



# DÁIL ÉIREANN

*Dé Máirt, 30 Bealtaine, 2023*

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QUESTIONS



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**CEISTEANNA I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL**  
**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.**

1. To ask the Taoiseach the number, and cost, of ongoing commissions and investigations under the remit of his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [22558/23]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [22861/23]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Mick Barry. [25547/23]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the senior officials group on digital issues, chaired by his Department, will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25578/23]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [25788/23]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [25900/23]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Cian O’Callaghan. [25960/23]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [25963/23]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [25964/23]
10. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which his Department continues to exercise a leadership role to ensure climate action is a key priority across all Government Departments. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24620/23]
11. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which his Department plays a role in ensuring climate action is a key priority across all Government Departments. — Mick Barry. [25548/23]
12. To ask the Taoiseach the number of meetings that have taken place to date in 2023 of the climate action delivery board, co-chaired by his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25579/23]

13. To ask the Taoiseach the role his Department has in ensuring climate action is a key priority across all Government Departments. — Neasa Hourigan. [25678/23]

14. To ask the Taoiseach the leadership role his Department takes to ensure climate action is a key priority across all Government Departments. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [25962/23]

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

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

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

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the Council of Europe summit in Reykjavík, Iceland. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24233/23]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the Council of Europe. — Mick Barry. [25549/23]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the Council of Europe. — Neasa Hourigan. [25679/23]

21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the Council of Europe Summit. — Ivana Bacik. [25766/23]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the National Reform Programme for the European Semester, recently published by his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22486/23]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the National Reform Programme for the European Semester, recently published by his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [25767/23]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the National Reform Programme for the European Semester, recently published by his Department. — Cian O’Callaghan. [25961/23]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the National Reform Programme for the European Semester, recently published by his Department. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [25965/23]

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the shared island dialogue all-island women’s forum civic initiative. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22487/23]

27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the shared island dialogue all-island women’s forum civic initiative. — Ivana Bacik. [25768/23]

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

29. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health is next due to meet. — Neasa Hourigan. [25680/23]

30. To ask the Taoiseach the various Cabinet committees dealing with urgent issues that have met the least in the past twelve months. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25907/23]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on recent meetings of Cabinet committees, with particular reference to the Committees on Housing, Childcare and Education and Health. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [25992/23]

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

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

32. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to develop effective communication with communities where accommodation for asylum seekers is to be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [26327/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of childcare providers that participated in the core funding scheme but have subsequently raised fees for services despite the commitment in the scheme not to (details supplied); if his Department has received any complaints about this practice; if any service provider has done so; if so, the penalties his Department apply to that provider; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [26324/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures he is taking to address the severe shortage of childcare provision and early education provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [26326/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will verify the current and precise total number of children on waiting lists for assessment of need in CHO5 south Tipperary and CHO3 north Tipperary; the number of children waiting on historical waiting lists, new applications, and the number of children/families still awaiting assessment following a preliminary team assessment review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [26325/23]

### **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

36. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps being taken to address the additional costs associated with disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16971/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of the level of co-operation taking place between his and other departments to protect asylum seekers from right-wing groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [26084/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps being taken to support people with autism and their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16970/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to address the crisis in accommodation for asylum seekers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [26083/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the 19 key recommendations made by the Ombudsman, Information Commissioner, and Commissioner for Environmental Information of Ireland in his report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [25990/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will detail the measures his Department is undertaking to address the disruption caused to youth services as a consequence of high staff turnover due to funding delays and difficulties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [26085/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of a recent report by an organisation (details supplied) that found that up to almost half of parents or their children have had to go without heat, electricity, food, clothing or other essential items over the past six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26006/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of refugees who have not been provided with accommodation since the change of policy announced on 24 January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [26001/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps his Department is taking to improve monitoring and oversight of disability services; if there are plans to introduce a statutory authority to audit disability standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [25801/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline and next steps for the excavation of human remains at the burial site at Tuam, County Galway, further to the appointment of the Director of Authorised Intervention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25917/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to establish an agency, Childcare Ireland, to assist in the expansion of high-quality childcare, spearheading leadership, best practice and innovation, as well as professional development in community and private settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16967/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of a recent report from a charity (details supplied) which found that 73% of parents think that the cost-of-living crisis has negatively affected their child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26007/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the engagement he has had with Carlow County Council on the provision of a community hub in Carlow on the Tullow Road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [25681/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children reported to his Department as being at risk or under threat of becoming at risk depending on individual circumstances; the action proposed or taken in response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25910/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his Department's plans to address waiting lists for assessments for children with special needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [25682/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details on the national childcare scheme; the number of providers that are signed up to the Together for Better funding model; the number of children who receive the NCS subsidy; if there are plans to expand the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [25546/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to increase the number of full-time residential places available to persons with intellectual and/or physical disabilities, in view of the critical shortage of such places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25485/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will respond to the fact that the Office for the Ombudsman for Children has stated that Ireland is falling behind on children's rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [26082/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to address staffing shortages on children's disability network teams in CHO4. — Holly Cairns. [25840/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he anticipates being able to provide suitable accommodation for all refugees and asylum seekers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [25935/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to further reduce childcare costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [25995/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of his engagements with survivor and relative groups concerning potential interventions at the sites of former mother-and-baby homes. — Holly Cairns. [25839/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of unaccompanied minors currently in State care; the number of unaccompanied minors who have gone missing from State care in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Kirby. [25792/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to provide respite services for disabled people and children and their families in County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [25841/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Topical Issue No. 3 of 3 May 2023, the progress made, if any, in supporting young adults with intellectual disabilities to attend training centres and workshops in a post-second level setting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [25896/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline progress on the delivery of the children's disability network team in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [25919/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports that are available for people currently seeking international protection but who are unaccommodated (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [25933/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures being taken to alleviate the high rates of vacancy across children's disability services which is affecting the role of the children's disability network teams. — Francis Noel Duffy. [17097/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will reform the distribution of personal assistance hours to enable parity of services across CHO areas, meeting the social, personal and employment needs of those who avail of PA services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [25991/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on whether local authorities and public servants delivering services should be required to put the rights and best interests of the child first when helping families presenting as homeless, including factors such as access to their school, medical and therapeutic needs, and also supporting family relationships and wider social support; if he agrees that every child who needs it should have timely access to a child support worker; if he will ensure that these supports for children facing homelessness are enacted immediately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [25936/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children in CHO9, Dublin currently awaiting an appointment for treatment and therapies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [25994/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on the roll out of the baby bundle pilot scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [25947/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the issues regarding a pre-school (details supplied); if any supports will be provided to the pre-school from his Department; the steps he will take to prevent similar issues from arising elsewhere; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [25996/23]



69. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures that are being taken to address the shortage of respite services for adults and children in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [25939/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports that are being put in place to assist the childcare sector which is struggling to recruit and retain staff in the Sligo Leitrim South Donegal North Roscommon constituency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [25943/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the efforts being made by his Department to tackle the huge waiting lists for needs assessments, SLT services and other related services for children in County Louth CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [25899/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps his Department is taking to reduce instances of child trafficking in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [25793/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 27 of 30 March 2023, the status of the review of the projected timelines for the implementation of the white paper to end direct provision and to establish a new international protection support service; if the review has been completed to date; the timeline for the publication of the review; if he will outline the revised timelines, if any; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25918/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a detailed briefing on plans to provide floating accommodation for international protection applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [25749/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to address childcare costs. — Holly Cairns. [25838/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the services for speech and language therapy; the current waiting list figures for this service; if he will provide an update on the recruitment of personnel to help with these long waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [25800/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the likely priorities for the NDP capital budget for childcare. — Richard Bruton. [25581/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps his Department is taking to provide timely information to communities which are accommodating Ukrainian refugees and IP applicants in the Sligo Leitrim South Donegal North Roscommon constituency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [25942/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current WTE staffing levels in each of the CDNTs in CHO4, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [25905/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports that are in place for working parents who cannot source placements for their children in childcare facilities due to full capacity. — Matt Carthy. [26036/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the now-completed integration of the disability portfolio from the Department of Health into the broader remit of his Department; the implications this will have on his Department's annual budget; the ambitions of his Department to progress work in the sphere of disability matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [25836/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the engagement he has had with the HSE in order to facilitate private operators carrying out assessments for children with autism that would be accepted by the local community disability network team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [25895/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the status of the provision of community neuro-rehabilitation teams across the country broadly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [25837/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the roles which the new childcare development will play; and if it is intended that the programme board will have interim executive authority, pending the introduction of the legislation. — Richard Bruton. [25580/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the cost to accommodate individuals at the IPAS centre at Richmond Street, Dublin 1 from November 2022 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [25772/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has plans to improve access to personal assistant hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [25773/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to provide respite services for disabled people and children with disabilities in Cork; the number of beds currently available in CHO4; the number of people waiting for respite; the efforts being made to increase respite availability for people with disabilities in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [25954/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the targeted domestic and international recruitment campaigns that are in place to hire staff for the children's disability network teams; if he will clarify how many vacancy posts there are in CHO4 for speech and language therapists, physiotherapists, psychologists and occupational therapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [25955/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details on the current total number of refugees in accommodation provided by the State; the number accommodated this year; the total change since 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [25993/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the efforts being made by his Department to ensure improvements to assessments and access to services for people with disabilities, to ensure there is 'no wrong door' when accessing services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [25898/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which Tusla attempts to monitor all situations in all circumstances brought to their attention where children are thought to be at risk; the action taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25909/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to provide respite care services for children with disabilities in County Monaghan. — Matt Carthy. [26035/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures that can be taken to ensure that there is adequate provision of a safe and secure environment for young people sentenced or remanded by the Courts, in view of the fact that Oberstown detention centre has been at maximum capacity; the number of children detained in adult facilities; the alternative arrangements, if any, that are being made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [25168/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures that his Department is planning to take to address the extent of social and economic challenges facing young people today; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [26086/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the progress being made to reduce the cost of childcare since Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [25948/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to ensure that there are adequate respite services available to persons with intellectual and/or physical disabilities, in view of the crisis in respite services at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25484/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1179 of 18 April 2023, if the scoping exercise to identify outstanding requirements for ratification of the Optional Protocol to the UNCRPD has been completed; if not, the expected date for the scoping exercise to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [25902/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps being taken to address the additional transport costs associated with disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16969/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps being taken to support the provision of allied health services to children with a disability within the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16968/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps that are being taken to increase the number of childcare providers in areas such as Kinsale where

there is a shortage of availability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [25959/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans to meet with organisations (details supplied) to discuss their concerns regarding the operation of children’s disability network teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [25903/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what action his Department and the HSE will take, following recently published HIQA inspection reports, to ensure that the areas identified that require improvement in James Connolly Memorial Residential Unit and St. Anne’s – Naoimh Áine’s are addressed without delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [18613/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is satisfied with his Department’s progress to date in adult and children respite services; if there are plans to increase capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [25774/23]

104. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an inventory of buildings currently being used in County Clare for the provision of accommodation for international protection applicants, along with comprehensive details of buildings he and his officials intend to acquire and bring into use through the summer and autumn period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [25748/23]

105. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details on the number of accommodation providers currently housing Ukrainian refugees; the number of accommodation providers currently housing international protection applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [25545/23]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*107. To ask the Taoiseach 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. [25385/23]

\*108. To ask the Taoiseach the timeline for the establishment of the Citizens’ Assembly on the Future of Education; if he will report on progress and developing the terms of reference for same; and if the assembly will examine the future purpose of the education system here. — Ivana Bacik. [25598/23]

\*109. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department assists with, or makes a financial contribution to, the sourcing or provision of childcare or crèche facilities for the children of staff members of any grade or position; if so, the names of the providers; the costs incurred for the period 2020 to date in 2023; and the number of staff who have availed of such assistance over this timeframe. — Carol Nolan. [25981/23]

\*110. To ask the Taoiseach the amount paid by his Department to external legal teams, HR specialists, accountancy firms and consultants in 2022. — Ivana Bacik. [26240/23]

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

\*111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a person (details supplied) will receive payment and expenses in their role as Chair of the Consultative Forum on International Security Policy. — Peadar Tóibín. [25584/23]

\*112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to expedite a passport application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [25602/23]

\*113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a first-time online passport application will issue for a child (details supplied) in County Donegal who is travelling in early June for a family wedding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [25614/23]

\*114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has contacted the British government to request the opening of a new inquiry into the abduction and murder of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [25634/23]

\*115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the status of a passport application (details supplied), as the applicant's travel date is imminent and all requested supporting documentation has been submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [25714/23]

\*116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the status of a passport application (details supplied), as the applicant's travel date is imminent and all requested supporting documentation has been submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [25715/23]

\*117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed and expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [25730/23]

\*118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when the wedding abroad certificate application will be finalised in respect of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [25745/23]

\*119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the Irish Consulate General to Los Angeles has spoken formally with the Governor of New Mexico in the past twelve months. — Paul Donnelly. [25858/23]

\*120. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the Irish Consulate General to Los Angeles has spoken formally with the Governor of Arizona in the past twelve months. — Paul Donnelly. [25859/23]

\*121. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department assists with, or makes a financial contribution to, the sourcing or provision of childcare or crèche facilities for the children of staff members of any grade or position; if so, the names of the providers; the

costs incurred for the period 2020 to date in 2023; the number of staff who have availed of such assistance over this timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [25973/23]

\*122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to provide a breakdown in tabular form for each of the past five years the total cost and expenditure for operating each Irish Embassy abroad as incurred by his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [25986/23]

\*123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue to a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay in issuing said passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26050/23]

\*124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application (details supplied) as the applicants travel date is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [26223/23]

\*125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application (details supplied) as the applicants travel date is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [26224/23]

\*126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount paid by his Department to external legal teams, HR specialists, accountancy firms, and consultants in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26232/23]

