borrowing for capital developments and LDA capital expenditure in each of those years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25472/23]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the grants and supports available for the purchase and maintenance of through-floor lifts used by people with disabilities in households that currently exceed the €60,000 yearly household income threshold under the housing adaptation grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [25482/23]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 757 of 18 April 2023, which to date remains unanswered, the reason for this; if he will confirm whether a person who owns a derelict house and who wishes to avail of the vacant property refurbishment grant, and as a result of the structure being damaged beyond repair, demolishes the house, is eligible to apply for the vacant property refurbishment grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [25537/23]

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

\*188. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will arrange to issue a decision on a domiciliary care allowance appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Michael Creed. [25345/23]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she intends to address the anomaly whereby someone who was on one social welfare payment and was entitled to the Christmas bonus, and has moved to another social welfare payment is not entitled to the spring cost-of-living payment, despite having been on a social welfare payment for longer than 12 months. — Paul Murphy. [25362/23]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if mobile and software applications from a company (details supplied) will be banned from Government devices to protect users' data from being passed to state security services, in light of information outlined in a media report. — Louise O'Reilly. [25382/23]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expedite the review and re-instatement of a carer's allowance payment for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [25395/23]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of an application for a State pension (non-contributory) for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [25465/23]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of a disability allowance application for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [25466/23]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is any update on her Department's position regarding the recognition of Covid-19 as an occupational disease for frontline health care workers in Ireland, as per EU ACSH Agreement in May 2022, following the monitoring of the European Commission's work and recommendations in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [25480/23]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the maximum social protection payment available under whatever heading in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25499/23]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) can expect to receive an emergency payment, given that they have received no payment since January last and have accumulated considerable local authority rent arrears of €720; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25500/23]

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

\*197. To ask the Minister for Justice if consideration has been given to designating South Africa and Brazil as safe countries under section 72 of International Protection Act 2015, on the basis that the legal situation in both countries, the application of the law within what are two democratic systems and the general political circumstances show that in both countries there is generally and consistently no persecution, no torture or inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and no threat by reason of indiscriminate violence in situations of international or internal armed conflict. — Jim O'Callaghan. [25358/23]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Justice if mobile and software applications from a company (details supplied) will be banned from Government devices to protect users' data from being passed to state security services, in light of information outlined in a media report. — Louise O'Reilly. [25379/23]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Justice when the last full meeting of the Garda National Diversity and Integration Forum took place; what supports are in place to assist the forum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [25405/23]



\*200. To ask the Minister for Justice the current and/or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25426/23]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Justice if consideration will be given to the establishment of a regulator for owner management companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [25473/23]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Justice if a prisoner (details supplied), now in Cloverhill Prison on a serious charge, has already received treatment for a contagious condition and who is anxious to avail of a methadone programme at the earliest opportunity, given that their health condition and continued misbehaviour requires such a programme, as well as intensive psychological assessment notwithstanding the serious nature of the offence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25491/23]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Justice the current and/or expected position in regard to naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25492/23]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Justice the correct residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25493/23]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Justice if, in the case of a person (details supplied), family reunification will be facilitated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25494/23]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Justice the current position in regard to naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); if their case might be addressed in early date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25495/23]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Justice the current or expected residency status in the case of the daughter of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25496/23]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which plans are in hand to increase recruitment to An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25502/23]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Justice the current strength of An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25503/23]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Justice the current strength of An Garda Síochána, by gender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25504/23]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which he and his Department are successfully combatting organised crime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25505/23]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Justice the degree to which educational or rehabilitative provision is being made for first-time offenders while in prison, with a view to preventing recidivism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25507/23]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons deemed to have committed further offences while on bail in each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25508/23]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Justice if adequate steps are being taken to recruit sufficient numbers of gardaí to meet policing requirements in all areas throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25510/23]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons deemed to have committed a crime while released on bail in each of the past five years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25511/23]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which membership of criminal gangs or those associated with drug crimes have decreased/increased in each of the past five years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25512/23]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which perceived deficiencies in the number of gardaí available to the various Garda divisions throughout the country can be addressed in the short to medium term given increasing demands, increased population growth and in some cases the closure of some Garda stations, which may need to be reopened in the event of such closures being a contributory factor in the number of crimes reported and pursued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25513/23]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Justice the position regarding the review of the historic Poff and Barrett pardon cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25536/23]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of vehicles reported stolen in each county in the State in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [25539/23]

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

\*220. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if mobile and software applications from a company (details supplied) will be banned from Government devices to protect users' data from being passed to state security services, in light of information outlined in a media report. — Louise O'Reilly. [25368/23]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to detail in tabular form, for the each of the past five years, the percentage of private felling licences and the percentage of Coillte felling licences that have been approved by his Department within six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [25477/23]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to monitor the needs of the agri-food producing sector, with particular reference to the need to ensure the viability of the family farm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25516/23]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to monitor the needs of the agri-food producing sector, with particular reference to the



need to ensure the viability of the family fishing industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25517/23]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which new markets continue to be established for Irish food and food products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25518/23]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which farm safety continues to be a major issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25519/23]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way that the Irish dairy industry can invest with confidence, with particular reference to the need to maintain markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25520/23]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which Irish lamb continues to be a major competitor on world markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25521/23]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the pig meat sector is adequately supported in a highly competitive environment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25522/23]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the poultry production sector here remains viable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25523/23]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the cereal growing sector is adequately supported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25524/23]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the battle against bovine TB continues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25525/23]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which ongoing efforts are made to identify the causes of intermittent outbreaks of bovine TB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25526/23]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which all food imports into this country remain subject to Irish and EU standards in respect of husbandry, processing and production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25527/23]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to encourage compliance to meet emission reduction targets, while at the same time ensuring that the agri-food industry is not damaged given the prospect of world food shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25528/23]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied that Irish fishermen will retain their fishing entitlements into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25529/23]

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

\*236. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which investigations into child abuse continue vigorously, in order to ensure the safety of children in the home or in institutional care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25506/23]

\*237. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige cad é an meastachán ar chostais a bhainfeadh le bliain saor in aisce a mhaoiniú i naíonra lán-Ghaeilge le haghaidh gach linbh réamhscoile is sine ná 2 bhliain agus 8 mí d'aois a bhfuil cónaí orthu sa Ghaeltacht. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24713/23]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if mobile and software applications from a company (details supplied) will be banned from Government devices to protect users' data from being passed to state security services, in light of information outlined in a media report. — Louise O'Reilly. [25369/23]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline the situations, if any, where childcare providers are required to hold a Public Services vehicle licence as part of the core funding contract with his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [25413/23]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 418 of 18 May 2023, if he will provide details of the practical concerns he is referring to regarding the operation of the Houses of the Oireachtas arising from the introduction of maternity leave for Members. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25428/23]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if SI 121/2018 remains in force; if not, when and how it was revoked; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [25464/23]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether his Department is considering utilising privately owned modular housing developments for accommodation for Ukrainian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [25478/23]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the grants and supports available for the purchase and maintenance of through-floor lifts used by people with disabilities outside of the housing adaptation grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [25483/23]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 425 of 18 May 2023, if the developer is unilaterally extending the scale of the development, which appears to be in excess of that authorised by way of exemption or other arrangement; if the scale of the work to date is entirely associated with the use authorised by his Department of the house in question; if, as indicated by the local authority, this

extra development is in breach of planning regulations; if this can be clarified in early date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25490/23]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the cost to allow new recruits of Tusla to carry over their annual leave entitlements from private social work/care employers. — Kathleen Funchion. [25534/23]