\*127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken directly with the Irish Consul General in Sydney in the past three months. — Sorca Clarke. [26345/23]

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

\*128. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the parliamentary oversight processes there are for the collection and allocation of revenue from dividends from commercial State bodies such as NewERA designated bodies. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25569/23]

\*129. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the staffing levels of the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, by job title; the estimated full-year cost of filling each position, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [26409/23]

\*130. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average cost to retrofit a dwelling to a building energy rating of B2 or higher under the better energy homes scheme in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [26421/23]

\*131. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average cost to retrofit a dwelling to a building energy rating of B2 or higher under the better energy warmer homes scheme in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [26422/23]

\*132. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average cost to retrofit a dwelling to a building energy rating of B2 or higher under the one stop shop scheme in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [26423/23]



\*133. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average cost to retrofit a dwelling to a building energy rating of B2 or higher under the better energy community grant scheme in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [26424/23]

\*134. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the EPA's emissions data will provide a breakdown of emissions by income decile to highlight the relationship between emissions and wealth. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25568/23]

\*135. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to outline the next steps in the process for awarding the 2% increase in the An Post pension, agreed on 1 January 2022, following the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform providing his consent on this matter on 8 September 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [25582/23]

\*136. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he will authorise the payment of pension increases due to postal workers since January 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [25658/23]

\*137. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 5 of 19 March 2023, if the Local Government Management Agency has yet submitted draft codes of practice for the purpose of setting standards for the operation of CCTV and other mobile recording devices in order to deter environmental pollution and to facilitate the prevention, detection, and prosecution of littering (Section 33) and illegal dumping (Section 22) offences; when he expects to receive these draft codes; the timeframe in which local authorities can commence the installation of CCTV cameras in the vicinity of bottle banks and other waste collection locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [25668/23]

\*138. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will make the solar PV panel grants available to new-build houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25700/23]

\*139. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will move to ban hard styrofoam p6 plastic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [25733/23]

\*140. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the development of the new policy statement for inland fisheries in Ireland; if he will provide a breakdown of the draft policy papers prepared to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [25763/23]

\*141. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the supports available for apartment complexes in terms of energy-efficiency upgrades, or access to the installation of solar panels and any other energy efficiency supports. — Bríd Smith. [25764/23]

\*142. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he can clarify whether the one stop shop system of retrofitting supports is applicable to apartment complexes or individual apartment owners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [25765/23]

\*143. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of revenue that was raised by the carbon-revenue levy from the Electricity Regulation (Amendment) (Carbon Revenue Levy) Act 2010 for the duration set out in the Act and any subsequent extensions of the Act. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25845/23]

\*144. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of climate action coordinators, community climate officers, and climate action officers hired by each local authority to date, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25846/23]

\*145. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a breakdown of the indicative costs associated with hiring a climate action coordinator, a community climate officer, and a climate action officer, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25847/23]

\*146. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on plans to strengthen climate action teams in local authorities; the gaps and challenges which exist to reaching their potential; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25848/23]

\*147. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he received data on the number of application for the hardship fund in 2022 and to date in 2023 made to energy companies. — Sean Sherlock. [25855/23]

\*148. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department assists with, or makes a financial contribution to, the sourcing or provision of childcare or crèche facilities for the children of staff members of any grade or position; if so, the names of the providers; the costs incurred for the period 2020 to date in 2023; the number of staff who have availed of such assistance over this timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [25971/23]

\*149. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications why the cost of domestic ESB is now higher than commercial, as this was never the case before; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25985/23]

\*150. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the position regarding any prospecting licences issued with respect to lithium extraction in an area (details supplied); if any mining licence applications have been submitted for this site to date; his views on the potential environmental impact of mining in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [26117/23]

\*151. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and his Department support the conservation of invasive coarse fish and invasive pike at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [26138/23]

\*152. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and his Department will support Inland Fisheries Ireland by all means in improving the ecological status of a lake (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [26139/23]

\*153. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has considered extending the warmer homes scheme to persons living in Ireland, in receipt of the



fuel supplement from the British government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [26174/23]

\*154. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount paid by his Department to external legal teams, HR specialists, accountancy firms, and consultants in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26230/23]

\*155. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the target number of retrofits under each scheme for 2022 and for 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26299/23]

\*156. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of retrofits that were completed to B2 standard in 2022 and to date in 2023 under each scheme; and the average costs, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26300/23]

\*157. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of houses retrofitted to a B2 standard that did not have new heating systems installed under each scheme in 2022 and to date in 2023; and the average costs, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26301/23]

\*158. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of houses retrofitted to a B2 standard that had new heating systems installed under each scheme in 2022 and to date in 2023; and the average costs, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26302/23]

\*159. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of houses retrofitted to a B2 standard that had fossil fuel boilers installed under each scheme in 2022 and to date in 2023; and the average costs, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26303/23]

\*160. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of houses retrofitted to a B2 standard that had heat pumps installed under each scheme in 2022 and to date in 2023; and the average costs, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26304/23]

\*161. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of retrofits that were completed to a lower-than-B2 standard in 2022 and to date in 2023 under each scheme; and the average costs, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26305/23]

\*162. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of houses retrofitted to a lower-than-B2 standard that did not have any new heating systems installed under each scheme in 2022 and to date in 2023; and the average costs, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26306/23]

\*163. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of houses retrofitted to a lower-than-B2 standard that had new heating systems installed under each scheme in 2022 and to date in 2023; and the average costs, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26307/23]

\*164. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of houses retrofitted to a lower-than-B2 standard that had fossil fuel boilers installed under each scheme in each of the years 2022 and to date in 2023; and the average costs, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26308/23]

\*165. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of houses retrofitted to a lower-than-B2 standard that had heat pumps installed under each scheme in each of the years 2022 and to date in 2023; and the average costs, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26309/23]

\*166. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average cost of achieving a B2 BER cost optimum standard in the better energy homes scheme in each of the years 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26310/23]

\*167. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a breakdown of the budget allocations for each programme for each of the subheads will be provided, beyond what was provided in the estimates process. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26311/23]

\*168. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the staffing levels in the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities, and their salaries, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [26332/23]

\*169. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the staffing levels in the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, and their salaries, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [26333/23]

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

\*170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if a person (details supplied) will receive payment and expenses in their role as Chair of the Consultative Forum on International Security Policy. — Peadar Tóibín. [25585/23]

\*171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the missions and/or exercises that he intended the Defence Forces to participate in which were precluded by the triple-lock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [25632/23]

\*172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he plans to appoint a Chair to the Consultative Forum on International Security Policy; if so, if he will outline a timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [25662/23]

\*173. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department assists with, or makes a financial contribution to, the sourcing or provision of childcare or crèche facilities for the children of staff members of any grade or position; if so, the names of the providers; the costs incurred for the period 2020 to date in 2023; the number of staff who have availed of such assistance over this timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [25968/23]

\*174. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on the implementation of recommendations of the Independent Review Group established to examine and report on matters relating to recommendations for military medals relating to events at Jadotville; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [26102/23]

\*175. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the amount paid by his Department to external legal teams, HR specialists, accountancy firms and consultants in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26227/23]

\*176. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence on whose authority have community groups in Columb Barracks Mullingar had the locks on the units they have utilised for many years changed with no prior notice of same; the engagement he has had with his Department on this removal of access to the affected groups; and the immediate action he and his Department intend to take to rectify this situation. — Sorca Clarke. [26328/23]

\*177. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the Defence Forces personnel who went to the UK for speciality military training by the royal air force or the UK navy in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [26350/23]

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

\*178. To ask the Minister for Transport the parliamentary oversight processes there are for the collection and allocation of revenue from dividends from commercial State bodies such as NewERA designated bodies. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25569/23]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Transport if a fuel (details supplied) will be made available for small engine power tools and classic and vintage vehicles, similar to that provided in other regions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [25576/23]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Transport where a category has been removed from a person's licence, how they can have the category re-instated; the reason the NDLS only hold records back to 1990; where the records are held for licences issued pre-1990; if a person held a licence category in 1972 where a record of this licence is held; the way they can access same; the reason a person would be expected to re-sit a test for a category they held previously as the NDLS removed the category from their licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25615/23]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive their drivers licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [25618/23]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Transport the proportion of bookings on each Iarnród Éireann Intercity service allocated for reservation online without a fee for free travel pass holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [25669/23]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are any rules, regulations, guidelines or studies around the safe transporting of children on bicycles and on cargo bikes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25787/23]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will make it a traffic offence for petrol and diesel cars parking in an electric vehicle charging bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [25797/23]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details on the causes of the capital underspend of 42% or €144 million below profile as outlined in the April Fiscal Monitor (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [25834/23]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will clarify the guidelines or regulations, if any, that are issued by his Department or the National Transport Authority when liaising with schools

involved in the ‘safe routes to school’ programme around the use of cargo bikes by parents to transport children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [25842/23]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Transport when the next EU Transport meeting is likely to happen. — Paul Donnelly. [25872/23]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Transport if the stakeholder consultation process has been completed in relation to the horse-drawn carriages Bill; and when this Bill will be brought before the Houses of the Oireachtas. — Patrick Costello. [25931/23]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department assists with, or makes a financial contribution to, the sourcing or provision of childcare or crèche facilities for the children of staff members of any grade or position; if so, the names of the providers; the costs incurred for the period 2020 to date in 2023; the number of staff who have availed of such assistance over this timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [25983/23]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on proposals from industry bodies on enabling bus lanes on the north and south quays of the River Liffey in Dublin to operate as taxi ranks when buses stop running at midnight on weekdays and weekends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [26129/23]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on reports that NCT certificates are issued with the date of test rather than the date of application, meaning some people are forced to apply again within six months of doing their test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [26151/23]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 55 of 19 January 2023, if the review of the draft Strategic Assessment Report for the R624 access road as part of the great island connectivity scheme has been completed; if not, when he expects such a review to be concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [26218/23]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount paid by his Department to external legal teams, HR specialists, accountancy firms and consultants in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26242/23]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to provide funding to the 1951 CIÉ superannuation pension scheme in order that members can receive an increase in payments, given that no increases have been made since 2008; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26244/23]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Transport the rationale for the National Transport Authority proceeding to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for the proposed Templeogue/Rathfarnham to city bus corridor, despite the dramatic impact this proposal would have on the local area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [26267/23]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the National Transport Authority would proceed with a ‘bus gate’ as part of the proposed Templeogue/Rathfarnham to city bus corridor without considering the operational requirements of a church (details supplied), especially as the proposal poses a serious threat to the church’s ability to operate effectively over time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [26268/23]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Transport in which quarter of which year he expects the new Shannon crossing to be opened. — Alan Kelly. [26279/23]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Transport in what quarter of which year he expects the south Kerry greenway to be fully completed. — Alan Kelly. [26280/23]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to ensure that the public transport network is accessible for persons with disabilities and to eliminate the requirement to provide twenty-four hours' notice for access to ramps and lifts. — Ivana Bacik. [26283/23]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of electric vehicle grants provided for vehicles in 2022 in the price ranges of €30,000 to €40,000, €40,000 to €50,000, and over €50,000, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [26349/23]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Government has any plans for the development and installation of motion sensor street lighting on Irish streets and roads. — Patricia Ryan. [26356/23]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of cars currently awaiting NCT tests in Kildare; the availability of timely appointments; the earliest appointment available at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [26358/23]

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

\*203. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is concerned with lifetime loan products being provided to older people by companies (details supplied) where such loans end up in default, resulting in the potential loss of a person's home; if he will undertake a review of such products, noting the levels of risk involved for the borrower; and if the advertising of such loans and the communication of terms and conditions should be regulated in a manner as to ensure the highest possible protection for borrowers. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25557/23]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will sanction a derogation regarding a registration requirement (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [25608/23]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Finance what Ireland's contribution to the EU budget is expected to be in 2023; the expected funding Ireland will receive in EU grants and supports this year; if he will provide details of the funds received and contribution made to the EU in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [25625/23]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Finance if Exchequer notes held in the National Reserve Fund are counted by the NTMA as cash and other financial assets when calculating gross national debt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [25628/23]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Finance the total amount of Exchequer notes held within the general Government sector, either through the NRF, NTF or SIF or other vehicle, in each year since 2016, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [25629/23]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Finance if the monies used to purchase Exchequer notes by the NRF, NTF or SIF or other vehicle then enters general Government spending; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [25630/23]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on the level of compliance with the local property tax this year comparatively to previous years, to provide figures and percentages. — Fergus O'Dowd. [25735/23]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Finance to outline in tabular form the level of compliance for local property tax per year in percentages since its inception. — Fergus O'Dowd. [25736/23]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of revenue collected from the local property tax since 2013, per year and total, in tabular form. — Fergus O'Dowd. [25737/23]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Finance the total revenue collected from local property tax by each local authority since 2013, per year, with levels of compliance, in tabular form. — Fergus O'Dowd. [25738/23]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide details on the outlook of local property tax for the coming years. — Fergus O'Dowd. [25739/23]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a breakdown of the number of seizures of cannabinoids (cannabis edibles) products by the Revenue Commissioners for each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; the estimated street value or worth of those seizures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [25751/23]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on extending the small cider producer excise relief scheme to include mead as a premium Irish product; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25807/23]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Finance the take-up, by county, of the deduction for retrofitting expenditure incentive for small-scale landlords who undertake retrofitting work while the tenant remains in situ, since its introduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [25880/23]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of renters who have claimed the renters' tax credit this year, by county, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [25912/23]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider 100% mortgages based on a person's proven track record of rental payments and the usual earning multiplier conditions, similar to the new offering approved in other countries (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [25929/23]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on rising insurance costs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25945/23]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department assists with, or makes a financial contribution to, the sourcing or provision of childcare or crèche facilities for the children of staff members of any grade or position; if so, the names of the providers; the costs incurred for the period 2020 to date in 2023; the number of staff who have availed of such assistance over this timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [25972/23]



\*221. To ask the Minister for Finance if, in view of the underlying deficit of approximately €4 billion being recorded on a 12-month rolling sum basis to the end of April this year, and given that this is coinciding with almost full employment in the economy, the public finances are in structural deficit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [25987/23]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Finance if the recent announcement to make solar panels VAT-exempt will be applied so as to refund the VAT portion to those who have placed orders prior to the announcement; and if there will be a retrospective clawback for those who have purchased and fitted in 2023. — Colm Brophy. [26150/23]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Finance the position in respect of calls by a charity (details supplied) to see 0% VAT applied on sunscreen products to encourage use and decrease overall risk of skin cancers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [26191/23]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Finance the value to the Exchequer of VAT returns on the assistive technology scheme for children in primary schools. — Sorca Clarke. [26197/23]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Finance the value to the Exchequer of VAT returns on the assistive technology scheme for children in post-primary schools. — Sorca Clarke. [26198/23]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount paid by his Department to external legal teams, HR specialists, accountancy firms and consultants in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26231/23]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures and/or plans that he or the Government have in place, or intend to introduce, to assist the many struggling mortgage holders who, now find themselves again facing uncertainty following the sale of their mortgage to a vulture fund by the original lender; the options available to these mortgage holders, where the vulture fund fails or refuses to negotiate in any way; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [26357/23]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of family-home mortgages, by county, that are now in the hands of 'vulture funds' in 2023, in tabular form; the number of those mortgages that are/were the subject of alternative-payment arrangements or 'split/shelved portion' mortgages, prior to their being sold to vulture funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [26362/23]

*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.*

\*229. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount of the BAR fund that has been allocated and drawn down to date; and if he is confident that all funds will be utilised before the expiration date. — Robert Troy. [25927/23]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when retired OPW staff will receive a raise in their pension and arrears in relation to recent pension increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [26110/23]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he can clarify in relation to a public sector worker (details supplied) who has suffered a critical illness and having returned to work, is diagnosed with a second, separate critical illness within months. — Bríd Smith. [25609/23]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide a breakdown of allocations to date under the Brexit Adjustment Fund; the total amount allocated to Ireland; if he will confirm whether it all has to be spent by the end of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [25622/23]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide a breakdown of allocations to date under the Recovery and Resilience Facility NextGeneration EU fund; the total amount allocated to Ireland; if transfers have been made from other funds, such as the BAR; what those have been allocated to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [25623/23]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the changes, if any, that have been made to capital allocations to Departments and agencies in 2023 to account for construction inflation; his plans to do so in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [25624/23]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his position on the reinstatement of criminal legal aid fees to pre-2008 levels. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25673/23]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the use of funding under the recovery and resilience plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [25727/23]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 233 of 18 May 2023, if he will publish the Analysis of the approaches to Governance of major investment projects in the UK, Norway, Denmark, Canada, the Netherlands, and New Zealand, referenced in 'Briefing Note: The Public Spending Code and overview of sectoral applications'; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [25728/23]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 253 of 23 May 2023, if he will provide further details on the causes of the underspend of 9.1% or €46 million below profile to date by his Department, as outlined in the April Fiscal Monitor (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [25833/23]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the names of external security companies currently on the Office of Government Procurement supplier framework to provide security personnel to public bodies, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [25860/23]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline the due diligence and background checking that was undertaken by the Public Appointments Service in respect of the processing of a person's successful application for a role in the public service (details supplied); if he will confirm whether the hiring Department



raised any concerns with him and or the PAS in respect of the processing of a person through the PAS to his Department; and if he and or PAS intend to review background checks on successful applicants. — Catherine Murphy. [25878/23]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department assists with, or makes a financial contribution to, the sourcing or provision of childcare or crèche facilities for the children of staff members of any grade or position; if so, the names of the providers; the costs incurred for the period 2020 to date in 2023; the number of staff who have availed of such assistance over this timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [25978/23]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of professional archaeologists currently in the employ of the Office of Public Works. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [26024/23]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of Commissioners of Public Works with qualifications in archaeology. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [26025/23]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of professional historians currently in the employ of the Office of Public Works. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [26030/23]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of Commissioners of Public Works with qualifications in history. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [26031/23]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the total revenue resulting from charges on admission to monuments and heritage sites by the Office of Public Works in each of the past ten years. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [26032/23]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if any plans have been prepared to connect lands owned by the Office of Public Works at Glending Woods, Blessington to a planned walkway from Blessington town (details supplied); if a timeline for implementation of the plans has been prepared; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [26037/23]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 290 of 16 May 2023, if he has received the OPW report on the inspection of the Oweynagat cave at Rathcroghan; if he will publish the report and/or its recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [26146/23]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount paid by his Department to external legal teams, HR specialists, accountancy firms and consultants in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26237/23]

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

\*250. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the action his Department is taking to improve indoor environmental quality standards. — Jim O’Callaghan. [26040/23]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he received correspondence from the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media in relation to concerns raised by a campaign (details supplied); if he has responded on the matter; if so, the date on which he responded; and what the content of his response was. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25757/23]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the new regional enterprise fund will be open to applications; and if criteria has been drawn up yet. — Robert Troy. [25928/23]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department assists with, or makes a financial contribution to, the sourcing or provision of childcare or crèche facilities for the children of staff members of any grade or position; if so, the names of the providers; the costs incurred for the period 2020 to date in 2023; the number of staff who have availed of such assistance over this timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [25970/23]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the German government’s decision to make awards of public procurement contracts conditional on collective agreements; and his plans to introduce a similar measure here. — Ivana Bacik. [26144/23]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on proposals of an organisation (details supplied) in respect of employee experiences of technological surveillance. — Ivana Bacik. [26145/23]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount paid by his Department to external legal teams, HR specialists, accountancy firms and consultants in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26229/23]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current status of the Companies (Corporate Governance Enforcement and Regulatory Provisions) Bill 2023. — Sorca Clarke. [26351/23]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has considered the request from trade unions (details supplied) to increase the minimum wage by €2 in January 2024, and again in January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [26352/23]

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

\*259. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that there is adequate accommodation on-site ahead of the school year 2023/24 at a location (details supplied); if she will also ensure that additional classroom and resources are made available to the school to accommodate the large number of children seeking places in the school; and if she will provide an update on the status of the project. — Catherine Murphy. [25944/23]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on correspondence to her on behalf of a person (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [25571/23]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Education if she will advise on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding ASD placement in Dundalk; if the family situation will be taken into consideration; her plans to approve an additional co-educational class at a school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [25583/23]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify whether procedures for the use of section 28 of the Education Act 1998 have been issued; if there are plans to issue them; and whether the lack of such procedures is hampering the fair handling of grievances that may arise in a school setting. — Richard Bruton. [25586/23]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Education her views on a request from a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [25601/23]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure the 21 education centres in Ireland publish their annual and audited accounts on their websites, from this point forward; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [25606/23]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the development of a new school (details supplied); if she will provide details on the timeline for completion of the school; the facilities that will be available at the new school development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [25611/23]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a new school building project (details supplied); if she will provide an estimated timeframe from construction to completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [25612/23]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Education when the funding for the free schoolbooks scheme will be distributed to primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [25655/23]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a detailed timeline for a project (details supplied), including an estimated completion date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25660/23]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide further information on a project (details supplied), including a detailed timeline and estimated completion date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25661/23]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the future of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [25675/23]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Education the number of applications made for school transport for the 2023/2024 school year, broken down by county, and deemed eligible and non-eligible, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [25686/23]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the school transport review group; and if changes will be implemented for the forthcoming school transport year. — Sean Sherlock. [25687/23]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Education if she will confirm with reference to the newly established Irish sign language supports, how many ‘in-class support’ vacancies have been advertised; how many posts have been filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [25688/23]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Education if she will confirm with reference to the newly established “advisor roles”, how many vacancies have been advertised and how many posts have been filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [25690/23]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Education the spending per funding heading in national and primary schools, per county, for 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [25708/23]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Education if the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment uses a child development model; and if so, if she will name the specific model or models. — Peadar Tóibín. [25777/23]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Education if she will intervene to ensure that a Leaving Certificate candidate (details supplied) gets access to the appropriate examination requirements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [25784/23]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Education the supports that are in place for a family with a child with a condition (details supplied) who is currently in a mainstream school and then attends a private afterschool/creche but the family have recently been informed that their child will need an SNA to be with them in order to continue in the afterschool/creche; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [25849/23]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the options available to the family of child (details supplied) regarding securing a school place for September; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [25851/23]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to provide additional early intervention classes in pre-schools (details supplied) due to increased demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [25881/23]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Education if she will respond to concerns and proposals raised by a local principal (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [25885/23]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Education her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [25894/23]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department assists with, or makes a financial contribution to, the sourcing or provision of childcare or crèche facilities for the children of staff members of any grade or position; if so, the names of the providers; the costs incurred for the period 2020 to date in 2023; the number of staff who have availed of such assistance over this timeframe; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [25969/23]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the new primary school for Hollywoodrath, Dublin 15; if planning permission has been granted; if there is a timeline for completion; and what patronage will be. — Paul Donnelly. [26049/23]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine the case of a pupil (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [26052/23]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) will be open for students at the beginning of the 2023-2024 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [26074/23]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a timeline on the delivery of a new school building (details supplied) in County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [26133/23]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an updated timeframe for the tendering process for a school (details supplied); if a contractor has been appointed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [26175/23]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Education the average class size for primary schools in each county in the 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [26181/23]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Education the average class size for post-primary schools in each county in the 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [26182/23]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Education the number of digital devices provided to primary schools under the assistive technology scheme in 2023, 2022 and 2021; and the cost per year of same. — Sorca Clarke. [26195/23]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Education the number of digital devices provided to post-primary schools under the assistive technology scheme in 2023, 2022 and 2021; and the cost per year of same. — Sorca Clarke. [26196/23]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Education the full year cost for the digital grants for primary schools. — Sorca Clarke. [26199/23]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Education the full year cost for the digital grants for post-primary schools. — Sorca Clarke. [26200/23]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary and post-primary schools that utilise personal digital devices such as laptops or tablets purchased directly by the parent or guardian. — Sorca Clarke. [26201/23]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of increasing capacity on the school transport scheme by 10%, 25%, 30% and 50%, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [26202/23]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Education the number and the cost of school halls for primary schools delivered in 2023, 2022 and 2021, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [26203/23]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Education the number and the cost of school halls for post-primary schools delivered in 2023, 2022 and 2021, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [26204/23]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Education the number of special needs assistants in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023. — Sorca Clarke. [26205/23]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of increasing the number of special needs assistants per full year by 5%, 15% and 30%. — Sorca Clarke. [26206/23]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost per annum of providing behaviour analysts with direct employment contracts. — Sorca Clarke. [26207/23]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Education the number of behaviour analysts, by county in 2021, 2022 and 2023 to date; and the cost of same, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [26208/23]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Education the schools in which reconfiguration/transfer of patronage of a school is being considered or implemented, by county, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [26209/23]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Education the schools in which reconfiguration/transfer of patronage has been completed, by county, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [26210/23]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Education if she will implement a State-wide uniform admission process in terms of preference of allocation of school places by individual schools, that is, siblings of existing students, distance to school, and so on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [26219/23]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Education when schools will be able to start applying to her Department for funding for their solar panels; if she will outline the process for schools wishing to apply to her Department for this funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [26222/23]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Education the amount paid by her Department to external legal teams, HR specialists, accountancy firms and consultants in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26228/23]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Education the up-to-date position with the provision of a new school (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [26258/23]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Education the current and up-to-date position with the provision of secondary school places in the Newbridge/Kildare town area for September 2023; the plans she and her Department are putting in place to deal with the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [26259/23]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Education the up-to-date position with the provision of an extension to a primary school (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [26260/23]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Education the up-to-date position with the provision of an extension to a primary school (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [26261/23]



\*312. To ask the Minister for Education the up-to-date position with the extension of secondary school (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [26262/23]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Education the buildings under her Department's remit that are rented or leased; and the full-year annual cost of same, per county, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [26263/23]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Education if there are different categories of Gaelscoil at primary level; which subjects are taught through Irish, which subjects are taught through English, and which subjects are taught bilingually, in each category; and which specific primary and secondary legislative measures by Act and Statutory Instrument mentioning the relevant section(s)) underpin each of the above activities. — Claire Kerrane. [26269/23]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Education if, and to what extent, a school, its patron and/or the Minister is responsible for ensuring compliance with the current primary and secondary legislation, circular letters, guidelines and other such measures. — Claire Kerrane. [26270/23]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Education if there are different categories of Gaelscoil at the primary level, and to what extent special needs, support and resource teachers are expected to carry out their work through Irish, through English and/or bilingually in each category; and which specific primary and secondary legislative measures (by Act and Statutory Instrument mentioning the relevant section(s)) underpin each of the above activities. — Claire Kerrane. [26271/23]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Education when a whole-school evaluation was last carried out in a Gaelscoil (details supplied); and if she will provide a copy of all relevant documentation, including copies of notes, letters and emails made and/or sent by the Inspectorate and the school in relation to that inspection. — Claire Kerrane. [26272/23]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Education if Gaelscoileanna carry out pre-literacy in Irish or in English; if this is in line with current legislation and/or circulars and/or best practice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [26273/23]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of Gaelscoileanna teaching Mathematics through English; if this is in line with relevant primary and secondary legislation and best practice as defined by legislation and circulars; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [26274/23]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Education the plans she has to ensure children attending Gaelscoileanna at primary level have the opportunity to continue their learning through Irish at second-level; her views on whether this is important; the actions she is taking to ensure children can progress from Gaelscoileanna at primary level to second level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [26275/23]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Education the plans she has to ensure that pupils attending Gaelscoileanna in Roscommon and Galway and on their borders (Carrick-on-Shannon and Athlone), will be able to receive their post-primary education in the same language as their primary education where that is their parents' wish, in the same way that those attending English-language schools are catered for in that language at secondary level. — Claire Kerrane. [26276/23]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Education the plans she has to make primary education through Irish available in the larger urban areas in County Roscommon (details supplied) in the same way as it has been made available in all the main towns of other counties of a similar size, and in some cases, smaller populations. — Claire Kerrane. [26277/23]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Education in which quarter of which year she expects a new school (details supplied) in Roscrea to be opened. — Alan Kelly. [26281/23]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the request for historic employment records by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26322/23]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Education when the refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) are expected to move to tender stage of works. — Sorca Clarke. [26338/23]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Education when the refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) are expected to be completed; and the estimated cost for these works. — Sorca Clarke. [26339/23]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Education when the refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) are expected to be completed; and the estimated cost for these works. — Sorca Clarke. [26340/23]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Education when the refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) will be completed; and the estimated cost for these works. — Sorca Clarke. [26341/23]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Education when refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) will move to detailed design stage. — Sorca Clarke. [26342/23]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Education when refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) will be completed; and the estimated cost for these works. — Sorca Clarke. [26343/23]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Education when refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) will be completed; and the estimated cost for these works. — Sorca Clarke. [26344/23]