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

\*246. To ask the Minister for Health with regard to the healthy age-friendly homes programme, the amount of resources under the programme that have been allocated; and the number of older people that have benefitted from the scheme. — Patricia Ryan. [25475/23]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the reason 14 step-down beds in Clonakilty Community Hospital are no longer in use, in particular where there is enormous pressure on the hospitals in Cork to have patients transferred to these types of step-down facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [25326/23]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Health with regard to the recent withdrawal of a nursing home (details supplied) in Cork from the fair deal scheme due to the difference between the amounts paid per resident in private nursing homes compared to HSE public ones, if he can clarify the parameters around which the amounts are based for each payment; the measures the Government will consider putting in place to prevent further exodus of private nursing homes from the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [25332/23]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Health the number of intensive home support packages that have been delivered to date; the number of intensive homecare hours that have been delivered to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [25333/23]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the new national safeguarding policy for the health and social care sector, as promised in Budget 2023, with particular emphasis on the safeguarding of adults and older people, if any; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [25335/23]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional adult day care places for older people and dementia/Alzheimer's sufferers provided in CHO7 since Budget 2023, in tabular form; and the locations and accessibility for service users of those places, as such centres play a vital role in enabling older people and others with disabilities to live independently at home, while being able to access social and health services in their communities. — Patricia Ryan. [25336/23]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Health the plans he has in place to help nursing homes who are locked into deeds (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [25337/23]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with a nursing home (details supplied) regarding funding issues around the fair deal scheme. — Thomas Gould. [25344/23]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to review future placement pay for students in work following the announcement of student nurses to be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [25346/23]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Health when Tender 2023 will be published for homecare services. — Thomas Gould. [25349/23]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of his plans to expedite the construction and opening of the proposed additional 1,500 rapid build of hospital beds; the number of construction companies which have provided expressions of interest in tendering for the construction of the capacity in the period proposed; the identity of the sites the Health Service Executive has identified as suitable to build the 1,500 hospital beds on, in tabular form; the timelines for the design, planning, tendering, completion of each of the building developments and the opening with appropriate staffing of the 1,500 beds on a site by site basis, in tabular form; when the Government will commit the funding for the additional 1,500 rapid build of hospital beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [25353/23]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to expedite the provision of additional step-down care and rehabilitation beds to reduce the number of delayed transfers of care patients, which consistently total around 600, in order to ensure the efficient use of hospital beds; the number of additional step-down care and rehabilitation beds funded and opened in each year since the start of 2020, in tabular form; the number of additional step-down care and rehabilitation beds planned to open in 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [25354/23]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the supports promised to student nurses and midwives, as announced on 13 December 2022 that are yet to be implemented, given that his Department issued a circular to the HSE on 27 February approving the payments and the particular arrangements, if he agrees that the €500 subsistence grant to cover the cost of food, transport and other expenses needs to be implemented urgently; if he will instruct the HSE to implement the rolling out of this grant without further delay and before the start of the 2023/2024 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [25355/23]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the rollout of adult and adolescent eating disorder services at 1D Griffith Avenue, as outlined in an article (details supplied); the cause of delay for these services; the expected date for when these services will be operational; if the temporary services in Maryfield Cottage in Swords will continue until services in Griffith Avenue are operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25356/23]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Health if he will approve the payment for low-dose naltrexone prescribed to long-Covid patients under the drug payment scheme and the medical card scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [25357/23]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite a medical appointment for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [25359/23]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite a medical appointment for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [25360/23]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Health if mobile and software applications from a company (details supplied) will be banned from Government devices to protect users' data from being

passed to state security services, in light of information outlined in a media report. — Louise O'Reilly. [25377/23]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Health for a timeline on the consultation process committed to in relation to drug cost reimbursement including the cost of drugs for rare diseases. — John Lahart. [25387/23]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Health why a person (details supplied) is being assessed 7.5% contribution from their principle private residence on their fair deal contribution to the cost of care assessment, in spite of the fact that their spouse was also previously assessed at 7.5% for this same contribution; if this is an error can the person's contribution from their principal private residence be reduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [25390/23]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for a hearing test; the current waiting time for a test; the number of persons awaiting a test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [25391/23]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm that Tender 2023 for homecare workers will take effect from June 2023 as it has been delayed since 2022, resulting in tender 2018 still operating, and that the new tender will include the living wage as the new minimum for homecare workers, payment for travel time, uniform remuneration for mileage, continuity of income for homecare workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [25392/23]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the availability of scalp-cooling services in the oncology ward of the Mater Hospital, which was previously curtailed on infection control advice related to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [25396/23]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a provider's new permanent location (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [25409/23]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [25417/23]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline any ongoing schemes to encourage GPs into rural areas to assist with the current shortage of GPs across rural practices and to assist our existing GPs in taking necessary time off. — Robert Troy. [25418/23]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 918 of 8 November 2022, 299 of 19 January 2023 and 659 of 21 February 2023, if he will provide the information already sought and not provided in the response to Parliamentary Question No 299 of 19 January 2023, namely, a breakdown in tabular form of all costs associated with the removal of a row of trees outside Cork University Hospital on 22 October 2022; to include the names of the companies or persons that were commissioned for each of these services, including the arborist assessment, the tree-removal works, the clearance of the timber and the tree-planting assessment and any other associated costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [25423/23]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of staffing all emergency departments with liaison psychiatrists for one year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25429/23]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of having fully staffed mental health teams in each CHO across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25430/23]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of fully staffing and operating all 73-child and adult mental health services teams, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25431/23]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Health the cost to fully implement the National Clinical Programme for Early Intervention Psychosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25432/23]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of fully funding the National Clinical Programme for Eating Disorders and deliver the remaining eating disorder teams by 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25433/23]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Health the current and capital cost of establishing and operating a 24/7 multi-agency mental health crisis de-escalating team, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25434/23]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated current and capital cost of implementing the Government's plan for inpatient and outpatient perinatal mental health care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25435/23]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Health the cost to fully implement the National Clinical Programme for ADHD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25436/23]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of running the Galway Community Café, the free out-of-hours adult mental health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25437/23]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to increase funding for recovery education by 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25438/23]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of employing a mental health liaison respectively, inclusive of salary and PRSI costs, as provided for in the HSE winter plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25439/23]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing universal counselling within primary care; the cost of providing counselling in primary care for 0-18 years, 0-25 years and over-25s, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25440/23]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of fully implementing the National model of care for dual diagnosis over five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25441/23]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Health the capital and current cost of establishing a ten-bed inpatient unit for eating disorders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25442/23]