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

\*332. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of participants in the basic income for the arts scheme who have dropped out since accepting a place on the scheme; and the number of participants forced to drop out as a result of the impact on their social protection payments. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25650/23]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of participants in the basic income for the arts scheme control group who have dropped out since accepting a place on the scheme; and the number of participants in the control group forced to drop out as a result of the impact on their social protection payments. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25651/23]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she fulfilled her commitments given to a campaign (details supplied) in a meeting in September



2022 to write to the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, to the Minister for Social Protection, and to the Minister of State with special responsibilities for Disabilities; the dates on which she wrote to the relevant Ministers; if she has received a reply from each Minister; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25756/23]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the frequency with which her Department has contacted participants on the basic income for the arts scheme since its commencement; and if direct communication with participants relates to gathering research exclusively or also to notify participants with information relating to artistic opportunities and events. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25760/23]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will publish the questions being asked of participants as part of the research for the pilot basic income for the arts scheme. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25761/23]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department intends to establish a Disability Consultative Committee; and if so, when a committee is expected to be established. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25795/23]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when her Department last met with the Disability Stakeholder Group; the progress that has occurred since that meeting; and if her Department has successfully implemented the actions set out in the National Disability Inclusion Strategy. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25796/23]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding schemes available through Sport Ireland in 2023; and the amount allocated to each scheme. — Thomas Gould. [25810/23]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the dates in 2023 where she has met the Chairperson of the Abbey Theatre, in tabular form; and when she is next scheduled to meet the Chairperson. — Paul Donnelly. [25865/23]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media how the €5 million allocation in 2022 under the Winter in Dublin programme was spent; and the budget allocation for this programme in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [25866/23]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount expended under the large-scale sport infrastructure fund to date; the amount made available and spent under each respective project; her plans for the future of the fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [25911/23]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department assists with, or makes a financial contribution to, the sourcing or provision of childcare or crèche facilities for the children of staff members of any grade or position; if so, the names of the providers; the costs incurred for the period 2020 to date in 2023; the number of staff who have availed of such assistance over this timeframe; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [25982/23]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of professional archaeologists currently in the employ of the National Museum of Ireland. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [26022/23]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of professional archaeologists currently on the board of the National Museum of Ireland.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [26023/23]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of professional historians currently in the employ of the National Museum of Ireland. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [26028/23]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of professional historians currently on the board of the National Museum of Ireland. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [26029/23]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount paid by her Department to external legal teams, HR specialists, accountancy firms and consultants in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26241/23]

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

\*349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated capital expenditure cost of providing one staffed additional family refuge space; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26060/23]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the concerns of local authority tenants on the cost of air-to-water systems being installed in their homes as part of the National Retrofit Plan, given the rising cost of electricity; if any alternative heating systems could be considered by his Department to give tenants an alternative and more affordable option; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [26119/23]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which his Department continues to endeavour to ensure the availability of suitable accommodation for families, including children who may be homeless or have other concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26390/23]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the actions he has taken to date arising from the report that he directed the management board of the NDFEM to prepare in 2021; the precise action taken relative to each of the recommendations made in the report; if the pay and conditions of those employed in the retained fire services will be substantially improved; if he will intervene immediately to ensure that the services are not disrupted by industrial action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [26803/23]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the impact assessments that are being carried out in relation to the proposed EU Nature Restoration Regulation concerning the use of farm-land and food production; if such assessments are being factored in to the overall national response regarding this proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25212/23]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a certain area (details supplied) is within a rent pressure zone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [25554/23]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline his response to the Health Service Board report into deaths among people who were homeless at time of death in Ireland in 2019; and if he will set out what his Department's response will be to the findings of the report. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25556/23]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will detail what funding heads A14 and A18 within his Department's annual voted expenditure related to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25558/23]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide the construction costs and the all-in development costs per square meter, for social housing projects delivered via SHIP construction, SHIP turnkey, CALF construction, CALF turnkey, Part V, CAS construction and CAS turnkey, in tabular form; and if he will provide a further breakdown of this information for each local authority. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25559/23]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps his Department has taken to address the challenges of retaining part-time firefighters; when he will address the unsatisfactory employment terms and conditions for part-time firefighters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [25563/23]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the most recent engagement/meeting of the Fire Service National Oversight and Implementation Group took place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [25564/23]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of chief fire officers, senior assistant chiefs, fire officers, full-time firefighters and part-time firefighters in County Tipperary's fire service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [25565/23]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will indicate for each local authority, the number of expressions of interest to his Department; the number of applications; the number of approvals under the Affordable Housing Fund made to date; and the average payment per development undertaken. — Richard Bruton. [25589/23]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will indicate the number of expressions of interest, of applications and of approvals under the Croí Cónaithe Towns Fund for the development of sites. — Richard Bruton. [25590/23]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will indicate the number of expressions of interest, the number of applications and of approvals under the Croí Cónaithe Cities Fund. — Richard Bruton. [25591/23]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the progress to date on the projected affordable housing delivery of each local authority; and the number planned that remain to be developed. — Richard Bruton. [25592/23]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the plans for infill housing at locations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [25636/23]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that many successful applicants for the croí cónaithe fund schemes are unable to draw down the grant because one of the terms of the grant is that a legal charge be placed on the property (details supplied); if he will remove the legal charge stipulation or the clawback aspect from the grant eligibility criteria, as a significant percentage of the individuals hoping to avail of this scheme will require a mortgage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [25649/23]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the staffing levels for the National Building Control Office since 2020; if he will detail all requests for additional staff from the NBCO since 2020; the additional staffing that has been sanctioned and recruited since 2020; his views on the very significant concerns expressed by the NBCO to his Department officials regarding their ability to fulfil their functions in light of the ongoing understaffing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25685/23]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of money, both allocated and spent, on housing maintenance by each respective local authority for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Denise Mitchell. [25692/23]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to increase the overall housing maintenance package allocated to local authorities in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [25693/23]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff, both directly employed and contracted, to carry out repair work, categorised as housing maintenance, within each respective local authority, for the year 2022, in tabular form. — Denise Mitchell. [25694/23]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to amend paragraph 6 subsection (a) of Section 254, Planning and Development Act 2000 to include a requirement, in the event of an appeal against the granting of a licence for a telecommunication mast, that all works, granted by such a licence, cease until the appeal process is concluded by the Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [25702/23]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of vacancies within local authority veterinary services; his proposals to ensure an adequate service across all local authority areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [25717/23]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of whole-time veterinary inspector positions; the number and duration of vacancies, by year 2017 to date, by local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [25718/23]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will urgently address the failure of local authorities to maintain the local authority veterinary service over the past five years; the actions that will be taken to fill vacant whole-time local authority veterinary inspector posts to maintain standards in food safety, animal welfare, and public health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [25719/23]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide the WTE-staff compliment of the Property Registration Authority, by grade; the number of vacancies at the PRA; and a timeline for filling the positions. — Catherine Murphy. [25729/23]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position, in general terms, when an application is under review with An Bord Pleanála, in terms of whether any activity relating to the said application can be entered into. — John Lahart. [25782/23]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to concerns related to the croí cónaithe grant funding creating additional legal charges for the loan applicant (details supplied); if engagement is ongoing with the main lenders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [25783/23]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps that can be taken to expedite the decision-making powers of An Bord Pleanála, where decisions that were due a year ago have still not been made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [25786/23]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost of building a one-bedroom apartment. — Thomas Gould. [25811/23]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if private health contribution payments, private pension contribution payments and membership fees paid to trades union can be disregarded as income when calculating the weekly rent contribution paid by tenants to local authorities under the housing assistance payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [25819/23]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide further details on the causes of the underspend of 32.5% or €141 million below profile, as outlined in the April Fiscal Monitor (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [25835/23]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the criteria for which a local authority can refuse to purchase a property under the tenant-in-situ scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25843/23]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position on the Marine Strategy Framework Directive Common Implementation Strategy on Seabed Integrity; if he agrees with the idea of having an additional or combined threshold value of 10% of areas without pressures on the seabed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25844/23]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the operation of ‘home for life’ in the mortgage-to-rent scheme. — Thomas Gould. [25852/23]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of mortgage-to-rent applications, by provider, approved to date in 2023. — Thomas Gould. [25853/23]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when works (details supplied) will actually be carried out, given that the case has been prioritised for some time; if an urgent decision will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [25882/23]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications for funding of social housing developments/acquisitions/turnkey/leases applied for by Tipperary County Council under the social housing investment programme (SHIP); the date of those applications and their locations in Tipperary; and if the local authority was successful in receiving funding from his Department for each application, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [25886/23]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications for funding of social housing developments/acquisitions/turnkey/leases applied for by Clare County Council under the social housing investment programme (SHIP); the date of those applications and their locations in Tipperary; and if the local authority was successful in receiving funding from his Department for each application, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [25887/23]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications for funding of social housing developments/acquisitions/turnkey/leases applied for by Cork County Council under the social housing investment programme (SHIP); the date of those applications and their locations in Tipperary; and if the local authority was successful in receiving funding from his Department for each application, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [25888/23]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications for funding of social housing developments/acquisitions/turnkey/leases applied for by Kerry County Council under the social housing investment programme (SHIP); the date of those applications and their locations in Tipperary; and if the local authority was successful in receiving funding from his Department for each application, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [25889/23]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm from when Irish quarries and concrete producers had to comply with I.S. EN 12620 (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [25890/23]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of prosecutions made under the National Monuments Acts 1930 to 2014 in the past ten years; and the number of convictions that resulted from prosecutions in the same period. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25892/23]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a copy of the 2009 report by the Expert Advisory Group on Monuments and Archaeological Heritage which precipitated the Historic and Archaeological Heritage Bill 2023 being produced. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25893/23]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if approval will be given for a review of the current conditions of retained firefighters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [25923/23]



\*395. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the proposed policy to help protect and provide more allotments and community gardens in Ireland; if he will provide a timeline for when the policy is expected to be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25926/23]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department assists with, or makes a financial contribution to, the sourcing or provision of childcare or crèche facilities for the children of staff members of any grade or position; if so, the names of the providers; the costs incurred for the period 2020 to date in 2023; the number of staff who have availed of such assistance over this timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [25976/23]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of professional archaeologists currently in the employ of the Heritage Council. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [26020/23]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of professional archaeologists currently on the board of the Heritage Council. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [26021/23]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of professional historians currently in the employ of the Heritage Council. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [26026/23]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of professional historians currently on the board of the Heritage Council. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [26027/23]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action his Department is taking to improve the indoor environmental quality standards of Ireland's homes. — Jim O'Callaghan. [26039/23]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason responsibility for the collaborative town centre health check scheme was transferred to the LGMA from the Heritage Council; if a CTCHC will take place for the town of Drogheda in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [26051/23]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total estimated cost to build a ten-room domestic violence refuge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [26055/23]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of determinations by the Residential Tenancies Board which have been appealed to both the Residential Tenancies Board and the High Court in each of the past ten years; how many of such determinations were appealed by a landlord, property owner or agent acting on behalf of the property owner; how many were appealed by a tenant; how many of any such appeals were ruled in favour of the property owner and the tenant respectively; and if he will provide a breakdown of the general categories of appeals to the Residential Tenancies Board and the High Court, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [26077/23]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of complaints made to the Residential Tenancies Board regarding each approved housing body for each of the past ten years; the number of such RTB determinations that ruled in favour of the complainant; the number that ruled in favour of the approved housing body; the number of such determinations that have been appealed to both the Residential Tenancies Board and the High Court in each of the past ten years by both the complainant and the approved housing body; how many of such appeals that ruled in favour of the complainant and the approved housing body, respectively; and if he can provide a breakdown of the general categories of complaints and appeals involving each approved housing body to both the Residential Tenancies Board and the High Court, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [26101/23]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will set out his response to the recommendations contained in the RTB report on illegal eviction requested by him in August 2020 under section 151(2) of the Residential Tenancies Act 2004 and the additional recommendations set out by the RTB in its cover letter to him of 23 November 2022 accompanying the report; if he will publish the RTB report; and if he will set out a timeline for any legislation that he intends to publish on foot of the report. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26112/23]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will submit a new request to the Residential Tenancies Board to designate Athlone, County Roscommon as a rent pressure zone, given that rents have increased significantly since this issue was last examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [26118/23]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the extension of the €14,000 rent-a-room tax relief to social housing tenants; how it will interact with their differential rent both in terms of how the income of the licensee will be treated and how the additional income to the social housing tenant will be treated for the purposes of determining their differential rent; and the timeline for bringing the formalised scheme to Cabinet. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26137/23]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who has not been refunded money taken by Limerick's Housing Assistance Payment after their notice-to-quit period ended and they were forced to enter emergency accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [26155/23]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications that have been made by people in Donegal wishing to avail of the cost rental tenant-in-situ scheme; and the number of applications that have been successful and unsuccessful, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26161/23]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to introduce more flexibility to the condition of the croí cónaithe scheme whereby a property must be vacant for at least two years in circumstances where a dwelling is not in a liveable condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [26176/23]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many tenant-in-situ purchases Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council is targeted to make in 2023; how many purchases for tenant-in-situ the council has made to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [26177/23]