\*287. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Cork will receive a further urgent appointment for a pain management procedure, given the timeframe since the previous appointment. — Sean Sherlock. [25447/23]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of all Section 38 and 39 organisations who receive funding from his Department or the HSE MHS budget for the provision of mental health supports for the past three years; to provide details on the services being provided by these organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [25448/23]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Health when an organisation (details supplied) can expect to receive agreed funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [25454/23]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [25460/23]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 170,000 additional meals on wheels allocated to CHO7 in Budget 2023, covering 34 services, which have been drawn down in the intervening time, in tabular form. — Patricia Ryan. [25474/23]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has developed and/or instituted a medium three-to-five-year-term recruitment plan, aimed at increasing direct provision of homecare support and to ensure that the HSE has a minimum capacity in each CHO/RHA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [25540/23]

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

\*293. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if and when a SUSI grant might be awarded in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25497/23]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if mobile and software applications from a company (details supplied) will be banned from Government devices to protect users' data from being passed to state security services, in light of information outlined in a media report. — Louise O'Reilly. [25376/23]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress that has been made to date regarding the integration of Carlow College St Patricks Carlow into the Higher Education Authority; the engagement the Department has had on the issue with stakeholders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [25386/23]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of the anomalies that have been brought to the attention of the National Apprenticeship Office, SOLAS and the Health and Safety Authority by an organisation (details supplied) in respect of the current Construction Regulations and the ability of those who complete the new consortium-led scaffolding apprenticeship in December 2023 and who attain a QQI Level 5 qualification to legally scaffold; if he is concerned that these anomalies have the potential to inadvertently undermine the new consortia-led system and impact on participation rates when compared against the ability to access a SOLAS National Craft Card by other construction apprentices; if he agrees that the scaffolding apprenticeship programme ought to be recognised

independently of CSCS under the Construction Regulations; the steps he plans to take to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [25479/23]

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

\*297. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if mobile and software applications from a company (details supplied) will be banned from Government devices to protect users' data from being passed to state security services, in light of information outlined in a media report. — Louise O'Reilly. [25381/23]

\*298. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail cen fáth nach bhfuil coinníoll sna tairiscintí atá á lorg do sheirbhísí lastais go Inis Meáin go mbeadh sé mar choinníoll d'éinne a bheadh ag tairiscint leis an seirbhís a chur ar fáil go mbeadh báid acu a bheadh feliúnach le húsáid a bhaint as Céibh an Chalaigh Mhóir agus go n-úsáidfí an chéibh sin ar a laghad aon uair nach féidir teacht chun céibhe ag an Céibh an Chóra nó an t-am ar fad de bharr an foscadh breise atá ag báid agus na daoine atá ag obair orthu nó ag fáil earraí ón mbád ag Céibh an Chalaigh Mhóir. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25449/23]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has considered ringfenced funding for wastewater treatment plants for our offshore islands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [25467/23]