\*413. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will engage with Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council about a tenant-in-situ purchase (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [26178/23]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm whether changes have been made to guidance for dealing with HAP tenants in arrears in their differential rent; and if so, if he will outline the changes. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26187/23]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount paid by his Department to external legal teams, HR specialists, accountancy firms and consultants in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26235/23]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of a campaign in Drogheda (details supplied); if he will outline the legislative process or current arrangements in place to obtain city status in Irish law; if he is considering making the necessary administrative and/or legislative arrangements to have Drogheda designated as a city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [26243/23]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the up-to-date position with the provision of social housing at a site (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [26253/23]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the up-to-date position with the provision of social housing at a location (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [26254/23]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the up-to-date position with the provision of infrastructure (details supplied) in County Kildare; the current status of it; the scheduled finish date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [26255/23]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to address staff shortages in the National Building Control and Market Surveillance Office. — Ivana Bacik. [26284/23]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the rate of fees payable for persons who wish to submit planning observations; and his views on whether the rate is consistent with the aims of the Aarhus Convention, in particular. — Ivana Bacik. [26285/23]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the modelling his Department maintains on future building capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26286/23]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the shortage of beach lifeguards in Fingal; if he will raise the rate of pay for beach lifeguards; if his Department will invest in full-time professional year-round core lifeguard services for Dublin and other local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [26290/23]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 17 local authority housing units approved for construction at a location (details supplied) have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [26291/23]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 60 local authority housing units approved for construction in a location (details supplied) have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [26292/23]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 60 local authority housing units approved for construction in a location (details supplied) have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [26293/23]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the staffing levels in the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority; the appointments to date and their salaries, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [26329/23]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the staffing levels in the An Bord Pleanála and their salaries, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [26330/23]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the local authority biodiversity officer programme. — Darren O'Rourke. [26331/23]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the local authority biodiversity officer programme; the number of officers who are in position to date and in which local authorities, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [26334/23]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the staffing levels of the local authority biodiversity officer programme, their salaries, and in which local authorities, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [26335/23]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the local authority biodiversity officer programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [26336/23]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the terms of access to any or all grants for the provision for private wells for private housing who have a connection to public supply, but the supply is continually being interrupted/disconnected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [26337/23]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he or the Government have plans or intentions, given our increasing ageing population, to establish a distinct unit to operate together across both his Department and the Department of Health to provide for a joint plan to ensure the provision of age-friendly independent and supported-living environments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [26359/23]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable homes that have been delivered, per county, in the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [26361/23]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures, if any, in place, to assist persons to purchase houses which were previously owned, i.e. not new builds, and not deemed to be vacant or derelict; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [26365/23]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social and affordable homes delivered in Cork in 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [26367/23]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details on the planned economic impact assessment around the proposed nature restoration law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [26373/23]

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

\*439. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of students at primary and post-primary who were provided with free school meals in 2022, 2021 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [26193/23]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of providing school meals per child in primary school and the cost per child in post-primary schools. — Sorca Clarke. [26194/23]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the Government has plans to review the criteria for homecare workers’ entitlement to DSP payments (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [25551/23]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) in County Cork who had been in receipt of jobseeker’s allowance and who has since transitioned to illness benefit, does not qualify for the €200 cost-of-living support. — Sean Sherlock. [25570/23]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how many others she was referring to in her letter dated 9 May 2023 in relation to a customer who “like others... did everything right in keeping her Department informed” of their participation on the basic income for artists scheme but have had their claims for social protection stopped as a result; and how many customers have been asked to repay social protection payments as a result of participation in the basic income for artists scheme. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25572/23]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of the working family payment for a person (details supplied); when a decision will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [25575/23]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider reducing the qualifying period for community employment schemes from 12 months on the live register to nine months for all qualifying social welfare recipients, in line with the reduction to nine months qualifying time applied to Ukrainian nationals in receipt of a social welfare payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [25604/23]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she can detail the supports that are available for a public sector employee diagnosed with a serious illness (details supplied) who does not qualify for any payments from their employer (HSE) because of previous use of critical illness benefit, and who has paid PRSI contributions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [25610/23]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 229 of 11 May 2023, whether a decision to refuse a State pension takes into account employment from 2008 and from 2016 on stamp 1 basis in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25621/23]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of a carer's allowance application for a person (details supplied); when a decision will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [25633/23]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reasons for the delay in completing the reasonable accommodation fund review and consultation, due to be completed by the end of 2019 under commitments within the Comprehensive Employment Strategy; when the review report will be published; if the report will include recommendations to address the concerns of deaf people who are often marginalised in the workplace due to a lack of communication support; and when recommendations in the report will be implemented. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25653/23]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider increasing the back-to-work enterprise allowance to those aged 18-24 years and not living independently, to the increased rate of €220 per week in year one and €165 in year two, in view of the increasing costs for businesses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [25656/23]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if cognisance can be taken in the case of a person (details supplied); if the status quo in respect of their payment will be maintained; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25726/23]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when payment will issue to persons (details supplied) under the redundancy payment scheme from the Social Insurance Fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [25740/23]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason an unemployed person (details supplied) was not approved even a basic rate of social welfare considering that they have no income; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [25741/23]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for carers allowance will be processed in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25742/23]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for a disability allowance for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25743/23]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she received correspondence from the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media in relation to concerns raised by a campaign (details supplied); if she has responded on the matter; if so, the date on which she responded; and what the content of her response was. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25759/23]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) is not being paid disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [25775/23]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of payments made under additional needs payments relating to energy bills in 2022 and to date in 2023, by month. — Sean Sherlock. [25856/23]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline the due diligence and background checking that was undertaken in respect of the hiring of a person (details supplied) by her Department; and if the person remains an employee of her Department. — Catherine Murphy. [25877/23]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision on a review of a decision sought in relation to a carer's allowance refusal (details supplied) will issue; the reason for the delay with this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25879/23]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [25925/23]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has considered what it would cost to extend the fuel allowance to persons who have been six months on an assistance payment, and to those in receipt of the working family payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [25958/23]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department assists with, or makes a financial contribution to, the sourcing or provision of childcare or crèche facilities for the children of staff members of any grade or position; if so, the names of the providers; the costs incurred for the period 2020 to date in 2023; the number of staff who have availed of such assistance over this timeframe; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [25980/23]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will issue on the social welfare appeal (details supplied) registered in the social welfare appeals office on 7 December 2022; if he can confirm the reason it took so long for the requested files to be sent to the appeals office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [25984/23]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [25988/23]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the review of the reasonable accommodation fund will be completed; if she will provide a breakdown of how the €1 million expansion of the reasonable accommodation fund allocated in Budget 2023 will be utilised; the provisions for mental health in the revised reasonable accommodation fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25998/23]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current number of advocates, per county, in the National Advocacy Services for persons with disabilities in each of the years 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25999/23]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the plans being put in place to address the findings of the cost of a disability research report published in December 2021; the way in which it is proposed to reduce day-to-day costs for persons with a disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26000/23]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for an exceptional needs payment by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [26072/23]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Cork is in receipt of the maximum contributory pension; if not, if her Department will review this case with regard to credit for social insurance contributions paid whilst working in the UK between 1964 and 1967; if she will further consider 2003 when the pensioner considers that they would have paid a PRSI contribution; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [26087/23]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total annual number of victims of domestic violence that received rent supplement from 2020 to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26104/23]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the annual monetary amount spent on translation services for victims of domestic violence from 2016 to 2023 inclusive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26105/23]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department is currently conducting a review of carer's allowance recipients' continuing eligibility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [26108/23]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a carer's allowance review initiated on 7 February 2023 for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [26115/23]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) has been refused a PPS number. — Sorca Clarke. [26152/23]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when arrears will be paid to a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [26160/23]



\*477. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of paying the living wage and the minimum wage to all workers on the CE scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26180/23]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount paid by her Department to external legal teams, HR specialists, accountancy firms, and consultants in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26239/23]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the application process for jobseeker's benefit for educators and education support staff at all levels, who are making a claim in respect of a holiday period, can be streamlined and speeded up; if she is aware that some applicants have received their initial payment in mid-August, or when they have returned to work after the holiday period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [26251/23]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is satisfied with the operation of her Department's central call centre when clients are seeking to make contact with individual social welfare offices; if she has reviewed the operation of this centre to ensure that all clients are speedily responded to; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [26366/23]

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

\*481. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will outline the current situation regarding the spent convictions legislation committed to in the Programme for Government. — Paul Murphy. [25553/23]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Justice if his Department can expedite the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [25613/23]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on each specific recommendation outlined in the Oireachtas Committee on Justice report on GDPR from 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [25627/23]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 467 of 9 May 2023, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this PQ answered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [25641/23]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 456 of 9 May 2023, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this PQ answered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [25642/23]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Justice the closing dates for accepting tender offers for the new aircrafts and helicopters for the Garda air support unit. — Jim O'Callaghan. [25643/23]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 453 of 9 May 2023, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this PQ answered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [25644/23]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 462 of 9 May 2023, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this PQ answered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [25645/23]



\*489. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí, by rank, attached to the Garda band as of 22 May 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [25646/23]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 1041 of 18 April 2023, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this PQ answered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [25647/23]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 457 of 9 May 2023, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this PQ answered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [25648/23]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Justice if he and or his officials have been consulted by Garda management in respect of a new policing plan post-the 2022-2024 plan. — Catherine Murphy. [25677/23]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will strongly consider an organisation (details supplied) for State funding towards its operational managerial costs and towards GP costs for its members, in view of the sterling work that it is carrying out and the costs it has saved the State in the long run; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [25691/23]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [25705/23]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Justice if urgent clarification can be given as to the next steps to be followed in the case of a person (details supplied), who has a valid work permit, had a visa but was unable to travel due to a family member being gravely ill; if a visa can be reissued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25710/23]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on a naturalisation application by a person (details supplied), where further information was requested in March 2023. — Joe Flaherty. [25711/23]

\*497. 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. [25712/23]

\*498. 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. [25713/23]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Justice when a visa application will be approved in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25716/23]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a breakdown of the number of seizures of cannabinoids (cannabis edibles) products by An Garda Síochána for each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; the estimated street value or worth of those seizures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [25750/23]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of arrests related to seizures of cannabinoids (cannabis edibles) products by An Garda Síochána for each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [25752/23]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prosecutions related to seizures of cannabinoids (cannabis edibles) products by An Garda Síochána for each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [25753/23]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are plans to bring forward legislation to control the sale and supply of illegal drugs or substances through social media channels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [25754/23]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of people arrested for fraud offences in each county in the State in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [25778/23]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of people arrested for firearm offences or possession of firearms in each county in the State in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [25779/23]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of people arrested for burglaries in each county in the State in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [25780/23]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of people arrested for drug offences in each county in the State in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [25781/23]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 273 of 30 March 2023, if he will provide an update on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [25785/23]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has plans to update the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956. — Paul Donnelly. [25867/23]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of WTE immigration officials, by grade, employed by his Department working in Dublin Airport as of 23 May 2023; the number of vacancies by grade; and when these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [25868/23]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Justice the capital budget allocation to An Garda Síochána in 2022; the amount of that capital budget allocation that was spent in 2022; and the capital budget allocation for An Garda Síochána in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [25869/23]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda command and control vehicles in use as of 23 May 2023; and the corresponding figures as of 1 January 2021, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [25870/23]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Justice the costs incurred by An Garda Síochána from policing the visit of the President of the United States in April 2023. — Paul Donnelly. [25871/23]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Justice the options available to a person (details supplied) to regularise their status given that they have been refused by the undocumented scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25932/23]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Justice if his Department assists with, or makes a financial contribution to, the sourcing or provision of childcare or crèche facilities for the children of staff members of any grade or position; if so, the names of the providers; the costs incurred for the period 2020 to date in 2023; the number of staff who have availed of such assistance over this timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [25977/23]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Justice the total spend allocated to Tusla under the third Domestic, Sexual and Gender Based Violence Strategy for capital works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [26054/23]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of staffed domestic violence refuge centres and the number of supported units open in each county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26058/23]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated current expenditure cost of providing one additional staffed family refuge space; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26059/23]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new refuge accommodation units delivered and opened for each of the years 2020 to 2023 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26061/23]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Justice Tusla's funding allocation for each of the years 2020 to 2023 inclusive for staffed refuges, domestic violence support services, rape crisis centres and associated helpline services, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26062/23]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of protection orders sought for each of the years 2016 to 2023 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26063/23]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of safety orders sought for each of the years 2016 to 2023 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26064/23]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of interim barring orders sought for each of the years 2016 to 2023 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26065/23]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of barring orders sought for each of the years 2016 to 2023 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26066/23]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of protection orders granted for each of the years 2016 to 2023 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26067/23]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of safety orders granted for each of the years 2016 to 2023 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26068/23]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of interim barring orders granted for each of the years 2016 to 2023 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26069/23]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of barring orders granted for each of the years 2016 to 2023 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26070/23]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Justice the monetary amount spent on translation services for victims of domestic violence for each of the years 2016 to 2023 inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26071/23]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in respect of an application for leave to remain in the case of a person (details supplied) who submitted their application in 2020 and has yet to receive communication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26113/23]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Justice the process that has been established to roll-out a National Domestic Violence Accommodation (Refuge) Strategic Development Plan, in the context of a National Services Development Plan, as set out in the Third National Domestic Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Strategy. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26120/23]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of EU Treaty Rights application in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26121/23]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a breakdown of the number of complaints of assault made by taxi drivers while on duty for each of the years 2018 to 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [26131/23]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a breakdown of the number of prosecutions for assault against taxi drivers while on duty for each of the years 2018 to 2023. — Emer Higgins. [26132/23]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to establish a Penal Policy Consultative Council to advise on penal policy. — Patrick Costello. [26134/23]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the unpublished Dóchas prison reports by the Inspector of Prisons; when such reports will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [26135/23]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the penal policy review from 2022; the status of the action plan; the achievements in relation to same to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [26136/23]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Justice how his Department has addressed the practice of scammers block-booking appointments with the Garda National Immigration Bureau; if he will report on the effect of the launch of the new phone number for the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26140/23]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Justice when the Advisory Group on the Study on Familicide and Domestic Homicide Review will report to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26142/23]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Justice his views on the need to ensure that a non-prosecutorial report is considered by his Department when domestic homicide occurs here, to enable an appropriate legislative and budgetary response to avoid future such incidents. — Ivana Bacik. [26143/23]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 535 of 23 May 2023, and in light of the fact that the scheme was limited to 500 people, and 450 have been offered a place, if the remaining 363 applications are being processed to fill the remaining 50 places; if not, whether there is an intention to increase the number of people who will be allowed to come to Ireland under the scheme, with particular reference to, if there is no increase planned, the reason all of the applications were not accessed prior to deciding who would get the limited places, the basis upon which it was decided to prioritise and accept some cases for approval prior to all cases being assessed, or if the scheme is to be extended beyond 500, whether spaces will be provided for all; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26156/23]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of suspected crimes reported to each Garda station in the Cork city area for 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [26220/23]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount paid by his Department to external legal teams, HR specialists, accountancy firms and consultants in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26236/23]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Justice his plans to collate comprehensive data on deaths in custody. — Ivana Bacik. [26287/23]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps taken by the Government to ascertain if an asylum seeker has purposefully lost their passport or travel documents; if the aeroplane is searched for travel documents; if the asylum seeker is searched along with their luggage for the travel documents; if fingerprints are taken; and if so, if these fingerprints are cross-referenced against fingerprints taken by other EU member states that are processing asylum seekers. — Peadar Kirby. [26288/23]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Justice if the State knows the whereabouts of all asylum seekers in Ireland; if so, the number of asylum seekers who are missing; and the number of these who are children. — Peadar Kirby. [26289/23]

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

\*547. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the members of the public that were involved in the survey in relation to the first major public consultation into

the impact of deer, that is, gun clubs, farming groups and so on; the research that has been carried out into non-lethal deer population control; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [25616/23]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 536 of 16 May 2023, if he will outline the person or body that will be the stakeholders in the ‘stakeholder working groups to develop recommendations to managing the deer population effectively’. — Paul Murphy. [25617/23]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the research project “A Socio-Economic Study of Seaweed Harvesting in Ireland to Support Marine Spatial Planning”; if the research has concluded to-date; the timeline for the publication of the final report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25620/23]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a person (details supplied) in County Cork is not able to progress their BISS application due to DAFM online issues after sending successive emails on 19 April, 4 May and 18 May 2023, the latter two of which have not received any reply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [25566/23]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a suckler cow application (details supplied) in County Cork has been successfully submitted given the circumstances. — Michael Creed. [25567/23]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to e-correspondence from this Deputy; and if he will provide an update on the suggestion contained in the response from the Deputy in respect of the engagement of an independent review of the person’s case (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [25635/23]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is co-equivalence in organic certification standards between Ireland and Britain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [25670/23]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of flour imported from Britain, separately organic and non-organic, in each of the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [25671/23]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his proposals to increase the promotion of Irish organic flour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [25672/23]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the forestry section of Teagasc will hold information meetings nationwide to assist forest owners impacted by Ash dieback who have forests with dying, dead or rotten trees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25695/23]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has instructed his Department inspectors to inspect forests impacted by Ash dieback nationwide to determine the state of the forests and the associated health and safety implications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25696/23]



\*558. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are health and safety concerns given the state of dead and rotten trees now present in Ash dieback plantations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25697/23]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated total volume of Ash in plantations, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25698/23]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has briefed an organisation (details supplied) on Ash dieback disease; if he will mobilise the organisation to hold information meetings for forest owners impacted by Ash dieback; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25699/23]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the introduction of a financial support scheme for farmers to meeting the costs of hiring professional contractors to manage roadside ash trees that are infected by ash dieback disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25802/23]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to protect animal welfare issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25803/23]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking in response to a differential that has opened up between Irish and UK steers prices in recent weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25804/23]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to remove barriers concerning pet dog, cat and ferret travel between Ireland and the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25805/23]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline his engagement with the Minister for Education concerning action 4c: Reduction of risk in Sensitive Areas in the Irish National Action Plan for the Sustainable Use of Pesticides (Plant Protection Products); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25806/23]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers who participated in the beef environmental efficiency programme - suckler (BEEP-S), by county, in 2022, in tabular form; the average payment, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25883/23]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the allocation to beef sustainability schemes in each of the years 2020 to 2024, by scheme and by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25884/23]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 542 of 16 May 2023, if he will provide the metrics used by officials in his Department to conclude that financial supports through the Brexit Adjustment Reserve Fund was inapplicable for the sheep farming sector, as he is aware, the sheep farming sector is one of the most affected sectors as a result of the UK's withdrawal from the EU; the additional financial provisions that he will provide to assist the sheep farming sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [25924/23]



\*569. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department assists with, or makes a financial contribution to, the sourcing or provision of childcare or crèche facilities for the children of staff members of any grade or position; if so, the names of the providers; the costs incurred for the period 2020 to date in 2023; the number of staff who have availed of such assistance over this timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [25966/23]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the stage negotiations are at regarding the compensation for farmers as to the reduction of cow numbers in their herd; the proposed compensation being discussed, per cow per month; if there is a limit of five years on the compensation; the intended start date of this programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [26212/23]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the scheme of investment aid for development of the commercial horticulture section 2023 is due to open for this season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [26217/23]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount paid by his Department to external legal teams, HR specialists, accountancy firms, and consultants in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26225/23]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has examined the possibility of seeking a rebate in carbon tax for growers in the horticulture sector given the high energy costs associated with the industry; if this is a measure he would consider; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [26282/23]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an extension will be sought to the current planning permission for the construction of a deep water pier at Ros a'Mhíl, which expires in July and where substantial works have already been carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26294/23]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is his intention to sanction further works, within the present planning permission, at the deep-water pier in Ros a'Mhíl over those already approved; if so, when this will happen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26295/23]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a meeting, as requested by the Aran island co-operatives, will be organised with them to discuss the operation of parking facilities for islanders at Ros a'Mhíl, where there are still outstanding issues and where a meeting has been sought for some considerable time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26296/23]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons who were convicted of a €5,000 penalty under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 for 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [26368/23]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons who were imprisoned for six months under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 for 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [26369/23]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons who were fined €250,000 under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 for 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [26370/23]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons who were imprisoned for up to five years under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 for 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [26371/23]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons who were disqualified from owning animals under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 for 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [26372/23]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise on his engagement on the transfer of Brexit adjustment reserve funding to the REPower EU fund; if he has requested that funding will be ringfenced for agricultural purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [26374/23]

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

\*583. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the return of therapists to special schools; the number that have returned to Cork schools; and the number that will return in September, by role, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [26125/23]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the position in respect of calls by a charity (details supplied) to ensure that new mothers with cancer can defer maternity leave until they have finished their respective treatments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [26186/23]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if additional home support hours can be provided to a person (details supplied) who suffers from spinal muscular atrophy and has significant associated needs and who currently receives 4.25 hours per week in home support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26264/23]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the potential costs to undertake a comprehensive review of staffing structures within Tusla; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [25542/23]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost of increasing capacity in early years providers for baby places 0-1 nationally by 10%. — Kathleen Funchion. [25594/23]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the budget allocated for Tusla under the NDP for ICT infrastructure; the budget allocated for Tusla by his Department for ICT infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [25626/23]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will review the core funding model which is presently undermining the viability of sessional providers, some of whom are now being forced to close; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [25664/23]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on payments due to a service provider (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [25676/23]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a service provider (details supplied) will receive payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [25683/23]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can assist a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [25704/23]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the level of funding spent on providing training for clinicians in private clinics providing outsourced assessments and therapies for the HSE over the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25732/23]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will confirm the number of vacant posts waiting to be filled in the Mid-West Disability Team providing services to children living in County Clare in 2022 and 2023; if he will outline the vacant posts, by discipline, in tabular form; the status on the recruitment for these vacant posts and efforts being made to fill these posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [25734/23]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has any intention of housing refugees in a location (details supplied); if he will engage with the local community on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [25746/23]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he received correspondence from the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media in relation to concerns raised by a campaign (details supplied); if he has responded on the matter; if so, the date on which he responded; and what the content of his response was. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25758/23]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children and young persons on waiting lists for an assessment of need by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [25823/23]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of situations where parents who have children with additional needs in private afterschool/creches but, they have been advised that their child cannot continue to attend the afterschool/creche unless they have an SNA; if he is aware that the SENO has said that they do not provide SNA support; if he will provide a list of options for the care of this child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [25850/23]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on outstanding payments to an accommodation centre (details supplied) for Ukrainian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [25913/23]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the uptake of applications for the Ireland against Racism Fund; if the number of applications to date have met or exceeded expectation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [25941/23]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details on the proposals to issue tenders for floating accommodation to house international protection applicants; if such accommodation will also be used to house beneficiaries of temporary protection; the initial budgetary amount being ringfenced for these tenders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [25957/23]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department assists with, or makes a financial contribution to, the sourcing or provision of childcare or crèche facilities for the children of staff members of any grade or position; if so, the names of the providers; the costs incurred for the period 2020 to date in 2023; the number of staff who have availed of such assistance over this timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [25967/23]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost of ratifying the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; when this ratification will be undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26019/23]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports he, in conjunction with the Department of Social Protection, will put in place to support parents in terms of childcare for new babies (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [26048/23]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding provided for residential respite for children's disability services in CHO4 in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [26053/23]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if funding will be issued for non-emergency transport for those using disability services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [26057/23]

\*607. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the Autism Innovation Oversight and Advisory Group; when the next public consultation to finalise the Autism Innovation Strategy will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [25950/23]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth that available therapeutic resource for children with special needs is properly allocated between completing assessments and delivering therapeutic services; and if he will indicate the key performance targets for the new disability networks, and their capacity to achieve them. — Richard Bruton. [18546/23]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware that community neuro-rehabilitation is a vital support for people living with neurological conditions, a community neuro-rehabilitation team was promised for every Community Health Organisation (CHO) area but most have not been delivered; if he will commit to a timeline to establish a team in every CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [17656/23]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will change policy to ensure that all refugees will in future be provided with accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [26002/23]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current position in relation to the Programme for Government commitment to end the direct provision system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [26005/23]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current position in relation to the Programme for Government commitment to end the direct provision system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [26005/23]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the eligibility criteria to access respite care for children with disabilities in counties Cavan and Monaghan will be amended; and the proposals to expand the number of respite care places for children in counties Cavan and Monaghan. — Matt Carthy. [18554/23]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to increase the number of senior therapy staff within Children's Disability Network Teams to enable an increase in the number of student placements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [18615/23]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider the allocation of an additional nurse to an educational setting (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [26124/23]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on the high vacancy rates in CDNTs; if he will report on how unspent funds, which were committed to CDNTs with vacancies, were spent; and his plans to reallocate those funds to providing emergency services, and international recruitment campaigns, and interventions for children on waiting lists. — Ivana Bacik. [26141/23]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of refugees who have been settled in County Donegal, broken down by townlands and whether they have come from Ukraine or elsewhere; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26158/23]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has any concerns that the current design of the National Childcare Strategy does not facilitate part-time childcare hours as providers are only paid for the hours used, and are therefore out of pocket if the child attends less than a full-time service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [26172/23]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason ECCE providers are paid according to daily attendance, in contrast to the Department of Education system where primary and secondary schools are sub vented and teachers paid irrespective of classroom attendance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [26173/23]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount paid by his Department to external legal teams, HR specialists, accountancy firms and consultants in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26226/23]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if early years educators in the public system can be paid throughout the school holidays in order that they do not have to apply for jobseeker's benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [26248/23]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children awaiting their AON in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26316/23]

\*623. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children awaiting their initial appointment with the CDNT in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26317/23]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE speech and language therapists in the children's disability network teams in County Westmeath that are currently vacant, in tabular form; and when these vacancies are expected to be filled. — Sorca Clarke. [26346/23]

\*625. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the inspections, per county, conducted by his Department on sites being utilised for those seeking international protection in this country in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [26353/23]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the Government will consider a vastly enhanced community funding programme to support communities hosting refugees and people in direct provision services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [26376/23]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he continues to ensure that adequate provision is being made available throughout the country for refugees, Ukrainians or applicants of the International Protection Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26381/23]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he and his Department continue to monitor the needs of children, in the home, in care, or any other situations where the voice of the child needs to be heard or specific action needs to be taken medically or psychologically, with a view to ensuring that not only is the voice of the child being heard but is seen to be heard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26382/23]



\*629. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of cases of child neglect brought to the attention of his Department over the past three years; the extent to which a necessary follow-up took place as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26383/23]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which children with special needs continue to receive the support of Tusla in all situations where required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26385/23]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he and his Department continue to monitor the needs of children who are refugees or in the Traveller community or who have special issues, and who if they are not attended to, may not be in a position to take their rightful place in society in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26387/23]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of direct provision centres currently available and inhabited throughout the country; the extent to which he and his Department continue to endeavour to meet the needs of those for whom such centres were provided initially; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26388/23]

\*633. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he and his Department have identified vacant buildings throughout the country which might be used for asylum seekers or refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26389/23]

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

\*634. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on workforce planning for the mental healthcare sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26034/23]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting their initial appointment with CAMHS in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26318/23]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children are awaiting their SALT appointment through primary care in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26319/23]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting their OT appointment through primary care in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26320/23]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting their clinical psychology appointment through primary care in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26321/23]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he and his Department continue to accelerate the programme of assessment in the case of children with or without special needs who may be in need of counselling, psychiatric or medical attention; if he will ensure a rapid

processing of such cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26386/23]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children born either addicted to or severely affected by alcohol or drugs in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [25543/23]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a child (details supplied); and when they concerned can expect an appointment. — Barry Cowen. [25544/23]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to include athletic therapy in the CORU regulation process and in the provision of HSE care services; when this will happen; the rationale for its exclusion to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [25550/23]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Health following the announced Investment of over €23 billion in Budget 2023 in Ireland's health and social care services, when the proposed increase for eligibility of people for general practice access cards will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [25555/23]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ascertain from the HSE exactly what recommendations were implemented at a hospital facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [25577/23]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a six-year-old child (details supplied) has not yet been called for a much-needed tonsillectomy. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25588/23]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Health when the approved GP visit card extended in Budget 2023 to children aged under seven years and approved from April 2023 is expected to be implemented, given that to date it is yet to take effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [25593/23]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the severe shortage of medical scientists working in acute hospitals; if he is aware of the impact this is having on patients nationwide; the steps that he and his Department are taking to rectify the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [25595/23]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Health given the acute challenges facing public hospitals when it comes to recruiting medical scientists, if he will enact legislative change to allow CORU to broaden the scope of qualifications eligible for registration with the Medical Scientist Registration Board, specifically to update S.I. 46/2019 and S.I. 305/2022 to introduce and allow a division of the register for medical scientists who are qualified, proficient and competent in a single laboratory discipline, for example, histopathology-specific medical scientist grade, based on agreed educational requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [25596/23]

\*649. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Expert Review Body on Nursing and Midwifery, and on implementation of the recommendation of the extension of the qualification allowance CNM3 grade, in particular. — Ivana Bacik. [25597/23]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the shortage of medical scientists working in acute hospitals; his plans to rectify the shortage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [25599/23]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Health if, in view of the challenges associated with recruitment of medical scientists, he will enact legislative change to enable CORU to broaden the scope of qualifications eligible for registration with the Medical Scientist Registration Board; if he will update S.I. 46/2019 and S.I. 35/2022 to allow a division of the register for medical scientists who are qualified, proficient and competent in a single laboratory discipline, based on agreed educational requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [25600/23]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Health the reason an 83-year-old with haemochromatosis cannot have their blood taken as they are over 80 years of age; the reason for this decision by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25603/23]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Health when the GP clinic at the dispensary in the village of Murroe will be re-established (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [25607/23]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that many healthcare workers who worked in care homes during the Covid pandemic and who were of the understanding that they would receive the pandemic special recognition payment for non-HSE and non-Section 38 organisations are now being informed that they will not receive the payment and are being informed that this only applies to homes which are registered with HIQA, while many homes do not fall under the remit of HIQA; if he is aware of the difficulties that this is causing for these healthcare workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [25619/23]

\*655. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that are being taken to ease the continuing overcrowding issues at emergency departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [25631/23]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail the spending that a hospital made to a company (details supplied) for each month in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [25637/23]

\*657. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who have availed of the Northern Ireland Planned Healthcare cross-Border initiative who have not had all of their expenses fully covered; the number of persons who have had to pay in excess of €1,000, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25640/23]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that staff functioning under the aegis of an organisation (details supplied) for essential, frontline work done in the pandemic will be awarded the PRSP payment on the same basis as other qualifying cohorts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [25654/23]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Health if the working group that is to review governance arrangements to support HSE drug reimbursement process, has been set up; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [25663/23]

\*660. To ask the Minister for Health if the visit by representatives of the National Ambulance Service to Israel was officially sanctioned; if so, by whom and for what reason; the cost associated with the visit; if he considers such a visit to be appropriate, given the ongoing breaches of international law by Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [25666/23]

\*661. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 462 of 25 April 2023, when a response from the HSE will issue. — Matt Carthy. [25667/23]

\*662. To ask the Minister for Health the stage the look-back review into North Kerry CAMHS is at; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [25674/23]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the drug vyepti (details supplied), following its completion of the approval process; if he will acknowledge that there are many migraine sufferers who are resistant to current drugs available and who are desperate to access this new drug in an effort to relieve their pain; the proposed timeline for the drug to be available to those who need it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [25684/23]

\*664. To ask the Minister for Health the considerations his Department is giving to the inclusion of the drugs saxenda and ozempic, both now recognised as valuable medications in the treatment of obesity, to the drugs payment scheme for non-diabetic patients; if there are plans to widen the prescription of saxenda and ozempic to medical card holders with a BMI of greater than 35 as a preventative medicine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [25689/23]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of new funding in 2023 for each of the HSE national clinical programmes (details supplied), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25701/23]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to ensure that minimum care provision will be in place at LUH in light of two endocrinologists suddenly resigning and the current challenges in recruiting endocrinologists across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25703/23]

\*667. To ask the Minister for Health when the increase in income limits for those under 70 years applying for a medical card will be applied. — Sorca Clarke. [25707/23]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect to receive appointment for an MRI scan in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [25709/23]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting on primary care psychology services, by age and amount of time waiting, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25720/23]

\*670. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for Jigsaw services, by area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25721/23]

\*671. To ask the Minister for Health if the appropriate level of care at the highest possible level can be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); if all appropriate avenues can be

pursued to ensure that the required level of care is provided as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25725/23]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that a person (details supplied) will be permitted to transfer from their current position to take up the offered post in the public nurse team in County Cavan, in view of the personal difficulties created by the long commute involved with their current positing and the fact that they have completed their ‘time owed’ within CHO7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [25731/23]

\*673. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the number of hospitalisations related to the use of a substance such as hallucinogens, cannabinoids, cannabis, cocaine, lysergic acid diethylamide and heroin in each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [25755/23]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a newly planned facility (details supplied) in Cork east; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [25762/23]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Health the expenditure of the national treatment purchase fund in each year for which data is available; the amount of NTPF funding spent in public hospitals in each year for which data is available; the amount of NTPF funding spent in private hospitals in each year for which data is available; the total funding of the NTPF in each year for which data is available; the number of patients that benefitted from the fund each year for which data is available; the number of patients treated via the NTPF in public hospitals and private hospitals, in tabular form, in each year for which data is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25794/23]

\*676. To ask the Minister for Health the average salary of a community development worker. — Thomas Gould. [25809/23]

\*677. To ask the Minister for Health the average salary of an addiction counsellor. — Thomas Gould. [25812/23]

\*678. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided to Merchant’s Quay for the provision of a women’s facility to date in 2023. — Thomas Gould. [25813/23]

\*679. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of funding provided for women’s addiction services to date in 2023, by service, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [25814/23]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Health the cost, per dose, of each of the naloxone treatments. — Thomas Gould. [25816/23]

\*681. To ask the Minister for Health the number of prescriptions issued for naloxone to date in 2023. — Thomas Gould. [25817/23]

\*682. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a fair deal application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [25818/23]

\*683. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for speech and language therapy by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [25820/23]

\*684. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for physiotherapy by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [25821/23]

\*685. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for occupational therapy by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [25822/23]

\*686. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for ophthalmology by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [25824/23]

\*687. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for audiology by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [25825/23]

\*688. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for podiatry by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [25826/23]

\*689. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for community psychology services by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [25827/23]

\*690. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for counselling services by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [25828/23]

\*691. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for CAMHS by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [25829/23]

\*692. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for dietetics by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [25830/23]

\*693. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for homecare packages; the number of persons experiencing delayed discharge from hospital due to a delay in accessing homecare; and the waiting lists for homecare packages, by CHO and LHO, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [25831/23]

\*694. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the strategic review of general practice; the date at which he expects the review group to submit its findings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [25832/23]

\*695. To ask the Minister for Health the number of complaints made to the HSE in relation to breaches of the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018 which resulted in a person being found guilty of an offence under the Act. — Neasa Hourigan. [25854/23]

\*696. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for excluding Mallow General Hospital from benefit under the appointment of community care consultant posts; the rationale for this decision given the extensive catchment area that Mallow General Hospital serves; if he is satisfied that this decision is compatible with the Sláintecare objectives of delivering the “right care, in the right place, at the right time, by the right team”; if he will review this decision with the HSE given the imminent opening of a new 50-bed unit in Mallow hospital and the likelihood that such a decision



will only exacerbate the number of admissions on trollies at Cork University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [25857/23]

\*697. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE optometrists employed by the HSE working in primary care settings within CHO7 and CHO9 in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the locations where these optometrists are, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [25861/23]

\*698. To ask the Minister for Health the number of endometriosis specialists who are employed in the Coombe Hospital endometriosis clinic; the number of clinical nurses who are employed in the clinic; and the number of endometriologists who are employed in the clinic. — Paul Donnelly. [25862/23]

\*699. To ask the Minister for Health the number of national and international recruitment fairs where staff from Connolly Hospital were in attendance in 2022 and to date in 2023; and the number of jobs offered in each recruitment fair, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [25863/23]

\*700. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who presented at (details supplied) for each month in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [25864/23]

\*701. To ask the Minister for Health if a reassessment of a fair deal scheme application is possible where a property valuation was undertaken without entry to the property due to Covid restrictions, and is later found to be incorrect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25873/23]

\*702. To ask the Minister for Health if a reassessment of value of property is required under the fair deal scheme when the family home is sold and a new property is purchased by a spouse or partner of the applicant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25874/23]

\*703. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a proposal from an organisation (details supplied) for a new model of GP service for disadvantaged urban areas which are currently poorly served with GP services; if he is aware that this model operates successfully out of Summerhill primary care centre; if he will give positive consideration to supporting a proposal for a similar model in the Finglas west and south area, a large area which currently has no GP service; if he will undertake to meet with the principals of this organisation in order to progress the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [25875/23]

\*704. To ask the Minister for Health how a non-national physiotherapist (details supplied) can meet work placement requirements enforced by CORU for physiotherapy practice in Ireland, given that they applied to numerous hospitals across Ireland, but due to various reasons such as a shortage of senior staff, specific university affiliations and staff shortages following the Covid-19 pandemic, they have not been able to find the required support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25876/23]

\*705. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adverse incidents that were recorded in the health service in total in 2022, and for each of the previous four years; the number of adverse incidents that were recorded in each hospital group in the same timeframe; the number of adverse incidents that were recorded in each hospital; the number of adverse incidents that were recorded

in each CAHMS region; if he will detail the nature of all of the aforementioned adverse incidents; the number of health service-related claims that have been lodged with the State Claims Agency for each of the past five years; and the amount in compensation that has been paid out by the State as a result of claims lodged against the health service. — Peadar Tóibín. [25891/23]

\*706. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Cork, who has been on a waiting list for plastic surgery since 2019, will be allocated an appointment for re-assessment pre-operation given the time lapse. — Sean Sherlock. [25914/23]

\*707. To ask the Minister for Health the reason elderly persons in County Wexford who do not have a full medical card are refused access to public health nurse services; if this decision can be reversed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [25915/23]

\*708. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the counties that do not provide a person without a full medical card access to public health nurse services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [25916/23]

\*709. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown for each of the past five years, per A&E nationally, of the number of times people were billed for attending A&E without having been seen by any medical or healthcare practitioner or having received any medical care or treatment, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [25930/23]

\*710. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on plans being considered to ensure the continuation of adult diabetes care and services at Letterkenny University Hospital, following the resignation of consultant endocrinologists at LUH (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [25946/23]

\*711. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 265 of 11 May 2023, if the HSE has initiated a recruitment process to staff the primary care centre at Boot Road, Clondalkin. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25956/23]

\*712. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department assists with, or makes a financial contribution to, the sourcing or provision of childcare or crèche facilities for the children of staff members of any grade or position; if so, the names of the providers; the costs incurred for the period 2020 to date in 2023; the number of staff who have availed of such assistance over this timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [25975/23]

\*713. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) cannot get their appointment in Merlin Park Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [25989/23]

\*714. To ask the Minister for Health if the GP-visit card income-threshold increase that was due to be introduced on 1 April after being committed to in Budget 2023, has been communicated to the HSE, and commenced since that date; if not, the reason for the delay; when it is expected to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [25997/23]

\*715. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount of funding given to the voluntary and community mental health sector in the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26010/23]

\*716. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of authorised officers in the HSE; the target number of authorised officers by Q4 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26011/23]

\*717. To ask the Minister for Health how many deficits in authorised officer numbers will be addressed by Q4 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26012/23]

\*718. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on all the independent advocacy services available in mental health, for both inpatient and outpatient services, in 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form, indicating those that are for children and young people only, and those that are for adults only; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26013/23]

\*719. To ask the Minister for Health the projected costs of implementing the proposed reforms to the Mental Health Act 2001; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26014/23]

\*720. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the costings of restructuring the HSE to regional health areas from 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26015/23]

\*721. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on workforce planning for the mental healthcare sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26016/23]

\*722. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of additional funding allocated to the expansion of the national clinical programmes in mental health in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26017/23]

\*723. To ask the Minister for Health the start date for the new child and youth mental health lead at assistant national director-level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26018/23]

\*724. To ask the Minister for Health the number of emergency department presentations for the nine acute model 4 hospitals in the country for the month of April; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [26038/23]

\*725. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the progress to date of the Working Group chaired by a person (details supplied) to consider the cost of medical claims; if he will provide in tabular form the details of the dates on which the Group has met and a timeline for the Group's work plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [26041/23]

\*726. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide in tabular form the details of the membership of the Working Group chaired by a person (details supplied) to consider the cost of medical claims, including details of the organisation each member represents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [26042/23]

\*727. To ask the Minister for Health if any representative of the victims of medical negligence or any individual who has taken a case against the medical profession or the HSE has been appointed to the membership of the Working Group chaired by a person (details supplied) to consider the cost of medical claims; if not, why; if the absences of such a voice on the Group does not fatally undermine the Group and its work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [26043/23]

\*728. To ask the Minister for Health if any representative of the legal profession, any legal professional who has represented the victims of medical negligence or any legal professional who has acted for an individual who has taken a case against the medical profession or the HSE has been appointed to the membership of the Working Group chaired by a person (details supplied) to consider the cost of medical claims; if not, why, if the absences of such a voice on the Group does not fatally undermine the Group and its work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [26044/23]

\*729. To ask the Minister for Health if all homeless services workers who worked throughout the pandemic in homeless support roles will be paid the pandemic payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [26045/23]

\*730. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm whether it is permissible for terminations of pregnancy based on sex-selection criteria to take place under the provisions of the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Act 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [26046/23]

\*731. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of an issue with a systematic failure of a number of HSE payroll divisions to correctly calculate the pay of non-consultant hospital doctors such as a person (details supplied), through a failure to correctly complete ASC 10 forms by sections of the HSE; if he will request the HSE to instigate an investigation into the number of doctors affected, and to ascertain whether the underpayment was as a result of a deliberate policy; if he will request the HSE to ensure that those affected are automatically reimbursed rather than having to chase up underpayments in multiple employments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [26047/23]

\*732. To ask the Minister for Health when an urgent hospital transfer from Letterkenny University Hospital to Galway University Hospital will take place for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26056/23]

\*733. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Cork who was referred on 22 December 2022 will have a date for cataract surgery. — Sean Sherlock. [26075/23]

\*734. To ask the Minister for Health the budget allocated to each hospital in the RCSI Hospital Group in each of the years 2019 to 2023, in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [26076/23]

\*735. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the establishment of the HSE implementation group to progress the operational recommendations raised in the review of the Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [26079/23]

\*736. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the progress in implementing the recommendations raised in the review of the Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [26080/23]

\*737. To ask the Minister for Health if he could outline the roles and responsibilities of the National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics as defined by statute; the reporting requirements it has to the Minister and the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [26088/23]

\*738. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the specific expenditure on new medicines and new uses of existing medicines in 2021 and 2022; if the information could be provided on an in-year basis and not solely on the projected five-year budget impact basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [26089/23]

\*739. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the details of the contract between the HSE and the National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics that underpins pharmaceutical product applications for reimbursement; what the agreement requires of the NCPE in conducting its role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [26090/23]

\*740. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medicines and the level of expenditure in 2022 on exempt medicinal products by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [26091/23]

\*741. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who received medicines in 2022 under section 23 of the Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) Act 2013, which refers to supply of a medicine outside of the reimbursement list; whether or not any of these medicines had an orphan designation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [26092/23]

\*742. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the bodies consulted in the review by an organisation (details supplied) of the reimbursement system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [26093/23]

\*743. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the development of a national strategy for hemochromatosis (details supplied) in which everyone has equal access to testing diagnosis, treatment and quality of care, regardless of where they live in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26094/23]

\*744. To ask the Minister for Health if he will appoint a main contact person to act as lead on haemochromatosis within his Department and/or the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26096/23]

\*745. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider sponsoring a public awareness campaign for the purposes of providing information regarding the symptoms of hemochromatosis (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26097/23]

\*746. To ask the Minister for Health if will engage with the representative associations of medical bodies to ensure that GPs and other medical professionals are fully advised of the symptoms of haemochromatosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26098/23]

\*747. To ask the Minister for Health when the new means limit for the GP only card, which was due to be in place from April 2023 will come into force; and if he will outline the exact thresholds that will apply. — Richard Bruton. [26099/23]

\*748. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the recruitment of staff for the new Boot Road, primary care centre in Clondalkin; the breakdown of the staff to be recruited, by WTE; if they will be in place for the opening of the centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26103/23]

\*749. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing staff who are missing for the rota for the accident and emergency in the Mater hospital; the number of positions within his Department that are unfilled; the length of time they have remained open for; and the steps, if any, he has taken to fill these positions. — Peadar Tóibín. [26106/23]

\*750. To ask the Minister for Health whether a dentist can charge a medical card holder a fee for dental work due to the time elapsed since their last visit (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [26111/23]

\*751. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to operate a weekend service for diagnostic scans in St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny and Waterford University Hospital, based on evidential need (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [26116/23]

\*752. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the cost of medication for inflammatory bowel disease, which is not covered by the long-term illness scheme, given that it can be an issue for some patients who do not qualify for a medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [26147/23]

\*753. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied); if the HSE is considering using this medication to treat long-Covid in appropriate circumstances; the reason this treatment is not used in long-Covid clinics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [26148/23]

\*754. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); his views on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [26149/23]

\*755. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1340 of 21 March 2023, if any further progress has been made to address due back payments for retirees in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and if he will seek an update on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [26153/23]

\*756. To ask the Minister for Health when he will commence negotiations with a union (details supplied) as part of the review of pharmacy dispensing fees under section 42 (14) of the Public Service Pay and Pensions Act 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [26157/23]

\*757. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) will be waiting three years or more for an operation on their knees despite the fact that their health and mobility has worsened over the past year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [26159/23]

\*758. To ask the Minister for Health the additional community health services being provided in each county in CHO5 since 2020, in tabular form. — Jackie Cahill. [26171/23]

\*759. To ask the Minister for Health if TAVI heart surgery will be upgraded to the highest priority for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [26179/23]



\*760. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the specific timeline which he and his Departmental officials have given to HIQA to complete its HTA regarding the provision of an enhanced influenza vaccine for the over-65s age cohort; if he will outline the scope of this HTA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26183/23]

\*761. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider expediting the conducting of a HTA to be carried out by HIQA into the provision of an enhanced influenza vaccine for the over-65s cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26184/23]

\*762. To ask the Minister for Health the specific new steps his Department is taking to protect the most at-risk age cohorts in Ireland against influenza, in light of the excess mortality recorded in the most recent winter flu season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26185/23]

\*763. To ask the Minister for Health his position in respect of calls by an organisation (details supplied) to see additional investment and resourcing of cancer services and the cancer workforce in order that everyone can access timely tests and treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [26188/23]

\*764. To ask the Minister for Health his position in respect of calls by an organisation (details supplied) to see the abolition of car parking charges for cancer patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [26189/23]

\*765. To ask the Minister for Health where private patients are to go to secure medical care on the retirement of their GP; and if he will advise in particular circumstances (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [26190/23]

\*766. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on the waiting list to access a first appointment with gynaecology services in Tallaght University Hospital; the number waiting over one year for a first appointment; and the number waiting over five years for a first appointment. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26211/23]

\*767. To ask the Minister for Health the other options open for a woman suffering from endometriosis, who was referred to a pain specialist (details supplied), but was told that they could be waiting over a year for their appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26216/23]

\*768. To ask the Minister for Health if, in light of his decision to introduce calorie information for alcohol products, he will implement a similar requirement for the hospitality sector on its menus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [26221/23]

\*769. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid by his Department to external legal teams, HR specialists, accountancy firms and consultants in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26234/23]

\*770. To ask the Minister for Health if the provisions of the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) (No. 2) regulations 2023 will extend to Irish citizens who are prescribed cannabis medicines; if his Department has nominated a body to issue and verify such certificates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [26245/23]

\*771. To ask the Minister for Health the consideration given to those with eating disorders in the decision-making process to add calorie information to alcoholic products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [26247/23]

\*772. To ask the Minister for Health the practical steps the HSE is taking to reduce healthcare waste and improve waste segregation, following the new HSE action plan towards a more sustainable future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [26249/23]

\*773. To ask the Minister for Health as a substantial organisation with a significant environmental impact, how the HSE is planning to measure and report its scope-three emissions and its contribution to the State's commitment to achieving UN Sustainability Development Goals (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [26250/23]

\*774. To ask the Minister for Health if he will include athletic therapy in the CORU regulation process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [26252/23]

\*775. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position with the provision of a new healthcare facility (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [26256/23]

\*776. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position with the provision of a health care facility (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [26257/23]

\*777. To ask the Minister for Health when the necessary motorised wheelchair will be delivered to a person (details supplied) who suffers from spinal muscular atrophy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26265/23]

\*778. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the current status of the application for a new 97-bed ward block at Wexford General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [26266/23]

\*779. To ask the Minister for Health in which quarter of which year he expects the new 96-bed block currently under construction in UHL to be opened. — Alan Kelly. [26278/23]

\*780. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1910 of 19 January 2022, the current number of applicants waiting for a primary medical certificate in County Clare; the current application processing time for a primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [26297/23]

\*781. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider streamlining the PCRS Reporting service for GPs to allow for longer timeframes for submission of claims due to the high demand on GPs and the increased burden of workload, to provide greater flexibility with regard to extensions requested by GPs, and to improve the turnaround time to resolve issues with claims on hold; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [26298/23]

\*782. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing budget allocation for Mullingar Regional Hospital in the years of 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [26347/23]

\*783. To ask the Minister for Health when adult attention deficit hyperactivity disorder services and support will be in place in County Longford. — Sorca Clarke. [26348/23]

\*784. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dementia advisors there are for each CHO area, for the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Patricia Ryan. [26360/23]

\*785. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 371 of 20 April 2023, the number of hours that were provided in 2022 on intensive home care packages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [26363/23]

\*786. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently waiting for an eye-specialist/optician appointment for each CHO area, in tabular form; the reason there is a delay in such appointments being allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [26364/23]

\*787. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that are being taken to address the current delays with CAMHS services in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [25938/23]

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

\*788. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of increasing the HEA contribution towards graduate entry medicine tuition fees by €5,000 and €10,000 per student, respectively based on the latest available student numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [25552/23]

\*789. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the contribution currently made by the HEA towards graduate entry medicine per student; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [25573/23]

\*790. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his intended timeline for the publication of the proposed students' union Bill, as referred to in his speech relating to the Higher Education Authority Act 2022 in Seanad Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25574/23]

\*791. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the investment that has been made by the Government into student mental-health services over the past three academic years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [25657/23]

\*792. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will examine the apprenticeship process to allow students from Dublin to complete their apprenticeship in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [25665/23]

\*793. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total annual student contribution charge to each consortia-led apprenticeship for each phase, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [25722/23]

\*794. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of further reducing third-level student contribution charges to €1,000 in 2023-2024, and subsequently to abolish these fees in 2024-2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [25723/23]

\*795. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total estimated yearly cost to the Exchequer of abolishing apprenticeship student contribution charges, broken down by consortia-led and craft; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [25724/23]

\*796. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta cad é an meastachán ar chostais ar an Stát a bhainfeadh le cúrsaí Gaeilge a chur ar fáil saor in aisce do dhaoine fásta, ar feadh bliain scoile, trí na Boird Oideachais agus Oiliúna i ngach údarás áitiúil. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25744/23]

\*797. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the proposed new veterinary school at University Limerick (details supplied); whether he has fully reviewed the recommendations of a report from the HEA expert panel concerning the relative capacities of UL for the provision of additional veterinary training places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [25937/23]

\*798. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the effect of inflation and shortage of accommodation on youth and in particular the student population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [25940/23]

\*799. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department assists with, or makes a financial contribution to, the sourcing or provision of childcare or crèche facilities for the children of staff members of any grade or position; if so, the names of the providers; the costs incurred for the period 2020 to date in 2023; the number of staff who have availed of such assistance over this timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [25974/23]

\*800. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of people receiving education and training to work in the mental healthcare sector in each of the years 2020 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26033/23]

\*801. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the financial supports available to Ukrainian students at higher level education who do not meet the three-year residency rule for SUSI application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [26073/23]

\*802. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students who did not qualify for the free scheme in the current academic year; if he has plans to review the qualification criteria, for example, in relation to graduate entry medicine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [26078/23]

\*803. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a student (details supplied) with a stamp 3 visa status is entitled to progress from secondary school to a PLC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [26109/23]

\*804. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will expedite the certification of solar PV installation add-on course requirement for an organisation (details supplied) with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland to allow it to process solar grants for households. — Joe McHugh. [26215/23]

\*805. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount paid by his Department to external legal teams, HR specialists, accountancy firms, and consultants in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26233/23]

\*806. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department is increasing the number of occupational therapy places for entry in September 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26312/23]

\*807. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department is increasing the number of SALT places for entry in September 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26313/23]

\*808. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department is increasing the number of physiotherapy places for entry in September 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26314/23]

\*809. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department is increasing the number of psychology places for entry in September 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26315/23]

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

\*810. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme will open for applications in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25747/23]

\*811. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department assists with, or makes a financial contribution to, the sourcing or provision of childcare or crèche facilities for the children of staff members of any grade or position; if so, the names of the providers; the costs incurred for the period 2020 to date in 2023; the number of staff who have availed of such assistance over this timeframe; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [25979/23]

\*812. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the position regarding the €4 million regeneration funding for Youghal town; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [26107/23]

\*813. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when she intends to announce details of the recipients of funding under the CLÁR Measure 1 - funding for community facilities and amenities, given that the closing date for applications was 12 May 2023. — Joe Flaherty. [26214/23]

\*814. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount paid by her Department to external legal teams, HR specialists, accountancy firms and consultants in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26238/23]